

Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development: Niue

Through a 10-year commitment, Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) connects more than 170 gender equality initiatives supported by Australia and implemented by over 160 partners across 14 Pacific Island countries.

Providing technical, knowledge sharing and convening support to the portfolio of partners is *Pacific Women's* Support Unit, working to improve the long-term impact of gender equality projects in the Pacific.

The Australian Government, through *Pacific Women*, provides support for Niue through regional multi-country activities over 10 years (2012–2022).

Figures¹

Community awareness and outreach

- One parliamentary clerk trained to deliver a gender equality program by the Pacific Women's Parliamentary Partnerships Project (PWPP).

Crisis support and prevention services

- Two drafts of a Family Law Bill supported by the Pacific Community's (SPC) Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT).

Achievements

Leadership and Decision Making

- Women MPs from Niue were able to create networks of support with other women parliamentarians from Pacific Island countries, Australia and New Zealand by participating in the Pacific Women's Parliamentary Partnerships Project (PWPP) Annual Forums and the Second Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Australian Regional Conference.
- Niue's Parliamentary Clerk received training from PWPP in how to deliver the 'Outrigger' program on navigating gender equality through Pacific parliaments. This is equipping the clerk to promote a message of respect and the need to uphold gender equality in Niue's parliament.

Ending Violence against Women

- Support from RRRT is helping to progress family protection legislation in Niue. RRRT has facilitated consultations and provided technical assistance in drafting the Niue Family Law Bill to ensure it is contextually relevant to Niue. Two drafts of the Bill have now been submitted to the government, with explanatory notes from RRRT aiding productive and participatory discussions about its content.

Enhancing Agency

- Civil registrars from Niue are benefitting from a sub-regional training session about child protection facilitated by UNICEF in 2018. Participants were introduced to the new UN guidelines for civil registration and vital statistics and were supported to improve analysis of administrative data and develop tools and standards.

Pacific Women Partners

Australian Department of the House of Representatives; the Pacific Community: Progressing Gender Equality in the Pacific (PGEP) and the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT); UNICEF; and *Pacific Women's* regional partners.

¹ Information collated from *Pacific Women* implementing partner reports cumulative to June 2019 unless otherwise stated.

