

HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME (RRRT)

Diploma in Leadership, Governance and Human Rights



USP students in a tutorial class of the DG 100 course (Introduction to Leadership, Governance & Human Rights), Oct 2014, Laucala campus, Fiji

Location:

The Pacific region, notably the University of the South Pacific member countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

Duration:

2011 - ongoing

Goal:

To build understanding and foster empowerment of human rights, good governance and ethical leadership through formal studies at the University of the South Pacific (USP).

Partners:

University of the South Pacific
Pacific Leadership Program
Australian Volunteers for International Development

Project details:

RRRT partnered with USP to establish the undergraduate Diploma, offering practical studies in topics including:

- Modern concepts of leadership and governance;
- How rule of law and democracy promote good governance and human rights;
- Barriers to accessing justice;
- Examining corruption – types, causes and cures;
- Transparency and accountability;
- The importance of gender when analysing leadership, governance and human rights; and
- Vulnerable groups and human rights considerations.

RRRT remains engaged with USP to support the selection of Australian Aid-funded scholarship students, to review and update course material, and to ensure the ongoing quality, relevance and sustainability of the Diploma.

Success in numbers:

649 enrolments over five subjects in the first two years

130% increase in student numbers for the introductory course since its first offering in semester 1, 2013 (from 73 enrolments to 169)

13 Pacific island countries represented in student enrolments (Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)

57.3% of enrolments are women

26 Australian Aid scholarships awarded over the first two years to cover course tuition fees

Success in words:

“The course is such an eye opener for me. It has helped me understand the many important aspects of leadership. With all the current governance and leadership issues in the region, this is the course to study. As an aspiring leader, I now know what it takes to be a good leader. I have recommended this course to all my friends”

Talei Tokaluvare of Fiji, USP student, Laucala Campus, Fiji



The Diploma in Leadership, Governance and Human Rights curriculum development project is funded by the Australian Government. SPC's Human Rights Programme (RRRT) has pioneered human rights training in the Pacific region, working to build a culture of human rights and assisting nation states to commit to, and observe, international human rights standards. RRRT receives core funding from the Australian Government. For more information, visit www.spc.int/rrrt/