

The Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management – Concept Note

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Session number and title:

No. 4 b “Protection, Gender and Human rights in resilient development”

Date and time: Tuesday 25th October 9 a.m.

Length of session: 1.5 hours

List of Speakers:

- Ravulo Naulumatua, Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Fiji
- Sam Kaiapam, Ministry of Justice and Community Services, Vanuatu
- Samuela Pohiva, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Tonga
- Lu'isa Manu'ofetoa, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Tonga

Objectives:

- De-mystify protection, gender and human rights in the context of climate change and disasters;
- Enhance understanding of the centrality of protection in risk reduction and resilient development in the Pacific (in relation to FRDP guiding principle 3)
- Participants have an increased understanding of the gender and social dimensions of risk which contribute to certain people being disproportionately impacted by climate change and disasters; and
- Participants are willing to commit to concrete actions to support implementation of the centrality of protection when operationalising the FRDP and SFDRR

Specific outcomes of the session will include the development of a voluntary pledge to action and corresponding recommendations.

Background:

The ProPa Network

The ProPa (Protection in the Pacific) network emerged out of a meeting between government representatives of the ‘gender and protection’ humanitarian clusters from Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Tonga, jointly supported by the UNDP Pacific Risk Resilience Programme (PRRP) and UN

Women. The network is a unique collaboration of government officials from the Pacific Islands who are tasked with advancing gender and protection issues in their countries.

ProPa has grown into an international forum which convenes to collaborate on a Pacific-wide regional level, exploring common issues and defining coherent messages on gender and protection, particularly in relation to climate change and disasters, but also in the wider terms of resilient development.

GDRR conference

ProPa representatives attended and presented at a recent conference on Gender Equality and Disaster Risk Reduction held 16-18 May 2016 by UN Women and the Government of Vietnam in collaboration with UNISDR and UNDP with funding from the Government of Japan. It set out to define a pathway to ensure implementation of the Sendai Framework, in particular in relation to one of the guiding principles:

“a gender, age, disability and cultural perspective should be integrated in all policies and practices” and “women and their participation are critical to effectively managing disaster risk and designing, resourcing and implementing gender-sensitive disaster risk reduction policies, plans and programmes...”.

The Conference concluded with clear recommendations for action aligned with the Sendai Framework’s four Priorities for Action.

Resilient development

ProPa emphasises that the protection of core human rights (life, safety, dignity, and non-discrimination) must be central to all actions related to climate change and disasters. This is reflected in the guiding principles of the recently endorsed Framework for Resilient Development (FRDP), as well as in a number of priority actions outlined in the text of the document.

ProPa approach

As the Pacific seeks to roll out the FRDP and the SFDRR, ProPa reiterates the importance of identifying concrete actions to ensure protection is central going forward. The ProPa Network is committed to both (a) undertaking specific actions to enhance resilience as well as (b) providing practical assistance to all other stakeholders in efforts to adhere to the guiding principle of the FRSP and building resilience for those people disproportionately impacted by Climate Change and Disasters.

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