



## Women Wetem Weta

Driving gender responsive and inclusive humanitarian action in Vanuatu

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 Governments 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.

Since its inception, the WWW has developed into a multi-purpose network that the women can use to share vital information about any emergency; weather related or otherwise. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the WWW network used their skills in emergency response and leadership to share life-saving health information.

# 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:

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



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