



GENDER RESPONSIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN VANUATU

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Project overview:

Supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade under the Australian NGO Cooperation Program, and the ARISE Fund, this project promotes Gender Responsive Alternatives to Climate Change. It is implemented through the Women I TokTok Tugetha (WITTT) network and its disability chapter, WITTT Sunshine.

The project aims to strengthen local women's leadership at the provincial, national and regional levels to influence meaningful participation and action on gendered impacts of climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Key project activities and outputs:

ActionAid is supporting women in Vanuatu to strengthen their response to climate change by:

- Developing capacity and knowledge of women including women with disabilities on climate resilience, preparedness and response
- Supporting livelihood activities through grants, engaging in value chains, sister saving and loan schemes
- Building awareness through multi-hazard early warning systems
- Engaging and mobilising women including women with disabilities through policy dialogues
- Facilitating peer learning exchanges

Project duration:

August 2020 - July 2025

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In partnership with:

The Department of Women's Affairs, Women I Tok Tok Tugeta (WITTT and Sunshine Chapter), Digicel, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity, and The National Disaster Management Office.

Location:

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

Project objectives:

- Women increase their capacity and knowledge to prepare and response to gender-related risks of climate change.
- Women take collective action to influence and engage in national and international policy, planning and decision-making on climate change.

Impact:

- 6600 women, of whom 600 are women with disabilities have built their climate resilience, food and livelihood security.
- Women are empowered to lead climate change and disaster responses
- Women are engaged in policy dialogues on climate change affecting Vanuatu at national and international levels.