

# HEROWINS



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## PROMOTING EQUALITY FOR ALL

“The real point is that if you really want peace and security to be a real thing that is visible in our communities or even our families we’ve got to get the spaces for women”

## PEACE & SECURITY

“It’s not just about the elimination of violence against women, it’s also about looking at the root causes of violence against women in terms of women’s human security first and what women have been talking about is not just being victims of violence but that opportunity for them to talk and share their story in terms of addressing the root causes”

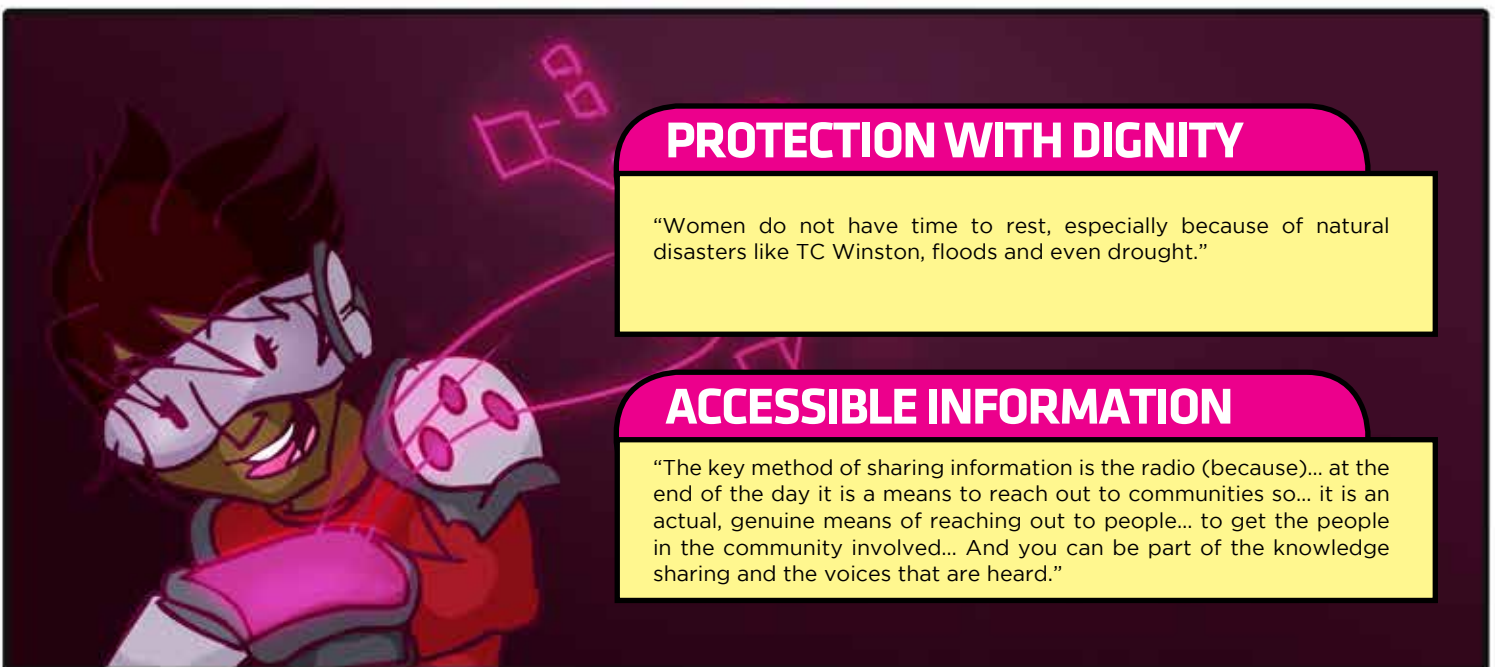


## DISABILITY RIGHTS

“Persons living with disability are sometimes...not able to express our views in front of many people and then we (feel) isolated so when we work in partnership that’s where we get different people’s views and ideas and by listening”

## EQUALITY IN DECISION MAKING

“The inclusion of women is very important. Women need to tell their stories; they need to come out and let the government know this is what is happening in our community. These are the solutions for communities.”



## PROTECTION WITH DIGNITY

“Women do not have time to rest, especially because of natural disasters like TC Winston, floods and even drought.”

## ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION

“The key method of sharing information is the radio (because)... at the end of the day it is a means to reach out to communities so... it is an actual, genuine means of reaching out to people... to get the people in the community involved... And you can be part of the knowledge sharing and the voices that are heard.”

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER EXCITING EPISODE OF HEROWINS!



THE FAMILY IS JOINED BY THEIR AUNTIES AS WELL!

THAT SURE WAS AN EXCITING EPISODE TODAY! THE HEROWINS VS THE HORRIBLE HURRICANE!

NOT AS SCARY AS THE REAL HURRICANE, THOUGH

THAT'S WHY WE MOBILISE WITH WOMEN'S WEATHER WATCH!

USING COMMUNITY RADIO AND SMS ALERTS!

THAT'S HOW WE GET THE INFORMATION OUT TO LOCAL NETWORKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY!

AND WE KEEP EVERYONE UP TO SPEED WITH OUR ASSESSMENTS AND REGULAR UPDATES

THE HEROWINS ON TV SOUND JUST AS EXCITING AS THE RADIO DRAMAS!

BUT THEN!

THANKYOU FOR LISTENING TO FEMTALK 89FM AND HERE IS OUT WOMEN'S WEATHER UPDATE...

A TROPICAL DEPRESSION WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR...



IT'S TIME TO ACTIVATE OUR WOMEN'S WEATHER WATCH EARLY WARNING AND PREPAREDNESS PLAN!



- Checklist for the family
- Property Secured
- Documents safe
- Check Gardens

- Food and Water
- Clothes
- Radio
- Batteries and Candles

- First Aid Kit
- Medicine
- Emergency Contacts



MUM ORGANISES THE SMS ALERTS

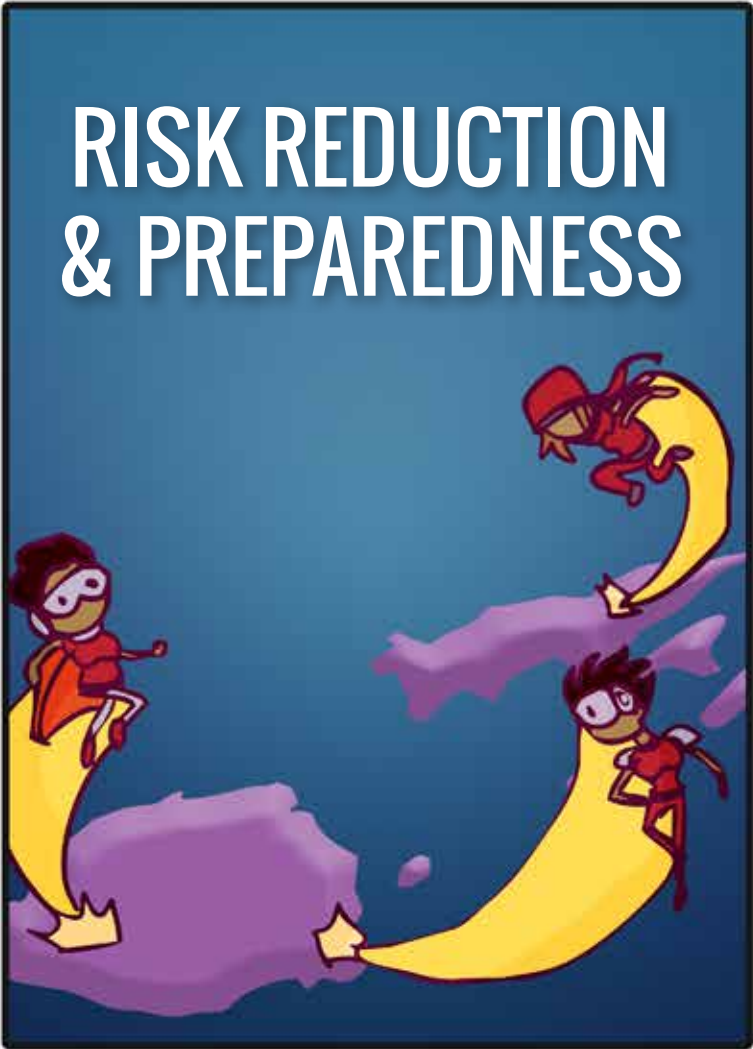
ALUNTY JULIE CONTACTS HER DISABILITY NETWORKS



GET A MESSAGE TO YOUR ADVISORY COUNCILLORS AND TURAGA NI KORO... ASK THE DISTRICT OFFICER TO CONFIRM THE LOCATION OF THE EVACUATION CENTRES... TRANSPORT NEEDS TO BE ARRANGED... AND GET THE MEDICINE PACKS READY



AND ON THE COMMUNITY RADIO STATION THE WOMEN'S WEATHER WATCH TEAM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE WEATHER ADVICE AND PREPAREDNESS MESSAGES



MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S WEATHER WATCH NETWORK JOIN IN THE DISASTER PLANNING COMMITTEES



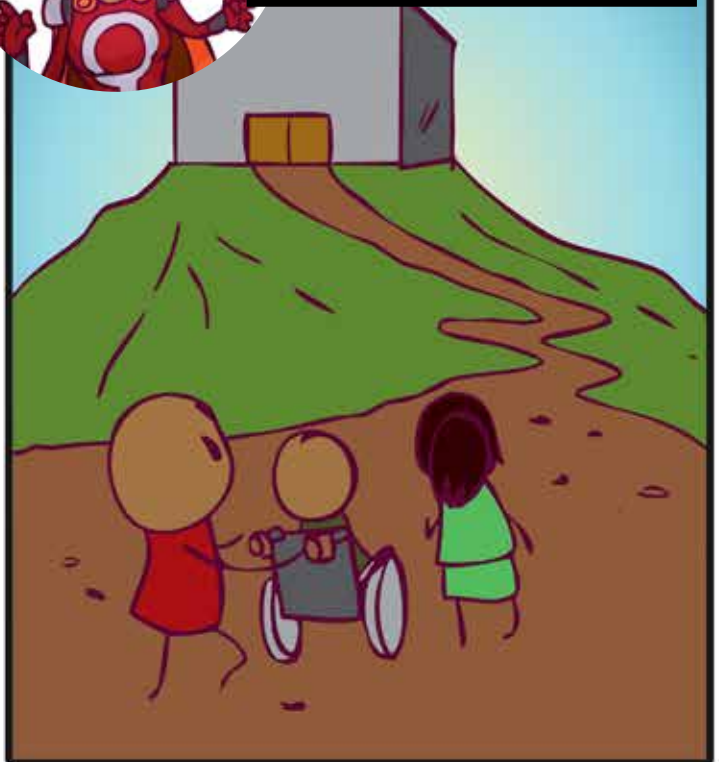
AND OTHERS CO-ORDINATE THE FOOD SECURITY AND WATER STORAGE AT LOCAL FARMS



# PROTECTION WITH DIGNITY



ACCESS TO EVACUATION CENTRES ARE ORGANIZED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



AND WOMEN'S GROUPS CO-ORDINATE EVACUATION CENTRES TO ENSURE EVERYONE'S (ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, LGBT AND THE ELDERLY) ARE SAFE AND SECURE



AND THE WOMEN'S WEATHER WATCH TEAM, INCLUDING RURAL CORRESPONDANTS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE UPDATES!





# Recommendations

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## **Preparedness:**

Women must be involved in:

All disaster management, preparedness and response programmes and committees, including determining the location, management and coordination of evacuation centres to make sure they are accessible to everyone.

Ensuring the availability and management of food rations because too often they will not eat, but store the food for their children and other family members.

Ensure the availability of sex and gender disaggregated data to prepare for natural disasters and to ensure the appropriate assistance in the immediate and long term aftermath

Recognise the reality of women-led households and their role in organising their families and communities, including the preparedness of evacuation systems, by identifying women leaders within communities and establishing strong communication links to provide them with information

Improve Public Emergency Broadcasts and early warning systems to include community media/radio models so they can provide hourly weather updates that contain vital localised information

Support FemLINKPACIFIC, as the already established and reliable information provider, in the expansion of women-led rural community media/radio hubs, operating community media centres which can also be referral points and safe spaces for women and girls.



## **Protection:**

Integrate UNSCR1325 in the national security policy as well as National Disaster Management Strategy in order to demonstrate collaboration and model best practice Support local women leaders to:

- a) provide and manage gender sensitization training for local committees
- b) assess and communicate family and community priorities

Ensure that:

- a) the selection of evacuation centres is done in consultation with women to ensure their safety and protection
- b) security mechanisms are established in communities and in evacuation centres.



## **Recovery Plans should:**

Ensure agricultural extension programmes for women that allocate 30% of participant places to young women aged 18 - 35 years

Ensure women's access to land and training to establish and manage community garden projects in each district

Shelter Cluster strategies must include women in research, planning, design and construction of homes

Involve women in water harvesting and storage, including underground tanks

Establish solar power access and ICT hubs led by women in each community

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FemLINKpacific continues to campaign for the inclusion of women in all aspects of disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

We are calling for greater compliance of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and 2242 (Women, Peace and Security) in humanitarian action so that disaster responses do not cause conflicts and also ensure gender inclusive human security.

The Women's Weather Watch campaign also demonstrates the vital role of community media, especially community radio, to communicate weather patterns and warnings to women in rural and remote communities as well as disability and SOGIE rights networks.

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## **PROTECTED**

Ensure the needs of Pacific people in all their diversities are taken into account. That means men and women, boys and girls, persons with disabilities and persons of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. Everyone has the right to protection and human security with dignity

## **PREPARED**

There should be appropriate, accessible and reliable information as well as equitable representation and active participation of women leaders in disaster management

## **RESILIENT**

Support women's networks to organise women leaders, activists and organisations in order to devise and communicate key recommendations that will enhance women's leadership and resilience to ensure a gender inclusive humanitarian agenda

FemLINKpacific is a feminist media organisation founded on fundamental and universally recognized human rights and freedoms, specifically the principle that all persons, especially women, should be treated equally regardless of actual or supposed personal characteristics including (but not limited to) gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, primary language, disability, economic status, family status or opinion

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