

The Thirteen 25 Report – November, December 2017 Edition **Women's Weather Watch Goes Regional**

press release – 8th December, 2017:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/womens-weather-watch-goes-regional/10156007454849295/>

A regional women's radio campaign is promoting gender inclusive disaster risk reduction and recovery in Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

It's all part of femLINKpacific's regional Women's Weather Watch network supported by the Australian Government, ActionAid Australia and the International Women's Development Agency.

"This campaign is bridging the gender gaps in disaster preparedness messages that are traditionally heard this time of the year," said Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, Executive Producer-Director of femLINKpacific. "It also demonstrates the vital role of radio in communicating to communities. We are also looking forward to producing our first regional HEROWINS comic book in 2018."

The messages were developed through our regional women-led community media network, including partner organisations the Talitha Project, Vanuatu Young Women for Change, Vois Blong Mere Solomons, Transcend Oceania and members of the Shifting the Power Coalition, in particular the Pacific Disability Forum.

femLINKpacific's Women's Weather Watch is an interoperable information and communication platform that amplifies the voices of our network of women leaders, campaigning for the inclusion of women in all aspects of disaster preparation, management and rehabilitation through community media.

The implementation of the Women's Weather Watch platform at a regional level also amplifies women's humanitarian priorities through a commitment made to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

For the annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, femLINK also dedicated more than 500 community radio hours in Suva and Labasa as well as produced Instagram, Twitter and SMS messages during its 2nd Women's Weather Watch National Consultation 2017.

Last edition:

Mailchimp: <http://mailchi.mp/3d299f574ca9/the-thirteen-25-report-september-october-2017-edition>

PDF: <http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/2015-01-20-00-21-36/594-e-bulletin-5-2017>

Website: <http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/593-the-thirteen-25-report-september-october-2017-edition>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/the-thirteen-25-report-september-october-2017-edition/10155902445239295/>

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Shining Spotlight on Women as Leaders, Peacebuilders, First Responders

press release – 20th November, 2017

This week, femLINKpacific will be holding its 2nd Women's Weather Watch National Consultation for 2017 with more than 30 women leaders of all diversities from the Central, Northern and Western Divisions of Fiji.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-shining-spotlight-on-women-as-leaders-peacebuilders-first-responders/10155959130014295/>



'Women Are Spearheaders of Development' – NDMO

by Carolyn Kitione with Sian Rolls

At a global level, the discourse has often featured the phrase along the lines of 'women and children are the most affected by disasters'.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/womens-weather-watch-women-are-spearheaders-of-development-ndmo/10155984726439295/>

Unpacking Violence Against Women

by Carolyn Kitione

Over the past few months, social media has seen an unprecedented level of discussion on sexual violence against women and girls thanks to the global campaign #MeToo.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-unpacking-violence-against-women/10155981938814295/>

Celebrating the Girl Child

by Carolyn Kitione

“Team Girl make mistakes however we don’t dwell on mistakes. We learn from them and keep on going. If we must, we’ll crawl to keep moving forward.”

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-celebrating-the-girl-child/10155941474044295/>

Events and Campaigns

16 Days of Activism



Take Back the Tech – Instagram Messages

During femLINKpacific’s 2nd Women’s Weather Watch National Consultation, Rural Women Leaders shared their messages of peace for the 16 Days of Activism. Watch the videos on femLINKpacific’s Instagram account.



<https://www.instagram.com/femlinkpacific/>

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<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific>



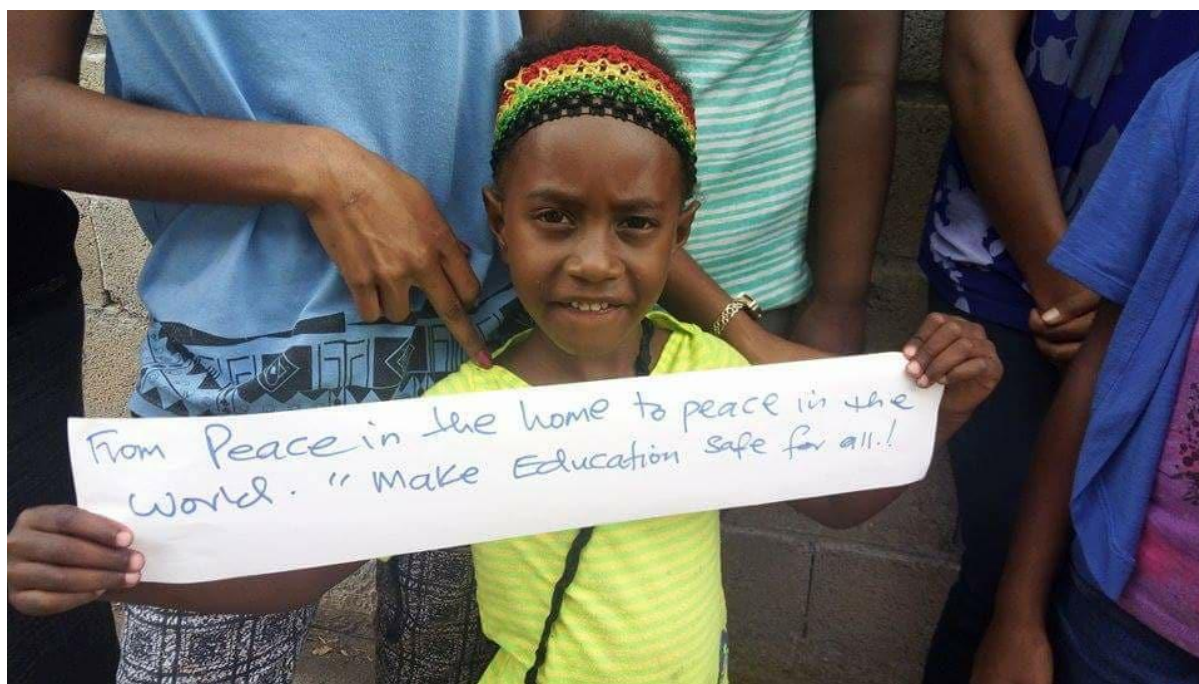
<https://www.youtube.com/user/femlinkpacific>

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GPPAC Pacific

As in the past years GPPAC Pacific is taking part in the 16 Days Campaign by continuing to localise our regional network priority theme of Gender Inclusive Conflict Prevention and Human Security linked to UNSCR1325.



The network events will be another platform to raise awareness about women's active roles in conflict prevention to highlight examples of peace education as a tool that contributes to the prevention and eradication of gender based violence hearing from network members at the local level.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159819942765093>

GPPAC Pacific – Fiji

For the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Adi Vasulevu, femLINKpacific's convenor in the North and the GPPAC Pacific Fiji country focal point with Transcend Oceania facilitated an intergenerational discussion between mothers and daughters around peace in the community. Following the event, Carolyn Kitone caught up with Adi Vasulevu, Jiteshna Chetty, Mere Frances and Maria Sauvou about some of the key lessons learnt at the event.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/16-days-of-activism-nov17-gppac-pacific-fiji-preview>

Tackling Violence in the Community

by Carolyn Kitone

As we continue to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, rural women leaders have reaffirmed the need to challenge existing power structures.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-tackling-violence-in-the-community/10156004403069295/>



GPPAC Pacific – Solomon Islands

For the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Ender Rence in the Solomon Islands gives Sian Rolls an overview of the kinds of events happening in the country to commemorate the period. Rolls and Rence also discuss what peace means for people in the country including for women and young women in the wake of the political shifts in the past month.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/16-days-of-activism-dec17-gppac-pacific-solomon-islands-preview>

Look At My Abilities

On the eve of the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender Based Violence, Sian Rolls speaks to disability organisation representatives about how they got involved in disability activism, their inspirations and messages for the 16 Days.

Listen to the interviews - <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/16-days-of-activism-nov17-look-at-my-abilities-anaseini-vakaidia> and <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/16-days-of-activism-nov17-look-at-my-abilities-mere-roden>



Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-transformation-for-all-including-persons-with-disabilities/10156017633839295/>

World Human Rights Day March

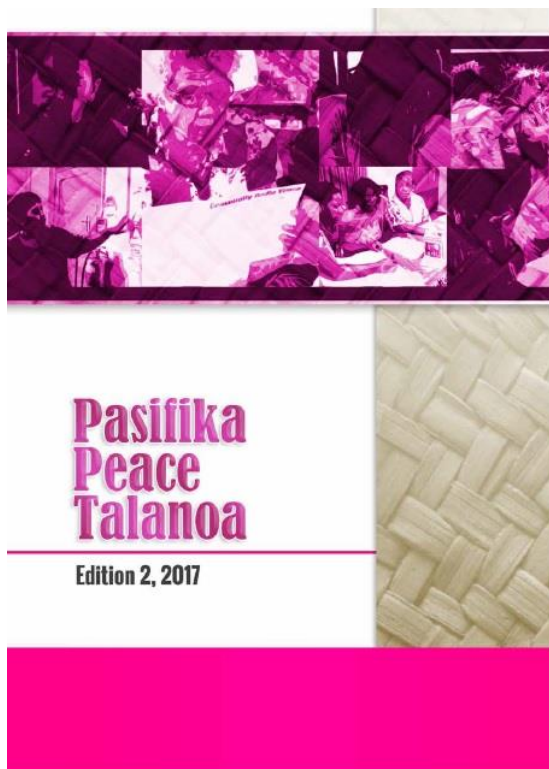
Ahead of World Human Rights Day, commemorated on the 10th of December, the NGO Coalition on Human Rights (NGOCHR) held a march in Suva to mark both the important day as well as the end of the 16 Days of Activism 2017.



Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/16-days-of-activism-dec17-ngochr-human-rights-day-march>

New Publications

Pasifika Peace Talanoa 2/2017



<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/policy-documents/596-pasifika-peace-talanoa-2-2017>

HEROWINS 5: Prepared, Protected, Leading



<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/policy-documents/597-herowins-5-prepared-protected-leading>

For more information about HEROWINS 5

Listen to the launch: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-nov17-launch-of-the-5th-edition-of-herowins>

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-herowins-5-launched/10155980287959295/>

For more content, visit our website for:

Our Community Radio Times:

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/community-radio-times>

and access the hub for policy materials and other knowledge products:

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/policy-documents>

Partner Updates

Feminist Demands at COP23

The We Rise Coalition member DIVA for Equality is in Bonn, Germany for the COP23 Climate Change Negotiations along with WEDO and other allies of the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC), with a set of strong collective demands.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159741993475093>

Solomon Islands – Vote of No Confidence

Following the removal of Manasseh Sogavare as the prime minister of the Solomon Islands through a vote of no confidence, Sian Rolls speaks to Ender Rence about the impact of the political change on the ground.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-pacific-nov17-ender-rence-on-the-vote-of-no-confidence>

Asia-Pacific CSO Call to Action – Realising the SDGs Agenda: From Promises to Action



On the 13th and 14th November 2017, we joined champions and advocates of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) from Asia-Pacific as ARROW convened a meeting to discuss the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159804442700093>

Fiji Young Women's Forum - Young Women in Politics training

The event was supported by the Forum secretariat, Fiji Women's Rights Movement and funded by the European Union in the Pacific. More than 20 young women of all diversities contributed to compiling two messages:



Reaffirm your right to vote:

<https://www.facebook.com/fijiyoungwomensforum/videos/541666322837229/>

and support young women to lead:

<https://www.facebook.com/fijiyoungwomensforum/videos/541666889503839/>

Cross post - Tonga Elections Analysis: Via Ofakilevuka Guttenbeil-Likiliki

In total about 35,461 people voted in all the 17 constituencies - approx 50,000+ are registered eligible to vote.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159797121380093>

Call for CSOs to end nuclear use

via the Fiji Times: We have a right to not only exist but also enjoy good health, civil society organisations said this morning at an international gathering of non-government organisations which is taking place in Suva this week.

Read more: <http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=426413>



PC: https://twitter.com/ican_australia/status/939257284508520448

ICAN – Nobel Peace Prize Weekend

ICAN is a global network, which has played a central role in achieving the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which opened for signature last month in New York. In total, 122 states voted to endorse the treaty (the UK was not among them), which outlaws nuclear weapons in the same way other weapons of mass destruction have been.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159902312275093> and <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159899368445093>

Setsuko Thurlow, a Hiroshima survivor and ICAN campaigner, spoke at this year's Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony.

The speech: https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2017/ican-lecture_en.html?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=twitter_tweet

Women's Weather Watch

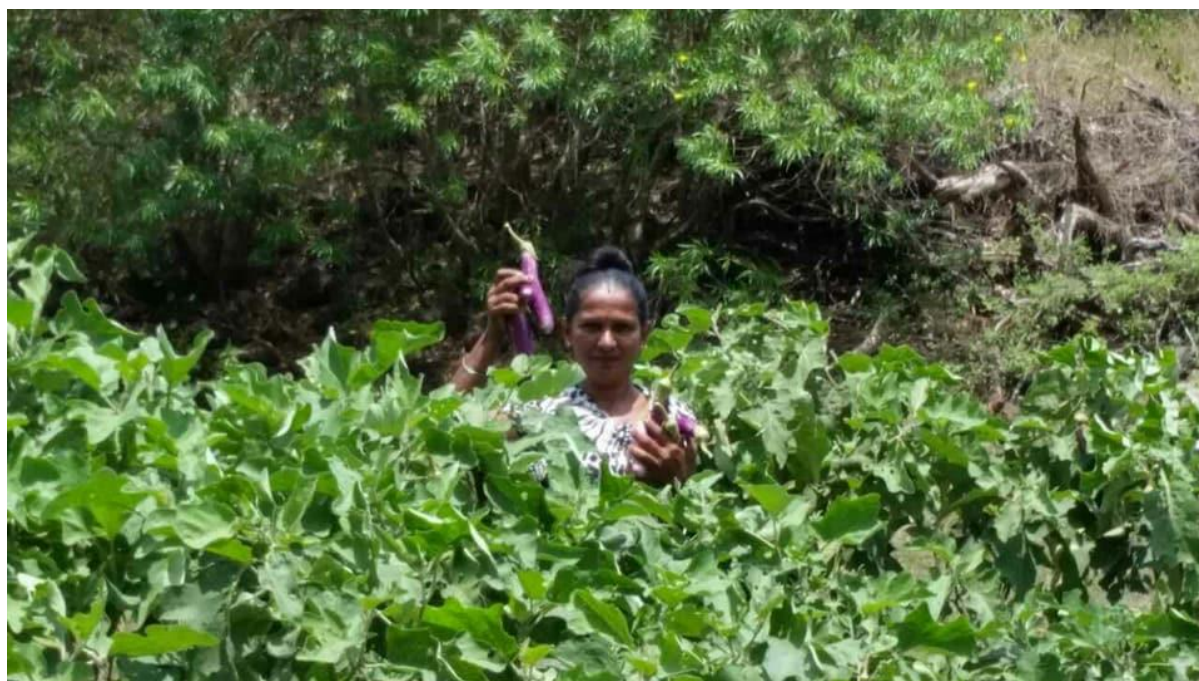
Visit our hub page for updates:

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/595-women-s-weather-watch-updates-2017-november-december>

(Pictorial) Waiting for the Rain

From the desolate land awaiting the rains for farming to commence to Mere who seeks out any sign of green grass whether along the road or up on the hills and Lakshmi, Prem Lata and Rohini Lata tending their vegetable farms in Galela.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159732807035093>



(Pictorial) Wet Days Ahead Around the Country

Aruna Devi shares today's pictorial updates from Makoi. femLINK's rural women leaders in Rakiraki are also sharing that they are seeing the welcomed rain continue. But take precautions as low lying areas may flood.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159745150720093>

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FemVids Ultimo: August, September and October (2017)

Taking a look at events and updates from femLINKpacific's national, regional and international networks.

Watch the episode on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/lxRV2dV13wQ>

Or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/videos/10159770382070093/>



Civil Society Updates

On FemTALK89FM's Morning Waves, Sian Rolls speaks to Virisila Buadromo, co-lead of the recently launched Urgent Action Fund Asia-Pacific. They discuss the purpose of the fund, how it works as well as the model of leadership that the Asia-Pacific fund is using.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-suva-nov17-uaf-ap-about-the-new-fund>

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-pacific-uaf-ap-funding-womens-critical-work/10155938565379295/>

On FemTALK89FM Suva's Morning Waves show, Carolyn Kitone speaks to Aman Nath, Research Officer at the Citizen's Constitutional Forum, about the organisation's Annual Public Forum. Kitone and Nath discuss principles of good governance as well as the line-up of speakers and purpose for the upcoming event.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-suva-nov17-ccf-annual-public-forum-preview>

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-womens-role-in-good-governance/10155987216889295/>

Sisters of the Pacific Ocean: Gender Equality 2030

Taking a look back, we reflect on the 13th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women & 6th Meeting of the Pacific Ministers for Women with this short documentary which takes a look

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at what it will mean to realise the Sustainable Development Agenda and other commitments to gender equality in the Pacific.

Watch it on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/jMKoP-bcj8s>

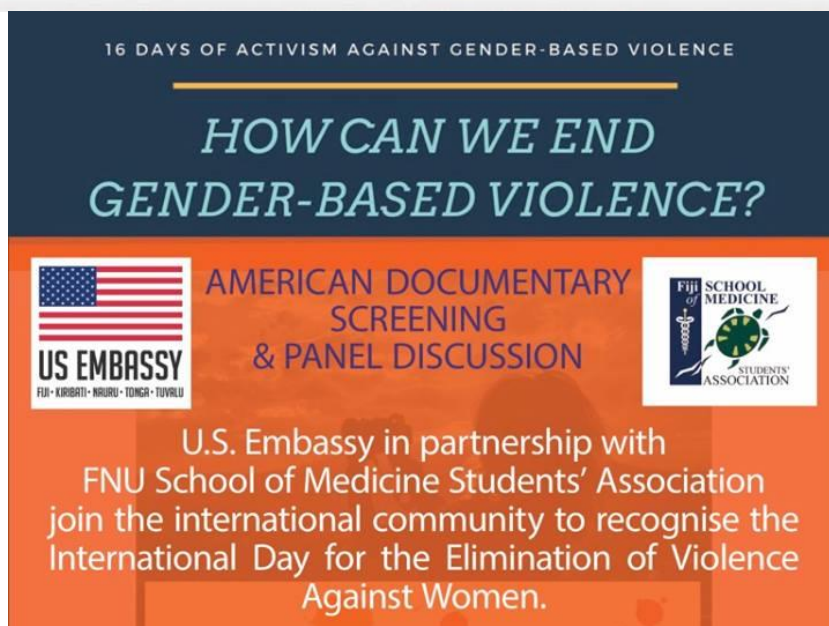
Or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/videos/10159878743480093/>



Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development Annual Progress Report Launch

The Pacific Women Annual Progress Report 2016 – 2017 was launched by the Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, Her Excellency Margaret Twomey, on the 20th of November. The report features stories of change highlighting the voices of Pacific women and men across the 14 countries supported by Pacific Women. The launch event also commemorated the end of term for Linda Petersen as Team Leader within the organisation.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-nov17-pwspd-annual-progress-report-launch>



US Embassy 16 Days of Activism Panel Discussion

For the 16 Days of Activism, the US Embassy in partnership with the FNU School of Medicine Students' Association held a film screening followed by a panel discussion. Moderated by Dmitri Tarakhovsky of the US Embassy Suva, the panelists are:

Roshika Deo, activist; Dr Odille Chang, lecturer at the Fiji National University School of Medicine; and Dr Rajesh Maharaj, of the Hare Krishna Consciousness and Interfaith Fiji.

The panellists also respond to questions and comments from the floor about domestic violence.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/16-days-of-activism-nov17-us-embassy-panel-discussion>

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Coming soon to FemTALK89FM – Radio With Pictures!

We've just wrapped up production of a new season of Radio with Pictures bringing you every day HeroWINS discussing Women's Weather Watch and The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign.



Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/posts/10159826033690093>

Oceania Sevens 2017

On FemTALK89FM, we bring you coverage of the Oceania Rugby Sevens Championships with a focus on the 8 women's teams, namely from Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands and Tahiti.



Listen to the playlist: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/oceania-7s-2017>

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-examining-the-gap-for-women-in-rugby/10155946847769295/>

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