

## **Regional Counselling Training - Kiribati, Nauru, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu.**

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'I highly recommend this training - very useful and powerful when dealing with people from different perspectives," said Maryanne Togia, Counsellor Coordinator for the Tuvalu Social Welfare Department.

'I like this training because it really build me up and teach me more. I recommend this training to all men in the Pacific,' said Ailaisha Brechterfield, Assistant Safehouse Counsellor for the Nauru Women's Affairs and Social Development Affairs.

Today marked the final day of the regional 'Supervision Skills for Health and Social Services Professionals' online training and information exchange.

The training aimed to support crisis centre counsellors and caseworkers in delivering services to women and children survivors of violence, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It has brought together more than 20 participants from crisis centres in small island states, joined by government nominees, from Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap states), Kiribati, Nauru, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu.

It was planned for 21-29 September then extended to today in response to demand from participants, supported by the Australian Government through [Pacific Women](#).

The event builds on gender-based violence (GBV) counsellors' existing partnerships with [Pacific Women](#), through its Pacific-based advisers, collaborating to: strengthen counselling and training skills, develop telephone counselling training, establish a Community of Practice to share lessons across crisis centres, improve Counselling Code of Conducts, and to create improved, confidential client databases.

Participants included senior counsellors and crisis centre directors, joining the online training from Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap states), Kiribati, Nauru, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu.

The training is co-facilitated by [Pacific Women](#) advisers, who work in partnership with crisis centre counsellors and caseworkers, with a coaching and mentoring lead facilitator.

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