

STRONGIM FAMILI / GENDER EQUALITY PROJECT FACT SHEET








PROJECT BRIEF

Duration: July 2018 until 30 June 2023
Donor: The Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program
Location: Honiara, South Malaita

Solomon Islands



DID YOU KNOW?

-  As of 2017 Solomon Islands was ranked 156 of 188 countries in the United Nations Development Index¹.
-  64% of married women aged 15-49 reported experiencing physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months².
-  73% of women believe a man is justified in beating his wife under some circumstances.
-  18% of women who have experienced violence reported that they have received legal advice or help from health services, shelters, and people in positions of authority.
-  37% of women are sexually abused before the age of 15².
-  Women who have experienced domestic violence are 4.5 times more likely to report that their children have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused by their partner, than those who have never experienced partner violence³.

PROJECT GOAL

To improve gender equality in Honiara and South Malaita communities by 2023



KEY PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Parents and caregivers raise children equitably and non-violently.
- Boys and girls treat each other with respect and without violence
- Community based response system is strengthened in alignment of FPA/CFWA/ Safe Net agenda.

OUR PARTNERS

- Partnering with Solomon Islands government Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs
- Royal Solomon Islands Police Force
- Seif Ples
- Christian Care Centre
- Family Support Centre
- National Council of Women
- Vois Blo Mere

HOW THE PROJECT WORKS

The project is supporting target communities in Honiara and South Malaita to address gender-based violence by targeting the root causes of gender inequality. It aims to reach 3,928 people with positive gender messaging by 2023. The project uses the Community Channel of Hope for Gender (CCOHG) model by taking a biblical approach to revisit gender norms that work to change attitudes and behavior. The project worked with church leaders and communities to integrate CCOHG lessons and methodologies into their church structure and systems in addition to working directly with communities.

The project strengthens existing Community Hope Action Team (CHAT) or establish CHAT groups where necessary to better able to facilitate positive change inside their communities concerning gender equality and gender-based violence. The CHAT groups will conduct awareness raising on gender based violence in their communities. They will also link survivors of GBV to appropriate support services. The project will work with Ministry of Women, Youth, Child and Family Affairs (MWYCFA) and Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) to train project team on the Family Protection Act (FPA) and partner together to raise awareness in the communities and share gender related policies with the target communities.



Community members in role play to demonstrate and identify acts of violence against children during a group activity.