Strengthening Gender & Social Inclusion in the Pacific: 22 July 2022

Gender Responsive Budgeting Experience

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Gender-based violence is a major obstacle to the fulfilment of women and girls’ human rights AND to the achievement of the Agenda for Sustainable Development.
Context: GRB National Initiative:

- **Joint global EU & UN Spotlight Initiative to eliminate** violence against women and girls and Harmful practices, unprecedented **investment in Gender Equality, a precondition for SDGs.**

- Samoa Survey recommendation – **Increase government spending and accountability to address family violence, DV.**

- DV laws and policies requires **resource, capacity and leadership** support to better address it in government development plans.

- **Gender Responsive Budgeting, long term goal for increasing resources** on Ending Violence and Gender Equality commitments.
National commitment

GRB becomes a sector wide priority

National & International commitments to Gender Equality

GRB requires effective multisectoral coordination & partnerships

Guiding Principles: Be informed by context, Inclusive, gender transformative, do no harm and Leave no one behind!
Contextualized Interventions:

1. Hired Technical Experts

2. Meetings GRB Think Tank to Co Create Initiative

3. Contextualized tools & materials
   - GRB NOT AN ADDED RESPONSIBILITY
   - ENGAGE CSOs, Women’s Groups

4. Trainings & Capacity Building
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RESULTS:
Available Resources
Challenges

GBV & GE seen as a women’s issue

GRB seen as an added responsibility

Streamlining with other GRB efforts in progress
Future Pathway...

• CANNOT STOP NOW! Continue Advocacy & Policy conversations

• Collective partnerships, political leadership and technical /financial support.

• Implement GESI Recommendations- Join the movement

• Integration Programming

• Impact of GRB measured by the Samoan women and girls.
Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today.