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Secretariat of the Pacific Community

HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME (RRRT)

Capacity Development Support on Advocacy and Lobbying to end Violence Against Women

Participants at a regional lobby and advocacy training organised by SPC RRRT, Fiji, August 2013

Location:

Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Tonga and Samoa

Duration:

2012 to 2015

Goal:

To provide capacity development support to Pacific Fund grantees of the UN Women Pacific Regional Ending Violence against Women (EVAW) Facility for policy change initiatives on ending violence against women

Project details:

SPC RRRT is a key implementer of the UN Women Pacific Regional Ending Violence against Women (EVAW) Facility as a capacity development partner for Pacific grantees of the Fund.

The goal of the UN Women Pacific Regional Ending Violence against Women (EVAW) Facility is to prevent VAW and expand the provision of and access to rights based and gender responsive services.

As provider of capacity development support for grantees of the Pacific Fund, SPC RRRT is responsible for the following :

- Host and facilitate a regional workshop for Pacific Fund grantees in 2013 and 2015 on Advocacy, Lobbying and Policy development.
- Provide in-country mentoring workshops and support to grantees through 5 country visits per year.
- Provide ongoing distance mentoring and assistance for grantees.
- Coordinate as needed with other providers of capacity development support to Pacific Fund grantees to ensure efficient delivery of support.
- Provide annual reports of activities with an emphasis on analysis and lessons learned to capture good practices and what works related to advocacy, lobbying and policy development on EVAW in Pacific contexts.

Partners:

UN Women

Success in numbers:

20 organisations across the region from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga were trained in lobbying and advocacy and 8 of these organisations in less than a year are contributing to or started advocacy work to influence protocols, policy and legislation.

Success in words:

"As a result of the RRRT training, it gave me the idea on how I could pull together a national lobbying group to advocate for persons with disabilities access to justice, in particular for women survivors of family and sexual violence. I want to lobby government to ensure that all Police Stations and Courts are accessible to person with disabilities. With support from RRRT I am now mapping out a strategy to include individuals from communities, disability organisations and women's civil society groups. I know it will be a mammoth task but its also about knowing the process of how to influence policy and laws and participating in it"

Namoi Navoce Pacific Disability Forum, Fiji

"Before engaging with RRRT, I thought lobbying and advocacy was complex and limited to only a few. I now know that it's really a process and that you can effect changes at various levels, not just national but also at institutional and community levels. Solomon Islands has just recently passed the Family Protection Act. I am using that momentum to try and establish a domestic violence policy within the Correctional Services Solomon Islands (CSSI). I have the support of CSSI women's network and other trained by RRRT. It's now become the passion of more than one person at CSSI and a process that a few of us are contributing to"

Valorie Pitamama, Project Coordinator, Correctional Services Solomon Islands

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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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