



Weaving Resilience, Claiming Justice - Rewriting the Climate Agenda

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Feminist Funding Driving Climate Justice Action

“We are the fearless feminist, women and gender diverse people of small islands large oceans, Wansolwara/Wansolwata, Wasawasa, Moana, Tasi, Moana Nui Akiwa, Kala Pani, Te Taetae, Dai, Lolelaplapp and Madau defend ourselves, plants, animals, other species and relatives, ancestors, kin and the living planet, as defined by our sovereign peoples. We affirm decolonization of the climate and ecological agenda as an ongoing, inclusive and accessible practice grounded in Indigenous knowledge, feminist values, and accountability to our communities”

Over the past year, following a revitalization retreat, we have strengthened processes to support Pacific Island feminist solutions for climate and ecological justice. This retreat reaffirmed our commitment to advancing demands, guiding political analysis, engagement strategies, communications, partnerships, and resource allocation.

The 2021 Landscape Study, supported by the Global Fund for Women brought the first Movement Led Committee together and over the course of the past few year we have navigated from the frontline of the climate crisis a grantmaking and political advocacy strategy to progress a Pacific Islands Feminist Climate Justice

agenda. Our efforts since 2022 have focused on decolonizing grantmaking, empowering diverse Pacific Island women in decision-making.

Between February and December 2025, the Movement Led Committee mobilized AUD 531,000 to enhance Pacific Island women’s leadership in climate justice. This funding supported communications, resource allocation, and the empowerment of Pacific feminists and their allies, fostering women-led and gender-diverse approaches to advocacy and cross-regional learning. Strategic grantmaking was guided by the Movement Led Committee and partners - Nei Mom Uprising (Kiribati), Pacific Conference of Churches, and the Shifting the Power Coalition Steering Committee. These collaborations brought attention to the need to urgently address the impact on women’s rights and gender justice.

A significant milestone in 2025 was deepening collaboration with DIVA for Equality to support the Pacific Island Feminists Defending the Living Planet Conference which convened over 65 activists from 16 Pacific countries. The conference reaffirmed our advocacy approach, with 17 Key Demands now guiding our collective political action.

From May to December, the Movement-Led Committee organized grantmaking to support advocacy aligned with the 17 Key Demands, reaching grassroots organizations and networks across Fiji, Bougainville, Northern Marianas, Republic of Marshall Islands, SEED Indigenous/First Nations network, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

In response to regional development priorities, crisis grants were mobilized in December 2025 for Pacific organizations to address climate emergencies, including early warning, response, and recovery, while advancing broader social justice agendas in Fiji, Kiribati, and Marshall Islands.

We also supported Pacific Island activism, with Fiji-based artist Hefrani Barnes awarded our first grant. This collaboration demonstrates the climate justice movement's role in fostering diversity and inclusivity within the creative community, ensuring women's voices are heard and celebrated.

The legacy of diverse women's work has defined our vision. We sit on the incredible work of the women led movements and organizing.

In July 2025 we revitalised our logo. It is a new mat, woven from new fronds. It still represents the mat of our movement, and how we are consciously weaving strands together because we are deliberately building on strategies devised by Pacific Island feminists including catalyzing engagement for the 2014 SIDS Conference.

PIFA4CJ is also confronting geopolitics, colonial legacies such as nuclear testing, development and financing challenges, as well as loss and damage impacting climate frontline communities, breaking, building, disrupting and ensuring the nexus of individual and collective just as we continue to build nationally and regionally across 22 islands states and territories, some of the remaining colonies and occupied territories in the world.

I want to acknowledge the dedication of the Movement Led Committee members of 2025 who have demonstrated a commitment to collectively advance Pacific feminist leadership, strengthened climate justice advocacy, and built resilient, inclusive networks across the region, as well as the support of the General Secretary and team of the Pacific Conference of Churches who have supported my leadership role.

Additionally, with the guidance of our Strategic Analysis, Advocacy and Political Engagement Lead, Noelene Nabulivou we have been preparing our engagement in the Women Deliver Conference in 2026, while our Strategic Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Lead, Sharon Bhagwan Rolls has been supporting the Movement Led Committee to have access to information, including learning and impact of our grantmaking. This has also been supported through the work of a dedicated Learning and Impact writer, and you will find the stories featured on our website.

I look forward to your support in our work together ahead.

**Frances Namoumou – Pacific Conference of Churches
PIFA4CJ Movement Led Committee Chairperson**

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WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Since its establishment, the Pacific Islands Feminist Alliance for Climate Justice has secured AUD 2,380,290.94 to advance feminist climate initiatives. The Movement Led Committee has leveraged these resources to strengthen women’s leadership, facilitate rapid grant distribution, and promote collective advocacy, highlighting Pacific Island women’s expertise in climate justice across intergovernmental and multilateral platforms.

Our approach centers on engaging grassroots leaders, supporting them in identifying movement priorities, and providing targeted grants and holistic assistance for solutions in regions most affected by the climate crisis. This process led to the formation of the Pacific Islands Feminist Alliance for Climate Justice (PIFA4CJ), an intersectional coalition of seven self-led feminist organizations with expertise in youth, disability, LGBTQIA, and disaster response movements. PIFA4CJ administers a participatory grantmaking program to resource, connect, and amplify feminist climate action across the Pacific. The alliance’s grantmaking priorities address the broad impacts of climate change on Pacific Island women and gender-expansive individuals, including watershed protection, documentation of traditional knowledge, community planning for climate emergencies, and capacity-building for feminist organizations to meet urgent community needs

The Alliance also prioritizes cross-movement collaboration, long-term relationship-building, and trust among diverse stakeholders—from grassroots women’s groups and ecumenical partners to regional coalitions and climate justice allies. It also emphasizes political accountability and the navigation of faith, culture, and community dynamics.

The Women and Water Crisis Project in Tuvalu which maintains safe spaces for women and girls, and promotes gender inclusive ecological stewardship efforts through the Green Church initiative - all of which are led by or deeply connected to the leadership of women in local churches



Jama'l Talagi, President of the Niue Women Alliance for Climate Justice, presented her work on Makefu Women Climate Justice Advocacy Projects - A Gendered Approach to understanding the Impacts of Climate change and Gender Based Violence, Incorporating planned relocation in the Village 'Climate Change Disaster Adaptation, Resilience and Sustainable Development Plan 2014 - 2024 at a national conference in November 2025

In Niue, Jama'l Talagi's leadership enables collaboration amongst the wives of village chiefs and supports their role in village decision-making processes. Women now have access to resources to meet + agree on community-wide climate resilience + disaster risk reduction their recommendations now presented to Members of Parliament, Village Council members, Church Elders, and community pastors.

INFORMING GRANTMAKING

We recognise the expertise of our Movement Led Committee and in March 2025 AUD40000 was provided to the MLC members – Nei Mom Uprising! (Kiribati), Pacific Conference of Churches, Shifting the Power Coalition Steering Committee members – Talitha Project, Tonga and Vanuatu Disability Promotion and Advocacy to engage with their members to inform the future grantmaking priorities.

Grantmaking has supported movement-building activities, including learning meetings and organizational transitions. Direct grants have enabled Indigenous women to organize and manage natural resources with inclusive, gender-responsive approaches; facilitated community consultations on disaster risk reduction policies for LGBTQI+ groups; supported holistic, community-rooted, and spiritually grounded women-led solutions; and empowered young women leaders and climate justice activists to participate in both traditional and indigenous governance structures.

In addition to the participants at the April 2025 Pacific Feminists Defending the Living Planet Conference, an additional 100 diverse women leaders from American Samoa, Kiribati, Tonga, Vanuatu, Nauru, and Republic of the Marshall Islands have identified what and how climate justice funding are needed to address the impact of rising sea-levels, including coastal erosion, drought, and infrastructure failures.

Their recommendations emphasize the urgent need for resilient infrastructure, accessible evacuation centers, sustainable water sources, and recognition of the burden of unpaid care work across the region.

Movement Led Committee convenings have brought attention to climate security priorities such as water scarcity, loss of food sources due to fish migration, and health risks like skin diseases and diarrhea linked to water shortages and rising temperatures.

Pacific Island women are amplifying what climate and community security means to them - focusing on non-economic losses—heritage, identity, and culture—that contribute to insecurity. In Kiribati, climate security response requires support for women to prevent conflicts and enhance protection mechanisms for women and girls caused by community displacement, and the impact of the loss of traditional land and homes. Relocation to remote areas increases personal insecurity for girls traveling to school and exacerbates food insecurity, which heightens vulnerability to gender-based violence.



Consultations highlight the importance of targeted investment in capacity building, innovation, leadership, advocacy, infrastructure, and organizational support for women-led organizations. These efforts are essential to enhance knowledge, skills, and problem-solving abilities, ensuring sustainable engagement and meaningful outcomes. Greater inclusion of diverse grassroots women in climate policy development—at both community and national levels—is critical. This includes advocating for government accountability to national gender equality, human rights, and treaty commitments such as CEDAW, and integrating gender analysis into all climate-related policies and programs. Co-design with women, especially from grassroots and Indigenous communities, is vital, recognizing their roles as knowledge holders and agents of change.

Women are calling for transparent financing and accountability mechanisms that empower them to monitor, evaluate, and influence climate investments. Responding to these demands is necessary for local community accountability.

Since the alliance's establishment, the value of co-creating Pacific Island financing models has become evident. These models foster ongoing dialogue, learning, documentation, and advocacy, advancing a feminist climate justice agenda across the Pacific.

These finding findings affirm what we have learnt from the Landscape Survey, that Pacific Island women are pivotal in ensuring gender-just responses to the intersectional impacts of climate change. Their leadership and political agency are central to achieving Climate Justice in our region – not through workshops but leading programmes and political action that bring attention to community-based adaptation, mitigation, and disaster management

The consultation methodology and the grant enabled the convenors to have resources to prepare by reviewing the sub-grant agreement and completed the information requirement before signing the agreement; develop an implementation plan and allocate tasks for the committee to ensure effective and efficient planning and preparation including identifying key stakeholders (women led communities and/or civil societies) who work towards climate justice; agree on a tentative date for the Focus Group workshop to convene; discuss and agreed on the content of the workshop and also prepare a detailed budget for the workshop.

In Kiribati, Nei Mom Uprising also ensured their Executive Board and staff were also consulted and updated of the plans and progress. The committee includes stay at home moms, school dropouts, single mom, rural moms, moms working in the formal sector, and senior moms aged 45+.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL ROOTS

“Establishing a Kiribati PIFA4CJ would be a good start to expand the reach to grassroots and marginalized people”

There is no denying that Pacific Island women play a crucial role in climate resilience. With very little dedicated financial investment, women across the Pacific Island region are contributing to community-based adaptation and mitigation, as well as disaster management.



The consultations have reaffirmed the need for dedicated investment for capacity building, innovation, leadership, advocacy as well as infrastructure and organization support to enable women led organizations to enhance their knowledge, skill and problem solving and will also ensure that their engagement is sustainable and delivers result:

- Participants at the PCC convening expressed strong interest in staying informed and connected to continued discussing climate and gender justice issues. Many women shared that this was one of the few spaces where their voices were centered, and they appreciated the opportunity to reflect, share, and learn from each other across islands
- Participants at the Nei Mom Uprising consultation also called for the expansion of the network and for more consultations and learning exchange programmes with partners and key stakeholders which could support greater inclusion and involvement of grassroots women in shaping climate policies both at the community and the national level including amplifying the call for more equitable distribution of resources and funding

- There is a clear opportunity to develop a local network under PIFA4CJ in each context and participants were enthusiastic about creating platforms where they can regularly engage, exchange strategies, and build solidarity —especially among women leaders, youth, and grassroots groups

Participants from the different organizations showed interest in continuing to stay informed and connected by stating that they would like to continue to work with Nei Mom Uprising. It was a wakeup call for some women to realize the impacts that climate change has on women.

Although there were some among the participants who were climate literate, they acknowledge the work and effort Nei Mom has done to empower and engage women to take up climate action within their communities.”

“A locally grounded PIFA4CJ network would strengthen collective advocacy, enhance access to resources, and ensure sustained momentum on feminist climate justice in their communities. All participants affirmed that each of these convenings were an important first step in developing a local network of PIFA4CJ.” - local consultations, 2025

To progress this further will require:

- Co-development of training programme to educate women about their rights that are being impacted by climate change as well as to track and hold political leaders accountable to the promises and commitment made, so they can contribute and hold the Leaders accountable if those commitment and promises are not being met/achieved;
- Clear messaging of a common PIFA4CJ agenda to be adopted at national/ local level AND Dedicated resources to support the convenors to continue outreach with their national/local to provide a women-led platform to (a) receive and discuss climate related information (b) to empower women, encouraging them to come together, share their experiences, knowledge and ideas (c) resources to convene a calendar of national/local PIFA4CJ (d) database of participants to continue to document the impact women are making in transforming the climate action agenda\ at local and national level, and (e) support information and knowledge sharing so that more women can understand and keep up to date with what is happening at the Global arena.
- Funding for the network should include:
 - Dedicated allocation for network convening and coordination as most women-led groups and organizations are working voluntarily. Such resourcing can enable the work and impact to be more sustainable and inclusive by ensuring marginalized women, particularly those in rural, remote and maritime communications can learn and act themselves;
 - localise facilitation guides, translation costs and printing costs to prepare all material in local language;
 - include funds to ensure that women from rural and maritime communities are also included, and this should be reflected in funding allocations to cover costs of maritime and air travel as well as accommodation either in the capital, or in the respective island communities.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY

Based on the consultations and in light of national commitments to gender equality, women's rights, and climate justice by Pacific Island governments, such as the national advocacy priority to progress gender and climate feminist agenda in Kiribati among women led communities is to:

“Actively involve women and girls in decision making process related to climate change policies; climate change learning and discussion; project development; and especially in the implementation of climate resilience projects”.

Women who participated in the consultations reiterated that while national level climate change talks has been going on for decades, there has been little opportunity for women to lead action, as many continue to rely on their governments.

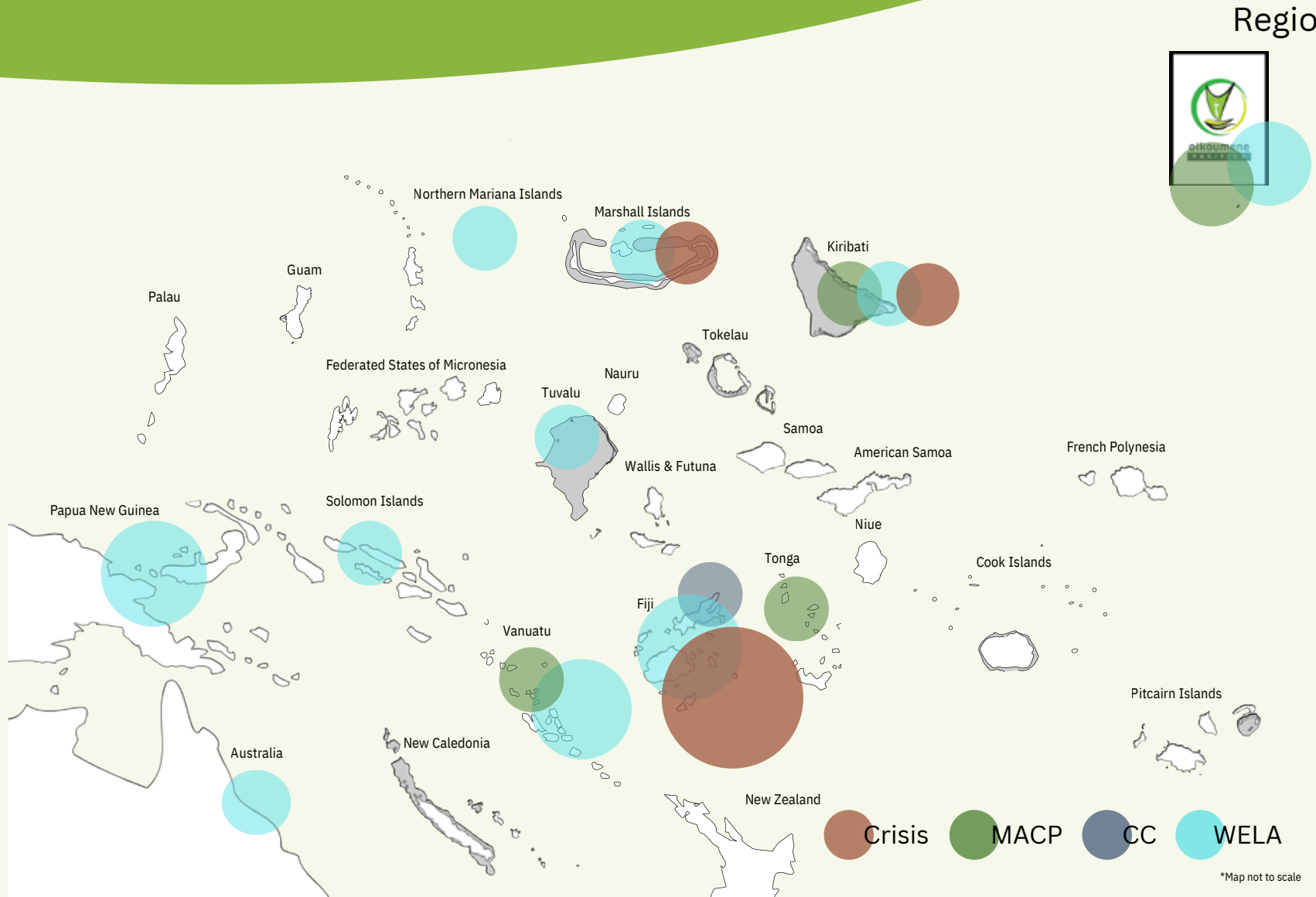
The following recommendations should be included in PIFA4CJ policy briefs:

- **Institutionalize Gender-Responsive Climate Action** Ensure all climate-related policies and programs integrate gender analysis and are co-designed with women, especially from grassroots and Indigenous communities, recognizing their roles as knowledge holders and agents of change
- Include a roadmap/action plan is developed and a MOU is endorsed between stakeholders and women's groups to enhance accountability to gender equality commitments
- Data and information is made accessible, to advance women's knowledge and influence in climate change decision making
- Capacity building and technical support is available to enable them to act and be more resilient.
- **Invest in Women's Leadership and Localized Solutions:**
- Provide sustained funding and capacity-building for women-led initiatives on disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and resilience,
 - including traditional knowledge systems and community-based resource management
- **Strengthen Social Protection and Infrastructure for Women in Climate-Vulnerable Areas**
- Prioritize the development of gender-sensitive evacuation centres, access to clean water, food security, healthcare, and safety services during and after climate-induced disasters
- Establish and ensure access to protection from gender based violence for women and children during climate crisis
- **Transparent Financing and Accountability Mechanisms:**
- Mandate gender- disaggregated budgeting and reporting in climate finance to track the equitable allocation of resources. Include mechanisms for communities—especially women to monitor, evaluate, and shape\ climate investments.
- **Establish and Support Feminist Climate Justice Networks:**
- Encourage the development of local and regional women's networks (e.g., a Pacific PIFA4CJ node) to ensure continuous dialogue, advocacy, and solidarity in advancing a feminist climate justice agenda across the Pacific.



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OUR REACH



PACIFIC FEMINISTS DEFENDING THE LIVING PLANET

The conference wove together the collective strands of cross-movement work for inclusive and transformative peacebuilding, self-determination, gender, ecological, social, economic, ecological and climate justice will be woven together through exciting panels and Town Hall sessions to strategize and strengthen Pacific Feminist upcoming movement work to defend the living Planet. The Conference of Pacific Feminists Defending the Living Planet was convened in Nadi, Fiji from 28–30 April 2025, bringing together 65 + Pacific feminist climate activist delegates from 16 countries. The conference was jointly organised by DIVA for Equality and the Pacific Island Feminist Alliance for Climate Justice (PIFA4CJ) and sought to strengthen collective strategy and regional solidarity grounded in Pacific feminist analysis linking climate change to patriarchy, colonialism, extractive economic systems, and human rights.



A grant of AUD90000 was provided to DIVA for Equality to support the Pacific Island Feminists Defending the Living Planet Conference which brings together over 65 feminist climate activists from 16 Pacific countries. We contributed AUD 90,000 to DIVA for Equality for the April 2025 Pacific Island Feminists Defending the Living Planet Conference that engaged 65+ feminist climate activists from 16 Pacific countries

Conference priorities aligned closely with the published “17 Urgent Demands”:

A. Loss and Damage as lived reality

The demands emphasise that loss and damage is already happening and must be measured and funded, including non-economic loss.

B. Climate finance: grants, not loans — and direct access

The demands call for grants (not loans) and insist that gender-responsive funds must be accessible to feminist and grassroots-led groups, with a clear “move the money” message.

C. Gender & human rights, including intersectionality

The published demands explicitly frame climate justice as justice in the face of patriarchy, racism, colonialism/coloniality, heteronormativity, and class oppression, reinforcing an intersectional feminist approach.

D. Water, food sovereignty, oceans, and pollution as survival issues

The demands include specific calls on water and sanitation, agroecology/food sovereignty, oceans and waterways, and ending plastic/chemical pollution.

**Pacific Feminists
Defending the Living
Planet (PFDLP) stories
follow:**

The convening's political and thematic backbone is consistent with the movement's published platform: the 17 Urgent Demands, which articulate Pacific feminist priorities across climate justice, gender justice, climate finance, loss and damage, oceans, water, food sovereignty, pollution, accountability, and liberation.

As a follow up to the PFDLP Conference of April 2025, to increase understanding and localisation of key demands from the Conference, PIFA4CJ awarded 7 grants of AUD40K to the following:

- Community Solutions – Saipan, Mariana Islands
- DIVA for Equality Fiji
- Fatulei
- JO JIKUM
- Nei Mom Uprising
- Shifting the Power Coalition
- Vanuatu Disability Promotion & Advocacy



COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS – SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Northern Mariana Islands, advancing a Feminist Climate Justice Agenda means reclaiming cultural roots while confronting the layered impacts of colonization on social, political, and environmental systems. That is why Community Solutions is focusing on public education and awareness to introduce and deepen understanding of the feminist model in a way that resonates with local communities.

Building trust and empowering communities through engagement is the mission of Community Solution enabling people to be more than observers—to be participants, co-creators, and protectors of justice: “We believe that culture plays a vital role in this. By lifting up cultural expressions—songs, rituals, storytelling, language—we not only preserve identity, but also educate and inspire. Culture breaks through apathy and disconnection.

It humanizes statistics and brings emotion and urgency to the issues we face. Culture

is not just a reflection of our identities—it is a solution. It carries ancestral wisdom, creative resistance, and stories that sustain movements. Through art, song, ceremony, and storytelling, we reclaim narratives, strengthen solidarity, and remind ourselves of the future we are fighting for” says co-founder Sheila Babauta, a visionary leader from the Northern Mariana Islands who brings years of experience in public service, community organizing, and international advocacy. As a former elected official and a fierce advocate for climate justice, Indigenous rights, and gender equity, Sheila has built strong relationships with grassroots communities, regional coalitions, and global movements. Her leadership is grounded in lived experience, cultural knowledge, and a deep commitment to collective care. She understands the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and historical issues facing the Mariana Islands and works tirelessly to uplift local leadership, especially women and youth.

Dr. Sylvia Frain is an academic with a strong background in Peace and Conflict Studies, and her work focuses on militarism, colonial legacies, and community resilience in Oceania. She brings critical research skills, a strong ethical foundation in participatory methods, and a deep respect for Indigenous knowledge systems. Her work has consistently centered the voices of impacted communities, and she has collaborated closely with grassroots organizations to ensure academic work serves real community needs.

The founders of Community Solutions come from a historically matriarchal society where women were leaders, decision-makers, and caretakers of the land and community. However, colonial influences and war have reshaped these systems, sidelined women and disrupted the deep connections between people, land, and culture.

The collective work is about restoring that balance and the leadership of Community Solutions is rooted in the leadership, experience, and deep community relationships of our team—particularly through the leadership of Sheila Jack Babauta and Dr. Sylvia Frain, along with a growing network of trusted partners and allies across the Marianas and beyond.

Together, Sheila and Sylvia bring a unique and powerful blend of political advocacy, scholarly insight, and on-the-ground organizing. They are trusted leaders with proven experience in creating safe, inclusive spaces for dialogue and healing, coordinating cross-sector partnerships, and facilitating culturally grounded programs that prioritize both justice and care.

In addition to their individual expertise, they are part of a wider, intergenerational and intersectional network of activists,

artists, educators, and cultural leaders committed to feminist climate justice across the Pacific. This collective capacity—rooted in trust, shared values, and lived experience—is what allows us to carry out our work effectively, with integrity and deep accountability to our communities.

Community Solutions (CS) is mindful that many in their community are unfamiliar with the term “feminist climate justice,” so the grant will enable the organisation to make it accessible by connecting it to their won history and values—values rooted in care, community, reciprocity, and respect for nature by actively supporting and elevating women and gender-diverse leaders, ensuring they are visible, valued, and supported in movements for climate and social justice:

“We also stand with the PRIDE movement, recognizing that LGBTQIA+ communities are part of our broader struggle for justice

and must be included in conversations around leadership, environmental stewardship, and collective care. Our work also emphasizes care—for the land, for the body, and for each other. We encourage practices that nourish self and environment, resisting systems that exploit both. These values are not new—they are embedded in Chamorro traditions, where respect for the land (åmot, medicine), elders (manåmko’), and community well-being have always been central,”

While working with cultural practitioners justice and climate justice, showing that these are not separate issues but deeply intertwined. When we raise awareness together, we challenge dominant narratives and spotlight the communities who are most affected—and who are already leading solutions. Movements are how we make the invisible visible. They create platforms where women, girls, and

marginalized genders can speak out about how climate change disproportionately impacts them, and how their leadership is essential in building sustainable futures. Awareness campaigns led by movements help shift public perception, influence policy, and spark grassroots action. This weaves together diverse experiences, cultures, and solutions into a powerful force for systemic change,” says Babauta

A feminist funding model such as PIFA4CJ offers Community Solutions to deeply strengthen their work and the work of their allies by centering what they know to be true: “(...) that movements thrive when they are trusted, resourced, and cared for. We need funding that reflects the values we are fighting for—equity, relationship, flexibility, and collective care. Unrestricted funding is essential to this. Community needs are dynamic and often shift in

response to environmental, political, and social conditions. Flexible, unrestricted resources allow us to respond quickly and creatively, to prioritize urgent issues, and to care for our people—not just execute deliverables. Whether it’s hosting

a healing circle after a typhoon, supporting a youth leader to attend a gathering, or responding to an act of injustice, we need the freedom to act without waiting for permission. A feminist funding model also means investing in the how, not just the what. It supports the well-being of those doing the work—not just the outcomes. This includes funding for rest, emotional support, leadership development, and spaces of reflection and connection. It also means valuing the invisible labor that holds movements together: relationship-building, community outreach, internal care, and cultural work. We need trust-based funding that begins with the belief that communities know best what they need. Instead of heavy reporting requirements or top-down priorities, feminist funding should be rooted in mutual accountability, open communication, and shared vision. It should be a partnership, not a transaction. For us and our wider network, especially in places like the Northern Mariana Islands,

this kind of support would make it possible to root our work in Indigenous values, build strong intersectional alliances, and care for both our environment and each other.

A feminist climate justice agenda cannot succeed without a feminist funding model that reflects its values,” adds Frain

With the grant, Community Solutions will be bringing together from organizations that have historically advocated for the demilitarization of the Mariana Islands including Our Common Wealth 670 (Saipan, NMI), Alternative Zero Coalition (Saipan, NMI), Pagan Watch (Northern Islands, NMI), Tanapag Action Group (Saipan, NMI), Commonwealth Women’s Association (Saipan, NMI), Tinian Women’s Association (Tinian, NMI), Guardians of Gani (Northern Islands, NMI), Prutehi Guahan (Guam), Ritidian Families (Guam), Micronesia Climate Change Alliance (Guam).

Community Solutions is mindful of the safety and protection of participants and organisations who come from communities that face systemic discrimination, surveillance, or other forms of harm, so it is essential that our spaces are rooted in care, consent, and protection

First and foremost, consent is critical to ensure that no personal data, names, images, or stories are shared without the clear, informed, and ongoing consent of each participant. This includes being transparent about how any content—especially photos or videos—will be used and giving individuals the right to opt out at any time without penalty.

Convenings are conducted in safe and private venues so participants can gather without fear of exposure or interruption. This includes controlling who has access to the space and ensuring it is physically, emotionally, and culturally safe for

everyone present. Media coverage, if any, is limited and carefully managed including co-developing a clear strategy with participants that defines what can be shared, in what languages, and by whom. This may also include using collective or anonymous

language to protect individual identities, especially in public-facing materials.

Equally important is the emotional safety of participants which is why they will use a consultation process to co-create a care and support strategy. They are considering

options such as wellness spaces, peer support circles, and trained facilitators who can offer trauma-informed care:

“Community well-being is as vital as physical safety as well as strong privacy protocols are in place, including data protection measures and clear communication boundaries. Everyone should feel confident that what they share in the space stays in the space, unless they choose otherwise. By centering consent, care, and collaboration, we can build a space where people feel safe enough to speak, connect, and take action,” says

DIVA FOR EQUALITY

For more than a decade DIVA for Equality Fiji has been working to centre feminist Politics, Praxis & Values to ensure their constituency network understands and connects to feminist values and behaviour, to collectively drive the urgent and long-term work to defend the living planet in this dysfunctional, ecocidal time:

“We build internally, through staff development, political education in our network and more broadly through networks and wider social movements. We incorporate a double-nexus approach with, on the one hand, gendered socio-economic, ecological, and climate justice, and the other, the focus being on the specific work on climate justice, DRR, biodiversity protection, and more” says Executive Director – Noelene Nabulivou

This is evident in DIVA’s work from a constituency-based and constituency led feminist approach for over 14 years: “We are

of, and for our constituency above all. Then we move outward in concentric circles of influence. We use a strong, proven praxis-based approach. We document and use PIA strategies because memory is resistance” explains Nabulivou

She adds that DIVA brings strong movement-building experience, deep feminist political grounding and analysis, and trusted relationships with grassroots communities into the movement for climate justice: “Our team holds intergenerational and intersectional knowledge in gender, climate, and social justice, with lived experience in the contexts we work in. We are skilled in community organizing & mobilizing, advocacy & awareness, negotiations, facilitation, logistics, and alliance-building—locally, nationally, and across regions. Most importantly, we are committed to collective care, accountability, and sustaining long-term, transformative change”

DIVA is also recognised for organising in, connecting with and influencing wider globalised social networks and feminist organised groups across the majority World, and border:

- Working in solidarity as part of frontline actions from local to global, with focus on the social movements of the Pacific and majority World; Focus: The urgency, mutual aid and supportive organising of rural & maritime women of diversity, Indigenous, youth, and diverse SOGIESC for material and structural change toward liberation, ecological balance and justice
- Double Nexus Approach. strengthening a double-nexus approach—recognizing that we cannot talk about socio-economic, ecological, gender, and climate justice without also addressing bodily autonomy and integrity, sexual and reproductive health

and rights (SRHR), and SOGIESC, et al.

Policy advocates and feminist researchers working to influence national climate action plans, frameworks, structures & systems. Those include planning, analysis, lobbying, negotiations, influencing, and radical disruptions.

DIVA recognises that a movement-led approach ensures that our work for gender and climate justice is rooted in lived realities, collective wisdom, and transformative politics, not institutional and that is why purposefully they are hoping to extend their collaboration with more women-led cooperatives and traditional knowledge holders; Faith-based organizations, local youth, church leaders, and women in leadership at the grassroots level; Diverse SOGIESC, people with disability, village headmen, village nasi ni koro [village nurses/

first responders on the ground], and also the divisional offices that look at indigenous wellbeing, resources and mobilisations; Trade unions and labour rights organizations to build solidarity & meaningful connections between climate justice and workers' rights & also around the harm of industrialization and challenge the system that is colonial in structure and not for the well-being of the people/labourers and their lands/resources and Municipal leaders that are open to feminist approaches to urban planning and environmental sustainability: "And more. We keep building over time," says Nabulivou.

DIVA also recognises the importance of connecting with Global South feminist movements working at the intersection of Socio-economic, ecological, gender & climate justice; Colonised and unceded territories; Allies in the UNFCCC, IPCC,

and other multilateral spaces who support decolonial feminist frameworks; Movements from the Majority World pushing back against false solutions like nuclear energy, carbon markets, REDD+, and green capitalism, and creating new proposals for feminist, just futures for all:

"Based on experience since 2011, DIVA has witnessed the power, nourishment, and profound beauty of being in leadership within social movements—both in our country and across the region and globe. Social movements reflect the realities on the ground and actively confront the systems and practices that produce injustice. For many feminists and activists, these movements offer safer and grounding spaces—places to remember that we are all part of a shared struggle: to resist oppressive systems, to protect each other, to defend the species we coexist with, and to care for our beautiful

living planet. We work in social movement organising

because we believe this is how we change our ecocidal realities, stop patriarchy, and build feminism,” explains Nabulivou.

And that is why feminist funding models are a vital pipeline to the movement for climate justice: “A feminist funding model for feminist climate justice can be a powerful enabler of transformative, community-rooted work—if it’s built with care, political intention, and trust with limited conditions. (It is about_ Movement-led priorities, not donor-driven agendas enabling integration and leadership of feminist grassroots, informal, and community-based collectives, especially women of all diversity, PIDSOGIESC, People with disabilities, Indigenous people, minorities, those local communities in urban poor, rural, and maritime areas.”

Feminist funding allows those most affected by climate injustice to shape the agenda and solutions that are people/ community-led: “Insisting on covering poverty eradication. Prioritising traditional

forms of organizing – including healing, art, protest, mutual aid, and more. It is vital support for Pacific led work and organising particularly when it offers core, multi-year, flexible funding instead of short-term project grants.”

But DIVA is also mindful that investment is also needed in maintaining trust: “Building feminist-based trust between DIVA & PIFACJ for this work to grow, and making sure that we are always creating space and resources for each other for work that brings Pacific-grown and organised structural and material change.”

DIVA’s networks have been organizing with us for years. They are well-organised and determined to work hard for change. Every meeting they are stronger and more organised, as are the DIVA staff.

And so more than 40 women and people of gender diversity from across Fiji, from urban, rural, and maritime areas including Suva, Nausori, Lami, Tailevu, Rakiraki, Ra, Yasawa, Lautoka, Nadi, Kadavu, Lau, Labasa, Bua, Macuata and more will work together on:

- Clear introduction to the key demands from the Conference of Pacific Feminists Defending the Living Planet, including reps;
- DIVA networks prioritise 3 topline demands for the next year of work
- DIVA networks share with each other updates on their climate, DRR and biodiversity and ecological justice work,
- DIVA networks can engage with the regional and global campaign in new ways that link solidly to their work at local and national levels
- Increased relationships and networking, increased strategy in mobilising and organising in the constituency networks, and beyond

“The room will include a set of community writers who are writing a collective booklet to explain their gender and grassroots led climate justice and DRR work. They have written their first drafts, and this workshop will enable them to finetune as well as thinking through the structural links from their stories, through the Key demands. Anytime women can explain their lives, work and strategies for change, we are able to mobilise and act in new ways as

FATULEI – TUVALU

social movements. This room is full of Fiji women

climate and environmental leaders making change in the large and the small as they choose, and finding new ways to express themselves online and offline, in simple and deep ways. In the next year they will work out how to move this work of urgent defence of the living planet, in their smaller social spaces, and in national and regional ways, with DIVA support as useful.”

Fatulei – Tuvalu Women for Change is a member of the Tuvalu Climate Action Network (TUCAN).

Established in 2020 and working from the capital of Funafuti and working with local communities, churches and minority groups in Tuvalu, founding Coordinator Filiga Taukiei Nelu knows that there is a need to translate and localise the language of climate change and feminist climate justice to catalyse collective understanding and action: “To feel connected to the ongoing feminist climate justice movement building efforts” This also means connecting with faith community leaders and traditional leaders: “We need to observe our island protocols in order to progress the work to address the urgency of climate change.”

Tuvalu Women for Change (TWC) was founded in 2019 by Filiga and a small

group of women who understood that women’s voices were missing not because they were absent, but because they were not being heard.

Before founding TWC, Filiga worked for five years at Tuvalu’s Office of the People’s Lawyers. There, she saw first-hand how climate stress, economic pressure, and gender-based violence intersected in women’s lives.

“I started to realise the reality of what women face on the ground,” she has shared. “The quiet and deadly infiltration of domestic violence, the unfair distribution of labour, and the way climate change makes everything harder.” Climate disasters did not create inequality they amplified it. Women working eight-hour days returned home to unpaid caregiving. Droughts strained water supplies. Food became more expensive. Tensions inside households grew.

And yet, women were still expected to cope quietly. Tuvalu Women for Change emerged as a response to this silence, a platform for women to speak, organise, and lead.

What Changed With PIFA4CJ Support
PIFA4CJ funding enabled TWC to move from intention to action in ways that were previously out of reach.

Expanded geographic reach
For the first time, TWC was able to travel to three northern outer islands — Nanumea, Nanumanga, and Niutao — engaging approximately 80 women. This marked a critical shift from capital-based programming to inclusive, nationwide engagement, ensuring outer-island women were no longer excluded from climate and gender justice initiatives.

Community-led food security solutions
Rather than imposing predetermined

activities, TWC facilitated listening sessions with women on each island. As a result:
Two islands prioritized gardening

projects to improve household nutrition and reduce reliance on imported food.
One island prioritized poultry farming as a livelihood and food security strategy.

These initiatives directly respond to climate-related disruptions affecting soil quality, food availability, and household resilience.

Strengthened women's leadership and visibility
PIFA4CJ support enabled women from outer islands to:
Participate in national forums and trainings in Funafuti
Wear and share climate justice messaging through locally produced materials (e.g. t-shirts), strengthening collective identity and public visibility

Share their lived experiences in spaces traditionally dominated by central-island voices

Localization of climate justice concepts
Lessons from regional feminist convenings, including the Pacific Feminists Defending the Living Planet

Conference, were translated into everyday Tuvaluan language, connecting abstract concepts such as climate justice, loss and damage, and resilience to:
Food and water security
Family safety
Transport disruptions
Women's unpaid care burdens

As Filiga notes, without PIFA4CJ funding, “reaching women in the northern islands would not have been possible.”

JO JIKUM - MARSHALL ISLANDS

“The JO-JIKUM Climate Adaptation Arts Seminar (CAAS) is an excellent platform that not only amplifies youth voices but also crucially encourages input and inclusivity from the most affected groups, including women, children, and people with disabilities.” says Danity Laukon the Director for JO-JIKUM.

JO-JIKUM was established in 2012 by Tamera Heine, Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, Desmond Doulatram, and Milan Loeak to empower young people in tackling environmental challenges in the Marshall Islands. Danity shared that JO-JIKUM have spearheaded various national and international campaigns, hosted community workshops on climate change and its impact on our communities, and provided guidance on how individuals and groups can actively participate in protecting our shared home.

Through the medium of art, JO-JIKUM works to help bridge the gap between scientific understanding of climate change, its links to nuclear legacy, and traditionally lived experiences and knowledge to ensure that the next generation is equipped to lead their communities. In addition, JO-JIKUM have witnessed how using arts not only empowers youths to reflect with knowledge of their communities’ lived experiences, but also enabled them to better inform their demands and priorities for a more just, climate-resilient future.

JO-JIKUM Climate Adaptation Arts Seminar (CAAS) will convene this year from July 28 to August 2, 2025. The CAAS will bring together 35 high school students from Majuro, representing diverse voices from across the Marshall Islands to work with 4 art instructors and 4 youth assistants.

They will have the opportunity to learn about community-driven adaptation efforts, including traditional resource management and ecosystem restoration. They will also explore how to express their ideas through innovative artistic expressions, drawing inspiration from their culture and the lessons learned. By integrating local knowledge with creative arts, the seminar will equip youth with the tools to transform challenges into pathways for sustainable progress, ensuring that their voices are central to the nation’s journey towards resilience.

JO-JIKUM is taking a deeply immersive and practical approach that directly utilizes the Republic of the Marshall Islands’ (RMI) Reimaanlok Process. This process forms the core of our National Adaptation Plan (NAP), which we refer to as “our survival plan.”

The seminar is a timely initiative designed to strengthen youth engagement with the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) through arts and empowerment. According to Laukon, it will emphasize the NAP's Adaptation Pathways and involve participants in practical, local activities that underscore the link between Marshallese culture and the environment.

The team is equipped to deliver this project effectively, drawing on past learned

experiences from this Summer Arts Camp initiative (since 2016) that have developed their skills in mobilizing youth leaders, alongside their ongoing community connections and climate communication expertise.

JOJIKUM advocates for a movement-led approach to gender and climate justice, believing it empowers affected communities, especially women and youth, to lead and innovate on climate solutions

through genuine, community-driven action and intergenerational collaboration. They also emphasize the importance of a feminist funding model to provide flexible, sustained support for grassroots organizations, covering operational costs, capacity building, and youth-led initiatives, while ensuring funding goes to those most impacted and best equipped to create culturally relevant solutions.

NEI MOM UPRISING – KIRIBATI

“Our organization consists of women, either they have day jobs or stay at home moms. The work that we do is possible through the generosity and support of our members in volunteering to make it possible, whatever that we all agreed to do at a given time. However, this is also a weakness as the agreed time might be hard to find, and no funds to implement. The funding support will ensure that the agreed time to take action will always be possible, actions will be loud and outcomes will be seen soon,” Lily Brechtefeld Kumkee, a founding member of Nei Mom Uprising in Kiribati believes in the feminist funding model of PIFA4CJ which prioritizes women’s rights, redistribution of economic resources, reduce inequalities and increase responsibility/accountability and participation of women led organizations.

This year (2025) Nei Mom has received AUD50K from PIFA4CJ which is giving women from across the atolls of Kiribati the opportunity to learn, improve, share and lead the change: “This funding model has empowered us, young feminist organizations to continue to strive forward, learning, implementing and sustaining important projects for marginalized women. (..)continuous support will not only help Nei Mom grow but also help Nei Mom help other women led organizations grow as well particularly as we work with marginalized women, we believe that equipping them with basic knowledge is a MUST especially since they make up most of the population and are the foundation of a home. Including them is a mechanism to guarantee a sustainable and resilient future. As we inspire and lead grassroot empowerment on cc, we look

Nei Mom Uprising is a member of the Kiribati Climate Action Network (KIRICAN) and putting a specific focus on feminist climate justice means that Nei Mom, their allies and networks go beyond simply observing the onset of climate change and decision making to actually mobilizing resources and taking action, making positive changes, and empowering others to take action.

Earlier this year, says Brechtefeld Kumkee, Nei Mom learnt that while their members and allies were receiving information about the impact of climate change, what was missing was the support to bolster their leadership in decision making: “(...) What is lacking is” what is their role”, “what can they do”? How to show up for our community in terms of organizing and mobilizing and so forth. It is about time women are involved in decision making and in the implementation of climate

action related activities within our small communities.

Also, most capacity building is too focused on the capital Island and thus women on the outer islands are often left behind.”

That convening in March this year brought together 28 women between the ages of 18 – 60 years, in the Kiribati capital of Tarawa, participants agreed that the most urgent attention to the impact of the climate crisis included water scarcity and growing salinity of traditional water sources, the loss of food sources caused by the migration of fish and health priorities including skin diseases and diarrhea. As a follow up, Nei Mom will be extending their consultation reach to women leaders in traditional, faith and other governance structures, elderly women and young women villages in the outer islands: “Climate injustice affects us all and therefore a movement led-approach support will advance the little different things that we do to inform, embed and action the changes we must take to contribute to advancing women in climate justice,” says Brechtefeld Kumkee, “ Sharing

experiences (both success and failures); learning from strategies (both scientific and traditional); and seeing women led groups achieving their goals is a powerful tool that has strong positive impacts on young feminist groups.”

The learning approach for Nei Mom has meant challenging their own perception that their roles were limited to income generation: “Through movement led platforms we realize that as women our issues and power to address such issues is not limited to just raising a family, we must do more so we can handle our situation instead of being victims to the inequalities of life. Building confidence and power in women, recognizing women roles is key to climate resilience and in nurturing and equipping our future generations.”

Nei Mom has plans for women across their island community. It includes sharing information with members and partners on climate change; climate impacts and climate resilience at the grassroots level in formal convenings and informal activities such as the monthly coastal clean-

up campaigns which is an opportunity to educate members, volunteers and friends about reduce, reuse and recycle management as well as to encourage neighbourhood clean ups and participation to amplify the rise to Healthy

Mom, Healthy Family, Healthy Nation slogan.

Food security is critical and so there are also plans for training programmes on nutrition and the revival of local food preparation and recipes that are resilient: “This is an opportunity to unpack the impact of climate change on women’s health, security and peace and equality igniting passion and action among women to understand their role and to change the mindset of the community towards caring for the environment and being resilient.”

These efforts, they hope, will also reach mothers and daughters in the remote and outer islands, to build their capacity and equip them in case of emergencies

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PARTICIPANTS

(18–60 years)
Including women with
disabilities, LGBTQ+
members, elders,
single mothers &
youth.

KEY IMPACTS



Water
scarcity &
salinity

Coastal
erosion
& land
conflicts



Safety
risks for
girls

Food
insecurity

BEYOND ECONOMICS



Loss of
culture &
identity



Growing
community
insecurity

WOMEN SPEAK



Excluded
from
climate
decisions



Limited
access to
resources



Ready
to lead
change



URGENT PRIORITIES



safety



dignity



justice



FROM VULNERABILITY TO LEADERSHIP — WOMEN IN KIRIBATI ARE TAKING ACTION.

VANUATU DISABILITY PROMOTION AND ADVOCACY (VDPA)

VDPA is working to advance a Feminist Climate Justice Agenda by supporting not just women with disabilities but people with disabilities through Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and climate change education. Our approach focuses on empowering women with knowledge, skills, and leadership opportunities in climate action and resilience-building” says National Coordinator – Nelly Caleb, “We work closely with partners to deliver community-based programs that raise awareness, build capacity, and ensure women are meaningfully included in DRR planning and climate adaptation efforts.”

Based on the island of Santo, Caleb and her small team work with a range of partners at the Local, Provincial, National, Regional, and international levels to support the work on disability inclusion, gender, and climate justice:

“At the local level, we work with Area Councils, Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees (CDCCCs), local OPDs. At the national level, we partly work in partnership with ActionAid Vanuatu. We also work with AHP partners, Vanuatu Skills Partnership, Vanuatu Society for people with disabilities, Vanuatu Association of non-government Organisation, National Disability Committee, DFAT, MFAT and the focal point ministry, “explains Caleb, “These partnerships strengthen our collective action by making sure that people with disabilities especially women and girls with disabilities are included in disaster preparedness, climate adaptation, and national planning processes. Working together at all levels helps us ensure no one is left behind. When persons with disabilities and their organizations are

placed at the center sharing their lived experiences and leading the change it ensures that our actions are more inclusive, stronger, and truly reflective of the people most affected. This way, we work not just for communities, but with them, in a way that empowers everyone involved.”

That is one way a feminist funding model supported by PIFA4CJ can ensure funds reach women with disability led organizations and activities: “This kind of funding helps small groups like those in Vanuatu grow stronger, work together, and push for change in both climate and gender justice. It also makes sure no one is left out, especially those who are often overlooked in traditional funding systems.”

Earlier this year (March/April 2025) AUD10K from PIFA4CJ enabled VDPA to conduct a focus group meeting with

changes are affecting their lives. One participant, a fisherwoman, explained that she now struggles to catch large fish like she used to. She believes this is due to changes in the sea and rising sea levels. She also noted that many trees along the coast have been uprooted or destroyed by coastal soil erosion. Another woman shared that she no longer sees the same birds she used to because so many trees have been cut down, and people are not replanting them. A different participant talked about how wild pigs are now coming out more often and damaging their crops. She said that in the past, it was rare to see them, but now it has become a regular problem because of long drought. These stories showed that even though many participants had not previously used the term climate justice, they are clearly seeing and feeling the effects of climate change in their daily lives.

They also highlighted that they have had little or no access to resources or support to deal with these changes and they never raised this climate change impacts issues before,” says Caleb

The focus group developed a series of recommendations to take forward:

-Inclusive and Accessible Climate Communication

Participants with disabilities, especially those who are deaf or visually impaired, stressed the need for climate information in accessible formats such as sign language, braille, and audio. They often feel excluded from early warning systems and emergency updates.

-Support for Women’s Livelihoods Affected by Climate Change Rural women shared that their incomes, especially in agriculture, are being affected by unpredictable

weather. They need more training, tools, and support to adapt to these changes.

-Representation of Young Women in Climate Decision-Making Many participants felt that young women, especially from underserved backgrounds, are often left out of climate policy spaces. They called for more inclusion and participation in decision-making processes.

-Emergency Funds for Women Participants recommended that government allocate emergency funds specifically for women, possibly under the climate change department. This would help women quickly recover from disasters and climate-related events.

-Climate Education and Awareness at Community Level

Participants said many women in their communities don’t understand how climate change affects them. They suggested more local education programs to raise

awareness and build community action.

-Safe Spaces for Women During Disasters

Single mothers with disabilities and women with disabilities expressed the need for safe, accessible shelters and services during climate emergencies.

-Community Actions and Storytelling

Participants also discussed the importance of taking local action and sharing stories to inspire change. They recommended:

- Documenting stories of how climate change is affecting women's lives, and ensuring women are actively involved in telling these stories.
- Replanting trees to restore the environment and reduce the effects of climate change.
- Cleaning up the environment, especially in shared community areas and near water sources.
- Avoiding burning plastics harmful waste, which leads to air pollution and health risks.

Earlier this year, on 17th April 2024, VDPA brought together 12 participants and plans to include another 20 in the next round. These are underrepresented and marginalized women and girls, with and without disabilities, to ensure their voices, lived experiences, and leadership are at the centre of discussions on gender and climate justice. The aim is to support inclusive planning and strengthen advocacy by ensuring they help guide the process. "Civil society and community-based organization (CSO/CBO) representatives are key to building collaboration and ensure community-level action with representatives from the Department of Climate Change and government stakeholders to link grassroots experiences with national policies to ensure women with and without disabilities in leadership roles to promote intergenerational and cross-sectoral dialogue," stresses Caleb,

because community leaders can ensure local ownership and cultural relevance: "By bringing these groups together, we ensure an inclusive and coordinated approach

that supports meaningful participation and drives collective action toward gender and climate justice."

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**WOMEN
& YOUNG
WOMEN
LEADERS**

CLIMATE IMPACTS



Stronger cyclones
& flooding



Housing
displacement



Water and food
insecurity



Increased caregiving
burdens



Greater risks for
women & girls

WOMEN'S RESPONSE

Women are:



Organizing
relief



Sharing
early
warnings



Caring for
families



Leading
community
recovery

**★ WOMEN ARE NOT JUST VICTIMS —
THEY ARE FIRST RESPONDERS.**

WHAT'S NEEDED



Women in
disaster
decision-
making



Stronger
local pre-
paredness



Safer
shelters



Investment
in women-
led
resilience

FORWARD LOOKING STRATEGIES

In 2025 we have rewoven our mat mindful that our work requires us to confront geopolitics, colonial legacies such as nuclear testing, development and financing challenges, as well as loss and damage impacting climate frontline communities. This requires us to break, build and disrupt and ensure support for the nexus of individual and collective just as we continue to build nationally and regionally across 22 islands states and territories, some of the remaining colonies and occupied territories

in the world. In our work ahead, we are clear on the diversity and urgency across the Alliance including recognizing that we continue to contribute to alliance building, adjacent to and around States and territories including indigenous and unceded ones, recognizing that the state is not the only way to work through, we need to see the reform of processes and avoid neo-colonial practices. We value and will invest in constituency based engagement, it is a critical skill-

set and so this work is more than just about activities, it means recognizing the trauma and mental health associated with the protracted impact of the climate and ecological crises and that political efforts are connected to issues of land loss and environmental damage, which impact the accessibility of natural resources like pandanus and kuta and to ensure that our political leaders are making these linkages, the loss of our cultural identity and land.



By asserting Pacific feminist expertise, the Alliance is fostering cross-movement collaboration and embracing an intentionally intersectional and interconnected strategy. This includes supporting women who continue to face challenges in achieving political autonomy and independence, thereby reinforcing the alliance's dedication to inclusivity and collective empowerment.

The Alliance is ensuring clarity of our own politics, with a commit to demonstrate feminist principles and values. The Alliance is also clear that they need to decolonize approaches to inclusion to address the way in which our work is extracted from us, rather than supporting and directly financing coalitions and alliances such as PIFA4CJ.

A cross-movement collaboration and learning is a critical pathway forward whether it is extending into peacebuilding and feminist financing conversations to working with disability and SOGIESC-led groups, indigenous and faith based groups

Our model involves listening to and learning from grassroots leaders, supporting them to determine their key movement priorities, and providing grants and holistic support to these movement-informed solutions in regions that are worst hit by the climate crisis. Through this model, Global Fund for Women partnered with Shifting the Power Coalition to radically reimagine what movement led support for climate justice in the Pacific Islands could look like. From this process emerged an exciting, intersectional alliance of self-led feminist organizations called the Pacific Islands Feminist Alliance for Climate Justice (PIFA4CJ). Made up of seven organizations, drawing in experience from youth movements, disability rights movements, LGBTQIA movements, and disaster preparedness and response work, PIFA4CJ leads a participatory grantmaking program to resource, connect, and amplify feminist climate action across the region. The grantmaking priorities defined by the group take a holistic view of the climate crisis, recognizing that the impacts of climate change on the lives of Pacific Island women and gender expansive people go well beyond headlines. PIFA4CJ grants protect watersheds, document women's traditional and ancestral knowledge, establish community planning mechanisms for climate emergencies, and build the capacity of feminist organizations to respond to the urgency of community needs in the face of increasing climate impacts.

"Consultations have reaffirmed the need for dedicated investment in capacity building, innovation, leadership, advocacy, infrastructure, and organizational support. Such investment will enable women-led organizations to enhance their knowledge, skills, and problem-solving abilities, ensuring their engagement is sustainable and impactful" - PIFA4CJ Learning & Impact Report



An annual investment of AUD3.8million / USD 2.6m is an investment in Decolonizing Climate Action through Movement Grantmaking, Climate Justice Action Grants, Loss and Damage Response - Agroecology, Biodiversity, Oceans and Ecological Justice, Climate and Ecological Justice Emergencies & Political Advocacy Led by Pacific Islands Women, Grounded in Local Expertise, co-designed and implemented with diverse women, especially those from grassroots and Indigenous communities, recognizing their roles as knowledge holders and agents of change

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