

## Expression of Interest – Research Consultant, Shifting the Power Coalition

The Shifting the Power Coalition (StPC) seeks expressions of interest from an independent Pacific-based researcher or research collective to produce a report, *Pacific Women's Response to Intersecting Health, Economic and Climate Crises: Shifting the Power in Participation, Protection, Recovery and Resourcing*.

The report will build on the StPC's initial report, *Mobilising Women's Leadership: Solutions for Protection and Recovery in a Time of COVID-19 and TC Harold* (available [here](#)), which provided a set of recommendations on how Pacific Forum Leaders can achieve inclusive localisation, build resilient and peaceful communities and also ensure equitable access to resources to reach diverse women based on our needs, priorities and aspirations.

The researcher will be expected to undertake both secondary desk research as well as conduct interviews with StPC partners and focal points and other relevant stakeholders with a view to:

1. Identifying how these intersecting crises (COVID-19, economic impacts or border closures and restrictions, climate related disasters such as TC Harold and Yasa) have impacted the lives of women in the region, including young women and women with disabilities;
2. Documenting how Pacific women, and specifically StPC partners, have provided leadership in responding to these current crises;
3. Identifying priorities for Pacific women for ongoing response to climate change, disasters and COVID-19, recovery efforts and the protection of women's rights;
4. Make recommendations for strengthening the participation and resourcing of women's organisations in national and regional policy and decision-making spaces, as well as recognising women's indigenous and localised knowledge.

The research publication will contribute to the StPC's growing body of knowledge products and will present learnings from StPC partners who have been involved in the implementation of the Coalition's rapid response grants and emergency response actions.

It will present an agenda setting approach for national governments, Departments of Women as well as regional inter-governmental organisations to enhance their accountability to the women's rights and feminist agenda in the context of **Participation, Protection, Response and Resourcing**. The report will provide both overarching recommendations as well as address specific recommendations of young women and women with disabilities.

### Timeframe:

Approximately 21 days. The final report is to be submitted by 31 August 2021.

### Background:

In crisis situations, collaboration is also vital. This is one of the reasons why the Shifting the Power Coalition was established. Since 2016, Coalition partners have been working together to bring about change so that humanitarian action does not regard women as

vulnerable beneficiaries but rather builds on our indigenous and localised knowledge, collective power, influence and leadership:

Today, spanning a network of close to 100,000 grassroots, intergenerational and inclusive movements in 7 Pacific Island Forum countries, StPC is the only women-led regional alliance focused on strengthening the collective power, influence and leadership of diverse Pacific women to respond to disasters and climate change bringing attention to women's collective peacebuilding, community-led activism, Pacific-driven innovation and humanitarian expertise. The Coalition has brought attention to women's collective and personal lived realities – mobilizing rapid response support to women during the Samoa measles epidemic, supporting COVID19, supporting local women including women with disabilities to lead disaster response and recovery. The Coalition enables resources – including the time and space to meet – to reach women when they need it, to deliberate, participate, design and deliver what works for diverse women and in local communities.

**Contact:**

For inquiries regarding this opportunity, please contact Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, Regional Manager, Shifting the Power Coalition.

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**Application**

To apply for this consultancy, please submit the following:

- Cover letter and CV detailing relevant professional experience
- Sample of relevant research work
- Proposed budget
- Proposed methodology

Please submit the package of your application via email to Carol Angir, ActionAid Australia: [carol.angir@actionaid.org](mailto:carol.angir@actionaid.org) by **30 July 2021**.