

WHERE IS THE MONEY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE PACIFIC?

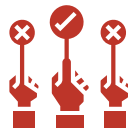
MAPPING GAPS, OPPORTUNITIES AND TRENDS



This brief is based on a scoping study commissioned by the Fiji Women's Fund (FWF) and the Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights Asia and Pacific (UAF A&P) to:



Generate data on funding realities and trends so as to provide an overview of funding available for women's human rights and gender equality work in Fiji and Papua New Guinea (PNG).



Gain deeper insights into perspectives of funders and women's rights organisations.



Explore collaborations between funders and women's rights organisations on issues that emerge from the scoping study.

LESS THAN

1%

Less than 1% of this funding is reaching women's organisations in the Pacific through direct funding from funders.

OVER

40

Over 40 organisations including funders, financial and business intermediaries, women's civil society organisations, and Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs) were interviewed between February - May 2019 to seek insights into the funding of women's organisations in Fiji, PNG and more broadly across the Pacific.

WHAT THE STUDY FOUND?



Total funding directed to gender equality and women's empowerment as a principal or significant objective from OECD DAC members has increased in the last 5 years.



0.4% of aid from OECD DAC members is directed to women's organisations, of which a miniscule proportion funds Pacific women's organisations to achieve their goals than the funder's priorities.



Less than 5% aid from OECD DAC members and the 26 private foundations targeted gender equality and women's empowerment as a principal objective.



Australia's funding to gender equality and women's empowerment activities in the Pacific reached a peak in 2011 at USD 569 million and has dropped to USD 416 million in 2017.

LESSER FUNDS FLOWING TO PACIFIC

USD 1.6 BILLION

GROSS DISBURSEMENTS TO THE PACIFIC

THE YAWNING GAP IN FUNDING

USD 13.3 MILLION

GROSS DISBURSEMENTS TO WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

USD 2.5 MILLION

GROSS DISBURSEMENTS TO PACIFIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

KEY REASONS WHY FUNDS ARE NOT FLOWING TO PACIFIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS:



SMALL



FAR AWAY



COSTLY



FRAGMENTED



FRAGILE



CONFLICT-AFFECTED

DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE



RISKY



FUNDERS DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACH THE RIGHT PACIFIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS AND/OR WHICH INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT

WHAT THE STUDY RECOMMENDS

SET UP AN INDEPENDENT PACIFIC FEMINIST FUND

that is a conduit for Pacific women's organisations to secure funding; to broaden the range of funders available; to represent and direct discussions within and outside the region; to amplify voices of organisations, and women and feminist movements in the region; to lead impact investing in women's rights and gender based work; and to engage with Pacific Leaders, role models, celebrities and philanthropic networks to support Pacific women and girls.

Improve transparency around funding data for more informed and inclusive dialogue, with a commitment from key funders to publish data annually on the funds directed to the Pacific region, funds directly provided to organisations in the Pacific and the funds reaching DPOs.

UAF A&P and FWF take the lead organising at least on **three events annually that focus on emerging issues in funding.**

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AROUND DATA FUNDING

- There is **little current gender equality disaggregated data available on funds disbursed** to women's organisations in the Pacific region in the previous reporting year.
- Due to the transparency gap, **funders and women's organisations do not have the same information** when discussing modalities and funding for gender equality and women's empowerment activities in the Pacific.

The full scoping study can be accessed at: https://fijiwomensfund.org/where_is_the_money/



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