



PPDVP Conference

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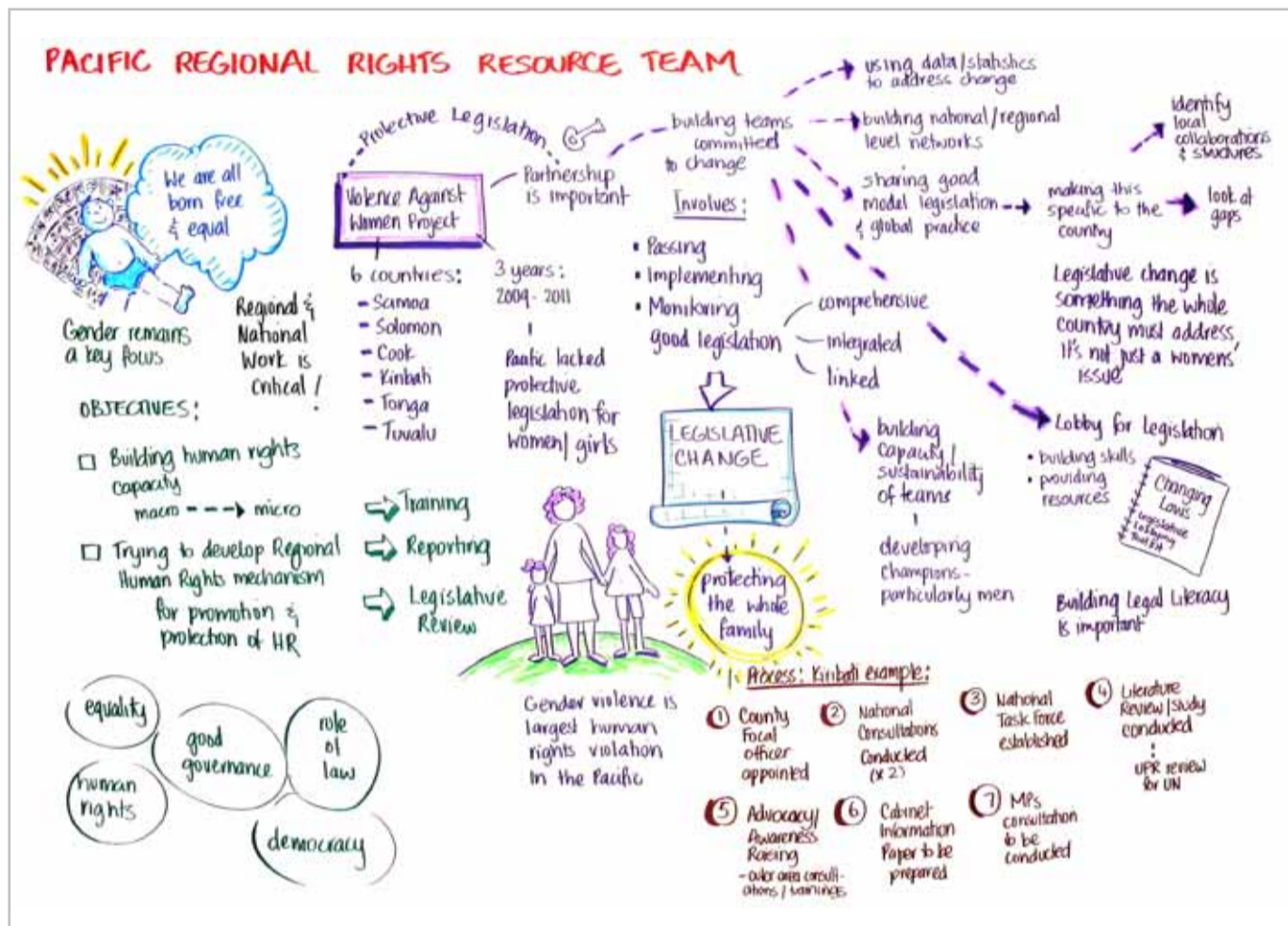
A change of focus

The regional conference moved on from identifying the best practices and skills developed through the excellent country presentations over the first two days.

Sharing information and working together is a key step in our processes. PPDVP has a strategic partnership with the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) both at a management level for the programme as well as working together to develop legislation to protect families. Having an understanding of the roles that RRRT serve across the region and in country helped to inform all of the participants and led to a useful exchange of ideas.

During the day we examined many angles on sharing information and these sessions tomorrow will lead on to profiling of offenders, which is again led by sharing information from many sources - police, NGO's and agencies - all have a role.

Mr Cam



Mentor's View



Day three began with Gina Hough Lee from the RRRT speaking of the progress that they are making around legislative changes. RRRT focus on 9 countries in the Pacific, with an objective, to build human rights capacity.

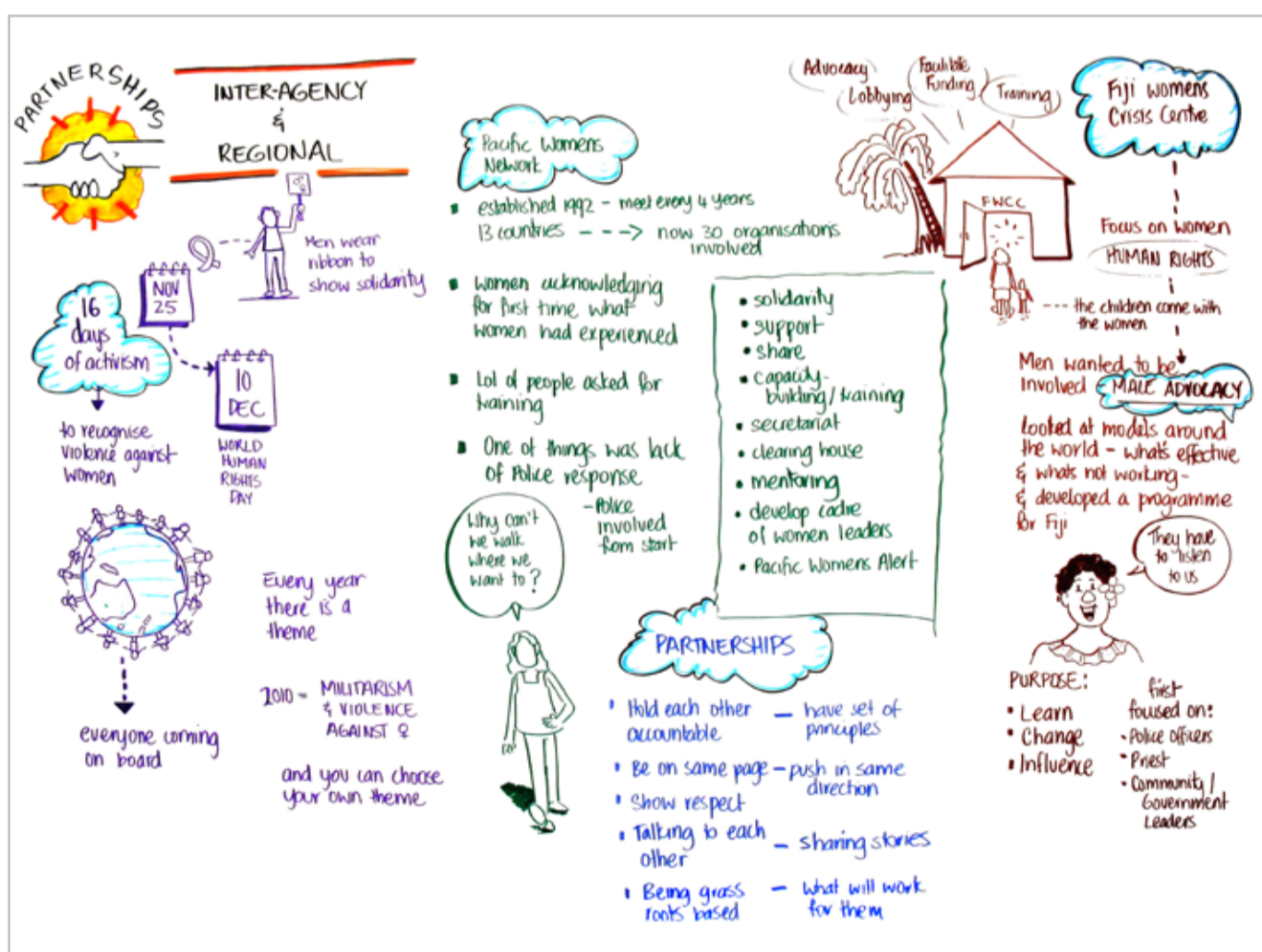
Gina informed us of how RRRT went about achieving this objective. What was evident in the discussions was the contact that Police and NGO's had with RRRT staff and how a lot of work had already been carried out in the area of legislative changes and that Vanuatu had been successful in getting legislation passed.

After a nice morning tea we had Mr Jim's Brainwave Trust presentation. This was an interesting presentation which brings home to all of us the importance of the development of our children between the ages of 0 - 3 years.

I think, as we sat their listening to him, it made us think about what we could and should have done better with our own children. I believe that if most parents saw this presentation they would think twice about how they were bringing up their children and what is important in life.

After lunch we spent the afternoon in a workshop discussing the benefits of partnerships. It was really nice to hear much laughter in the room and the participation from everyone.

Senior Sergeant Sue O'Neil, Nauru Mentor



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Mr Jim's presentation was both exciting and disturbing for me. I could not help thinking back to the time of my children and what I did or did not do at that time. Oh to have that time again!

Then I thought of my childhood and what happened to me. Heaps to reflect on there! However, truly important message for working in the area of domestic violence is that damage that can be done to babies and infants as a result of stress and abuse in the family. The offender may never physically hit his children but they are absorbing everything he is doing to their mother and creating a new generation of offenders. That is scary and we need to do what ever we can to get the message out there.

Thanks Jim, an important presentation that can be adapted to each of our countries showing the importance of building good relationships with our babies. While this comes naturally for mothers, men need to know the importance of being a father to their babies as well.

Papa John



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