

TUVALU WOMEN FOR CHANGE 44TH PRE-SESSIONS

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TUVALU WOMEN FOR CHANGE WHO WE ARE?

- ESTABLISHED IN 2019, REGISTERED 2020;
- HUMAN RIGHTS AND FEMINIST BASED ORGANISATION;
- PURPOSE: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT BUILDING RESILIENT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN TUVALU

FOCUS THEMES

- 1. NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION/OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
- 2. WOMEN'S RIGHTS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BACKGROUND- RECOMMENDATIONS

- NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION

1ST CYCLE (2008-2012) 51 RECS	2ND CYCLE (2012- 2016) 96 RECS	3RD CYCLE (2017- 2021) 134 RECS
6	5	10
ALL SUPPORTED	4-SUPPORTED, 1- NOTED	ALL SUPPORTED

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/WOMEN'S RIGHTS (1ST & 2ND)

1ST CYCLE (2008-2012)	2ND CYCLE (2012- 2016)	3RD CYCLE (2017- 2021)
4	12	16
3-SUPPORTED, 1-NOTED	ALL SUPPORTED	ALL SUPPORTED

I. NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION/OMBUDSMAN

I.1 3RD CYCLE

- 134 RECOMMENDATIONS (10 RELEVANT REC: ALL SUPPORTED BY TUVALU)
- MEMBER STATES RECOMMENDED:
 - ❖ **ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARIS PRINCIPLES** (UKRAINE, INDONESIA, PORTUGAL, GHANA, NEPAL, SPAIN, TURKEY);
 - ❖ **ESTABLISH OMBUDSMAN TO LOOK AT COMPLAINTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY STATE AGENTS;**
 - ❖ **IMPLEMENT NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION ACT 2017 & NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN.**

I.2 CURRENT STATUS

2022-PRESENT

- OFFICE NOT IN OPERATION;
- INVESTIGATORS MOVED TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL- NO INDEPENDENCE FROM THE GOVT;
- NO EXISTING BODY TO DEAL WITH;
 - * LEADERS/STATE AGENTS CORRUPTIONS;
 - * HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT;
- IMPLEMENT NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION ACT 2017 ON HOLD
- ASSESS AND REVIEW THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN ON HOLD

I.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. APPOINT IMMEDIATELY THE CHIEF OMBUDSMAN OR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT COMMISSIONER AND ALL STATUTORY POSITIONS IN THE RELEVANT LEGISLATIONS.
2. INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ALSO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION AND OMBUDSMAN OFFICE

2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

2.1 3RD CYCLE - 16 RECOMMENDATIONS- ALL SUPPORTED BY TUVALU

➤ MEMBER STATES RECOMMENDED:

- ❖ TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS AND COMBACT ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMRN AND GIRLS (AUSTRALIA, SPAIN);
- ❖ PRIORITIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY PROTECTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT OF 2014 (SINGAPORE, NETHERLAND).

2.2 CURRENT STATUS

- 2021 OFFICIAL STATS: 1 IN 2 WOMEN (AGE 15-49) FACED SOME FORM OF DV
- COMMEND TO MOVEMENT IN CIVIL SOCIETY SECTOR TO ADDRESS-
 - * FAKA-LAAFIGA NETWORK(13 NGOS);
 - * INCREASE NUMBER OF COUNSELLORS (GENERAL & DV) INCREASES
- MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE AND GENDER AFFAIRS
 - * REFERRAL PATHWAY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CHILD PROTECTON;
- NO PROPER SYSTEM IN PLACE
 - ONLY ONE SAFE HOUSE- ALWAYS UNAVAILABLE;
 - DV FUND: NOT EASILY ACCESS;
- MORE EFFORTS TO WORK AND COMPLEMENT THE WORKS OF THE CSOS IN THIS AREA



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. STRENGTHEN COOPERATION, EFFORTS, FINANCING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION TO COMPLEMENT AND STRENGTHEN THEIR MOVEMENTS AND EFFORTS ON THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

2. PRIORITIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY PROTECTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT 2014 AND ELIMINATE PROVISIONS WHICH RENDER IT DIFFICULT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELLORS TO WORK WITH THE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.