



Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development

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The initiative

- > 10 year program
- > 320 million across 14 countries
- > Launched at PIFS 2012
- > Supports the Gender Declaration of Pacific Leaders PIFS 2012



Program Outcome

- > *Targeted communities in the Pacific support women to have increased knowledge, skills and opportunities to enable them to participate in economic, social and political life.*





Key result areas

- > KRA 1: Enhanced knowledge and evidence to inform policy and practice
- > KRA 2: Strengthened women's groups, coalitions, male advocates
- > KRA 3: Positive changes in social norms, values, practices and attitudes towards gender equality and women's agency
- > KRA 4: Improved women's leadership and decision making opportunities
- > KRA 5: Increased economic opportunities for women
- > KRA 6: Reduced violence against women and expanded support services
- > KRA 7: Improved gender outcomes in education and health.

Implementation

- > Hub in Fiji and outpost in PNG to manage regional aspects e.g. communication, coherence, collaboration, coordination; inclusive of technical support to countries
- > Country level programming through posts country planning processes (70/30 mix)



To date: design and planning...

- > Country plans in PNG, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands
- > Draft plans in Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Marshall islands
- > Field visit complete in Vanuatu and in Samoa now
- > Partnerships with NGOs, development partners, PIC governments
- > Regional design complete mid August



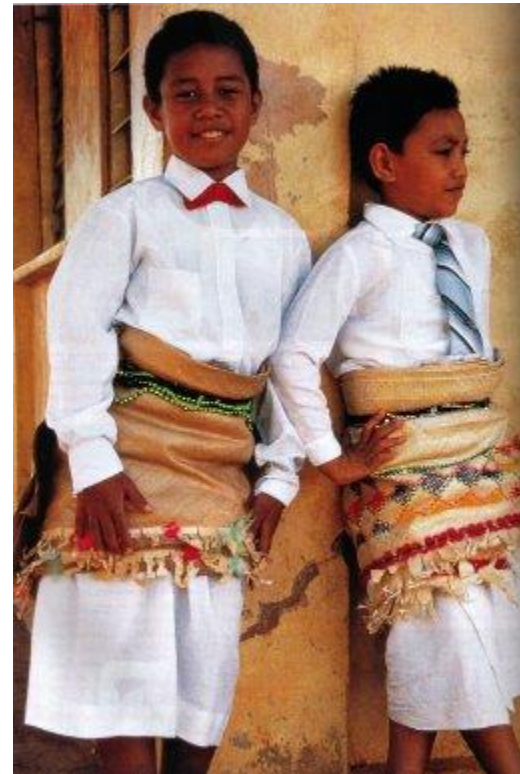
To date: Activities begun in PNG...

- > UN Women Safe Cities
 - Better infrastructure and governance in 3 produce markets
- > Capacity development women candidates in local government elections (handbook, media info, talk balk radio)
- > Prevalence study re violence against women



To date: Activities begun in Solomon Islands

- > Channels of Hope
 - Church leaders from 5 mainstream churches in 30 communities (10,000 people) to change attitudes and behaviours re violence against women



To date: Activities begun in Cook Islands

- > Identifying niche markets and new economic opportunities in tourism and marine agriculture, access to financial services and focus on women with disabilities



Activities to date regionally

- > Partnership with:
 - Australian and Pacific businesses to form a business coalition for women
 - ADB pilots to improve economic opportunities
 - UNW: Improving markets in Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands
 - Australian Pacific Women Parliamentarians and their staff to address gender equality
 - SSGM to research lessons learned from women's political campaigns
 - SPC to complete gender stock takes of govt capacity in 7 countries and work with government to strengthen



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Governance of the program

- > Advisory board:
 - 9 eminent Pacific Island women and men
 - Chaired by our DDG
 - 1st meeting held; second one coming up
- > Some countries will be establishing their own reference groups for country progress
- > SPC/PIFS gender score card report to PIFS



Comments?



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