



## **MEDIA RELEASE [UNDER EMBARGO TO 25 NOVEMBER]**

### **New Chuuk COVID-19 video animation about the safety of women and children**

*Wednesday 25 November 2020 (Federated States of Micronesia, Pacific Islands):* In a first for Chuuk, a new video animation is being released about the safety of women and children in their homes during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Being launched during 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the 'Staying Safe at Home' video addresses domestic and family violence which typically increases during times of crisis such as COVID-19.

The video animation is being launched in Chuuk by the Tongen Inepwineu Counseling Centre, the first crisis support centre for survivors of violence against women in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), launched in March this year and operated by the Chuuk Women's Council.

The Chuuk Women's Council (CWC) took a lead role in developing the video, produced by Australia's Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC).

The video animation is one of five created by *Pacific Women* for; Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Chuuk Women's Council's new Tongen Inepwineu Counselling Centre (TICC); republic of Marshall islands (RMI) with Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI) Wetu in Mour domestic violence program; Nauru with the Ewak n Erateko Safe House and Ministry of Home Affairs; and Tuvalu with the Gender Affairs Division and Social Welfare Department.

Its launch comes during the 16 Days of Activism as individuals, organisations and government ministries in Chuuk raise their voices to end violence against women and girls. The 16 Days of Activism is a global campaign starting on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence, and ends 10 December, Human Rights Day.

The Pacific has some of the highest recorded rates of violence against women and girls globally, with almost 2 out of 3 women who have been subjected to physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, almost double the global average.

**The video animation is available** on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/jqQ9iv\\_gCLk](https://youtu.be/jqQ9iv_gCLk)

#### **Photo and caption:**



High resolution photo available:  
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**Caption:** A new video animation for Chuuk asks communities to ensure women and children are safe from domestic violence in their homes during COVID-19, and at all times. The Tongen Inepwineu Counseling Centre, Chuuk Women's Council, has taken a lead role in developing the social media video, produced by Australia's Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) program in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC). *Credit: Pacific Women* program

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A new Chuuk video animation addresses the safety of women & children in their homes during COVID-19. Tongen Inepwineu Counseling Centre has led in-country development of the video by @PacWomenProgram in partnership with @spc\_cps Watch: [https://youtu.be/jqQ9iv\\_gCLk](https://youtu.be/jqQ9iv_gCLk) EVAW #16Days2020