



WOMEN WETA WETA

WOMEN'S WEATHER WATCH, VANUATU

Members of the Women I Tok Tok Tugeta Forum in Vanuatu.

A communications platform to support women's leadership & amplify women's voices in disasters

Overview:

The Women's Weather Watch (WWW) model is a platform that can be localised to support women's leadership and transform the way in which weather and climate services as well as disaster management information and communication systems can be enhanced to be more inclusive for rural and maritime women in Vanuatu.

Through the Australian Government's Gender Action Platform, ActionAid Australia supports women in Vanuatu through the Women I Tok Tok Tugeta (WITTT) forums to respond to issues that limit women's leadership on climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resilience. WWW is a collaborative model of ActionAid, the Shifting the Power Coalition Network members in Port Vila, WITTT and the National Disaster Management System (NDMO).

The model allows WITTT members to study the weather patterns, receive information from the Meteo and NDMO, develop the messages in their local language and disseminate within their networks in the communities and outer islands. They can also use this information to engage with the national humanitarian system and facilitate community level Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plans and Climate Adaptation Strategies.

How does Women Wetem Weta promote gender responsive humanitarian action?

Women Wetem Weta, coordinated by ActionAid Vanuatu and WITTT, is promoting gender responsive action through:

- Facilitating local Ni-Vanuatu women's voices and participation in the climate change and DRR space;
- Facilitating locally led analysis and insights into the impacts of climate change and disasters that will inform humanitarian response and resilience work;
- Facilitating women's organising and leadership in humanitarian action;
- Creating an avenue for feedback from the affected populations in disasters to deepen contextual understanding;
- Promoting safety with dignity and rights for women and communities affected by crisis.

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In partnership with:

Women I Tok Tok Tugeta (WITTT), Shifting the Power Coalition, Ministry of Justice and Community Services, Department of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Climate Change, Vanuatu Broadcasting Corporation and local media

Location:

Port Vila, Tanna, Erromango, Eton

Objective:

To support the development of communications mechanisms to amplify women's voices to call for greater action by government and the humanitarian sector to support women's leadership in disasters.

Impact:

This program will strengthen the leadership and capacities of the local Ni-Vanuatu women to be resilient to adverse impacts of climate change, and reinforce the need to strengthen localised efforts.

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