



# New brief explores social protection for women and girls in the Pacific and Timor-Leste

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## Partnerships for Social Protection

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The information on this page is called a **blog**.



A **blog** is information that is on the internet.



It includes the ideas and thoughts of the person who wrote the information.



This blog is called **New brief explores social protection for women and girls in the Pacific and Timor-Leste.**



You can also read this blog at this website <https://p4sp.org/resources/new-brief-explores-social-protection-for-women-and-girls-in-the-pacific-and-timor-leste/>

## How to read this blog



This blog is written in an easy to read way.



There will be some hard words.

We will write the hard words in **bold**.



We will explain what they mean.



You can ask someone to help you to read this blog.



When you see the words ‘we’, ‘our’, or ‘us’ it means **Partnerships for Social Protection**.

We also use the short name **P4SP**.



**P4SP** is a project by the Australian **government**.



**Government** means a group of people who make up the rules that everyone must follow.



P4SP makes social protection systems stronger in the **Pacific**.



**Pacific** means people who live on an **island** in the Pacific ocean.

An **island** is when there is water all the way around the land.

## How is social protection working for women and girls in the Pacific?



We wrote a new **brief**.

A **brief** is a short document that tells people about something.

Our brief is about **social protection** for women and girls in the Pacific.



**Social protection** means things that the government gives a person to



- have money to buy things like food



- do things like see a doctor



- recover when something that is not planned happens, like losing your job or being in a flood.



Pacific countries are learning more about the way women and girls get social protection.



Our brief looked at **242** documents.



**67** documents talked about women and social protection.



Only **7** documents were written by people in the Pacific.



We know that many people are already talking about women and social protection.



Countries with social protection think it is very important to help women.



These countries spend more money on social protection for women.

They know women need



- as much help as men



- more help in a **crisis**.

A **crisis** is a time when you need to do things quickly to stay safe.



We know that women do not get as much social protection help as men.



We learned that men get more jobs than women.

This means that women



- do not have as much money as men



- cannot get as much help as men.



More people are getting **old age pensions**.

An old age pension is money from the government to help older people pay for the things they need to live.



Pensions help older women



- have better social protection



- get help even if they have not worked.



In some places older people get support from



- the people around them



- their church or temple.



These are called **networks**.



Some networks help more than others.



Sometimes this support is different for women and men.



We heard that some communities did things in new and interesting ways when COVID-19 happened.

But sometimes bad things happen.



We heard that women in the Solomon Islands are sometimes **pressured** to give their money to other people.

**Pressure** is when someone tries to make you do something you might not want to do.

This makes it hard for women to



- save money



- start a business.

We need to learn more about social protection and supports for women in the Pacific and Timor-Leste.

We need to find out more about



- how social protection supports women and men differently



- how social protection can help people be ready for **disasters**.

**Disasters** are things like floods, droughts and cyclones.



We know that people from the Pacific understand their lives best.



This means they are the best people to write about how social protection can help them.



P4SP wants to see more people from the Pacific writing and talking about social protection.



We will work together to make social protection systems better.



## How to talk to us

Would you like to learn more?

Do you have any questions?

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