



# DECLARATION OF PARTNERSHIP



between the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence programme (PPDVP) and the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP)

American Samoa  

Australia  

Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas  

Cook Islands  

Federated States of Micronesia  

French Polynesia  

Guam  

Kiribati  

Republic of the Marshall Islands  

Nauru  

Domestic violence is a serious violation of human rights most often affecting women. Research undertaken in the Pacific indicates that, as in other parts of the world, a large proportion of women are affected by domestic violence. Domestic violence is often seen as a private matter between domestic partners and not viewed as a crime in many Pacific communities. As a consequence, there is known to be a high level of underreporting.

Family and domestic violence covers a broad range violence and controlling behaviours, commonly of a physical, sexual, and/or psychological nature which typically involve fear, intimidation and emotional deprivation.

We express profound concern of the impact of domestic violence has on the victims and on their families.

We recognize the need to strengthen leadership within the Police for an effective Police, Community and Non Government response to Domestic Violence at country level, and across the Pacific.

We agree that we must act collectively to tackle Domestic Violence through a deepening of coordination, cooperation and partnership, especially within our own communities and across Government.

We emphasise that the Police can and should play a leading role in bringing change to our communities and to recognize that “Domestic Violence is Crime” and we therefore commit ourselves to effectively deal with these crimes in our communities.

In signing this Declaration of Partnership, PPDVP and the PICP Member Police Services agree to work together towards achieving the following strategies to mitigate the impact of Domestic Violence in the Pacific.

The PPDVP applies four key strategies.

- 1 Regional Co-ordination and Benchmarking**  
Strategic activities, standardising, benchmarking and co-ordinating activities across the Pacific region. The aim of this strategy is to develop a standard pacific police model for policing Domestic Violence in the Pacific.
- 2 Police Capability, Capacity, Process and Relationship Building**  
Activities that support building Police Domestic Violence Capability, Capacity, Processes and Relationships.
- 3 Strengthening Government Policy and Legislative; Whole of Government approach to Domestic Violence**  
Activities that support government Domestic Violence policy and legislative development and joined up Government approach to Domestic Violence.
- 4 Influencing Social Change**  
As the Programme develops the focus of change will move outward from Police, Government and NGOs to Community and Society. These activities support wider change within countries.

We commit ourselves to closely monitor and support the activities of the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme (PPDVP) within our Police Services and across the Pacific.

New Caledonia  

New Zealand  

Niue  

Papua New Guinea  

Republic of Palau  

Samoa  

Solomon Islands  

Tonga  

Tuvalu  

Vanuatu  

Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP)





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Signed at Wellington, New Zealand on October 11th, 2007  
“A SAFER PACIFIC FREE FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”