



Ending violence against children in the Pacific and Timor Leste



What is the 'value-add' of an Australian Coalition to End Violence against Children?

- A collective of child-focused agencies working across 'the Pacific' (15 countries – PNG, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Timor Leste, Tuvalu, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Marshall Islands, Cook Islands)
- Same drivers of advocacy – government budget to increase spending on EVAC, enhance commitment to data collection, utilize INSPIRE model, proactively include the voice of children.
- Develop a national advocacy and communications plan whereby ChildFund, PLAN, World Vision and Save The Children 'Australia' can approach Australian Government and Pacific Governments.

Key Messages

- **NO** systematic tracking mechanism to identify what spending is targeted at ending violence against children (EVAC)
- Level of violent discipline in the home is high across the region ranging between **70-87%**
- Key Drivers of Violence in the Pacific and Timor Leste
- What is the Australian government's total expenditure on EVAC through its ODA (2014-2017)?
- What portion of Australian Government and other donor expenditure (top 10) is spent on EVAC programs in 14 Pacific countries and Timor Leste

Program examples for all organisations

- **ChildFund PNG** – Justice for All – EVAC program and its successful influence on child protection legislation
- **PLAN International** – Timor Leste Equal Playing Fields for Schools Program – respectful relationships and sports model.
- **Save The Children** – Solomon Islands Child Trafficking project
- **World Vision** – Vanuatu Reducing GBV Channels of Hope

Key Asks

- **Key Recommendations**

1. **Increased Funding:** Commit at least 5 percent of ODA to EVAC specific initiatives
2. **Measuring EVAC:** development of an 'ending violence against children' policy marker by donor countries to enable the tracking and reporting of expenditure
3. **Policy Platform:** put children at the centre of development by establishing a unit to oversee the mainstreaming of children's rights across all thematic areas of its development cooperation program and to account for and help to track DFAT's spend on children..
4. **Adopt a child rights focus within existing gender programs and greater interconnectivity between programs:** between domestic violence, gender-based violence, gender equality and EVAC programs

Agreed Actions

National

- Co-brand Joint launch 3rd June (elections)
- Media liaison across agencies to leverage contacts and co-ordinate human case-studies for high-profile media release.
- CEO liaison across agencies to determine government advocacy approach

International/Global

- STC/WorldVision/ChildFund Secretariat liaison in NY to aim for side-event at HLPF with report.
- Bi-lateral 'Post' engagement with VNR governments and Australian representatives.
- Explore GPeV interest in report and research

Questions?

