



WOMEN-LED CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION

Ni-Vanautu women gather in Port Vila for the Women-Led Protection Workshop.

Building the capacity of women leaders to address gendered impacts of climate change

Project overview:

Supported by the Australian Government under the ANCP Gender Action Platform, this project in Vanuatu, 'Women-Led Climate Resilience and Adaptation', aims to build the capacity of women leaders to address gendered impacts of climate change and recurrent disasters, and enhance the safety, security and dignity of women.

This includes supporting women to develop communications mechanisms to amplify their voices in calling for greater action by government and the humanitarian sector to address women's priorities in response to climate change and disasters.

Key project activities and outputs:

In partnership with the Department of Women's Affairs, ActionAid is supporting women in Vanuatu to strengthen their response to climate change through:

- Facilitating women-led dialogues on climate change preparedness, including hosting the first National Women's Dialogue on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and forced displacement;
- Facilitating peer learning exchange with global communities;
- Resourcing women's organising through Women I Tok Tok Tugeta (WITTT) forums that provide a safe space for women to speak openly, and in their own way, about climate change and the resulting disruptions to their lives;
- Supporting women's leadership in early warning through the establishment of Women's Weather Watch in Tanna, Erromango and Eton.

"The WITTT forum has created a space for them to know that climate change has an effect on them. And they are learning how they can speak those words out. They are beginning to see how they can use their voices to be heard." - Mary Jack, Provincial Coordinator

Project duration:

July 2017 - June 2019

Supported by:

The Australian Aid Program under the ANCP Gender Action Platform and ActionAid Australia's Arise Fund

In partnership with:

Department of Women's Affairs

Location:

Port Vila, Eton, Tanna, Efate and Erromango, Vanuatu

Project objectives:

- Women have increased capacity to prepare for and respond to gender-related risks of climate change;
- Women take collective action to influence and engage in policy planning on climate change;
- Greater recognition of women-led alternatives among policy-makers.

Impact:

This project supports women leaders to strengthen their response to climate change, and as the project continues, women will be supported to increase their knowledge of and capacity to respond to climate change, transforming gender norms in their communities.