

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, 2007

ACTION 1E Encouraging men and boys to support women's equal participation in conflict prevention

It has become almost a truism that there can be no sustainable peace without the involvement of women. But there are many obstacles to women's full participation in peace processes. Because it is men who are predominantly involved in violent conflict, it is mostly men who are involved in peace talks, who have the greatest input into peace agreements and post-conflict reconstruction.

Security Council Resolution 1325

Australia has long recognised that support needs to be provided to allow women's participation at all levels of peace processes. One of the crucial avenues that the Australian aid program has pursued in this regard, is support for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. For example, we contributed from the outset to the cost of the Secretary-General's Report mandated by the resolution.

SCR 1325 is expressly aimed at increasing the participation of women in conflict resolution at decision making levels, including the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts. To achieve this, the predominantly male areas of UN and Regional Peacekeeping Operations and national policy makers need to be informed and persuaded of the need to involve women, from the beginning, in all levels of peace processes.

Pacific Islands Forum Regional Workshop

In 2006, we contributed towards the cost of a Pacific Islands Forum Regional Workshop on Gender, Conflict, Peace and Security. The workshop was attended by policy makers from all 16 Pacific Island Forum countries, including Australia and New Zealand, together with representatives from military and law enforcement agencies.

The primary purpose of the workshop was to raise awareness and understanding of gender issues in conflict, peace-building and security in the region in order to facilitate a shift towards more gender-responsive security frameworks at national and regional levels. The large number of recommendations from the workshop were presented to the Forum Regional Security Committee which recommended more follow-up work in the area of Gender Peace and Security, using the workshop outcomes as a guide.

FemLINKPACIFIC Regional Women's Publication and Website

We are also providing support to femLINKPACIFIC to produce and disseminate information in the form of a regional quarterly magazine, a monthly Enews bulletin and, through the development and management of femLINKPACIFIC's website to effectively enhance the advocacy and action towards the full implementation of SCR 1325. The project will enhance advocacy and lobby efforts with appropriate national

and regional decision-making bodies to ensure women's full participation in decision making, especially in relation to matters of peace and security.

Resolution 1325 for Policy Makers and NGOs

Through the International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) we are funding this two year project which aims to build on the outcomes of the Pacific Islands Forum Regional Workshop on Gender, Conflict, Peace and Security. The project will address the need for education and awareness raising on SCR 1325 for both civil society organisations and key policy makers. It will provide the opportunity to demonstrate the links between SCR 1325 and gender sensitive peace and security indicators, which will assist governments as they work towards the full implementation of the Resolution.

Mainstreaming Gender in Policy and Programmes to Prevent Violence and Conflict and Strengthen Post-Conflict Recovery in the Pacific Region

We are contributing towards the cost of this project, jointly managed by UNDP Pacific Centre and UNIFEM, and aimed at supporting the implementation of SCR 1325. The project will review existing research on violence reduction and conflict prevention from a gender perspective; undertake research in a number of Pacific countries to address gaps in existing knowledge on issues of violence and masculinities; and publish, disseminate and advocate for incorporation of the findings into work-plans and policies of relevant agencies and organisation throughout the Pacific region.



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"We exist to empower women and communities by giving them a voice to fully participate in decision making for equality, development and peace."

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Progress report: Support of the Implementation UN SC Resolution 1325 through the femLINKPACIFIC Regional Women's Publications and Website

Counterpart Organisations: Vois Blong Mere Solomon, Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency and Catholic Women's League Tonga
Period: April – July 2007

The following are the key activities and project related developments for this period:

- a) Participation in the regional human security consultations: femLINKPACIFIC had the opportunity to be a co-convenor of the UNDP Pacific Centre / Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) Women, Peace and Human Security consultation which was the first of a series of regional consultations in the lead up to the Forum Regional Security Committee (FRSC) meeting. This builds on our partnership with PIFS in 2006 to stage the Gender, Conflict, Peace and Security consultation and continues to serve as an important platform to bridge the gap between women peacebuilders and their policy level counterparts, especially as this also provides an important opportunity to strategically influence the FRSC agenda, and if nothing else engender policy counterparts who have the responsibility for the implementation of UNSCR 1325. As the co-convenor, femLINKPACIFIC was able to recommend and facilitates the participation of several women from our broad regional women, peace and security network including Betty Blake from Tonga, Helen Hakena from Bougainville (our core partners in this project), Suliana Siwatibau and Susana Evening. Unfortunately, the NGO representation for the Solomon Islands was offered to the National Council of Women, rather than our partner organization Vois Blong Mere Solomon, because of their involvement with the Pacific People Building Peace (CSO) network – but they were unable to attend and due to the delays in receiving a substantive reply, we were unable to facilitate the participation of VBMS. However, the views of the Solomon Island women were very ably represented by Ethel Sigimanu, who is also a member of the VBMS management and with her role now as Permanent Secretary for Women, we were all able to contribute to the substantive discussions and recommendations for the outcomes document. During the series of consultations, femLINKPACIFIC was able to demonstrate our "1325 regional media network" through the compilation of a power point presentation drawing on documentation and information sourced through our network which was titled, "My Life, My Issues, My Peace". Furthermore, during the consultation, with assistance from Mr. Garry Wiseman of the UNDP Pacific Centre, as well as Ms Gina Torrey, our counterpart from the NGO working group on Women, Peace and Security in (UN) New York, femLINKPACIFIC's Coordinator as well as other Fiji women at the WPHS were able to participate in a teleconference with the visiting UN

Secretary General's fact finding mission to Fiji. A follow up face to face meeting with one of the representatives of the mission also took place in Nadi.

The establishment of the regional Women, Peace and Human Security network, which as agreed during the final stages of the WPHS consultation will be based at PIFS is presently being further developed in consultation with the Gender Issues Officer of PIFS (femLINKPACIFIC's counterpart during this process). We have been informed by the UNDP Pacific Centre that PIFS/femLINKPACIFIC need to submit a "bid" for this network. This is a little confusing, given that it was the initial partnership between PIFS/femLINKPACIFIC which gave rise to this process (2006) however, we will persevere as it will not only support our "1325" network, but also because we recognize the critical benefit of this regional policy level partnership in order to continue to engage with the FRSC in the lead up to the annual Pacific Leaders Forum. Such a partnership, also, would not require us to expedite or fast-track any accreditation processes with PIFS, as such an arrangement recognised as a substantive working partnership between femLINKPACIFIC – on behalf of our network members, and PIFS.

It is envisaged that the WPHS network will undertake the following key activities:

- a) facilitate dialogue between the women's NGO members and PIFS on matters relating to regional security, including the implementation of UNSCr1325 and other key policy commitments such as the Pacific Plan
- b) facilitate the staging of the annual WPHS consultation as a critical pre FRSC platform for dialogue between Pacific government representatives from Ministries of Foreign Affairs and national women's machineries, as well as women's NGOs working on peace and security
- c) facilitate the staging of annual Track II dialogue with FRSC officials, including negotiating with PIFS for observer status during the annual FRSC meeting
- d) enable joint participation between officials and women's NGOs at annual PFL meetings to continue the policy based networking partnership
- e) This network would also implement outcomes of both the 2006 and 2007 consultations, with special attention being given to the development of the database of women experts as well as ensuring equal participation and contribution of women's peacebuilders in the development of the regional EW system/network
- f) femLINKPACIFIC, with its strategic location and partnership to date with PIFS will continue to serve as the NGO coordinator for this network

It should be noted that in addition to the regional media project, AUSAID is also funding the regional "Peace Talks" training project (through the International Women's Development Agency) which involves femLINKPACIFIC and the 3 country partners, which will further serve as an NGO contribution to this network, and serve to develop a national framework for the implementation of outcomes, recommendations and commitments to ensuring gender equality in matters relating to peace and security in these 4 countries.

In the last month (June 19, 2007) femLINKPACIFIC Coordinator, Helen Hakena and Susana Evening were able to represent the Women, Peace and Human Security network members to the first Track II dialogue with FRSC officials in

Nadi. UNDP Pacific Centre funded our participation, and we were able to have a free and open dialogue with the officials at the meeting, including providing important information about the efforts of women to enhance peace and security, as we chose the Chatham House rules for the meeting. Furthermore, the following day Hakena and I were featured in a substantive On the Mat interview with the Geraldine Coutts of Radio Australia Pacific Service; this was a further mainstream media demonstration of our women's media network at work.

- b) Website launch: femLINKPACIFIC utilized the opportunity of the WPHS consultation to stage the launch of the website, with the theme. "My Life, My Issues, My Peace from my community to the world" and we were thrilled that Barbara O'Dwyer was able to represent the Australian Government at the launch and it was also an opportunity for our partners – Helen Hakena, Betty Blake and Ethel Sigimanu to speak about and reaffirm our regional media network; The event received national newspaper coverage in the Fiji Times.
- c) Administration hurdles: As reported to Ms O'Dwyer during our meeting in Nadi, femLINKPACIFIC has faced some administration hurdles in the initial stages of the implementation of this regional network in particular we found that there was a shortage in the initial transmission of funds to our 3 partners. This is one of the realities of our growing organization. Without consistent funding, femLINKPACIFIC's implementation team to date, have been volunteers. femLINKPACIFIC was also providing hands on and practical training to a young university student who was also studying accounting part-time at the University of the South Pacific, with the view to her becoming a fulltime project administration officer. However, due to her own personal issues, which affected her work, this affected our administration operations, including the management of project accounts. Subsequently, with the injection of a AUSAID core funding grant from the civil society support programme, we will be able to consolidate and strengthen our community media centre operations with a specific focus on project administration. We are presently awaiting the formal notification from our counterparts (these documents have been taken back by the correspondents in the last week) to then be in a position to facilitate the payment of the outstanding balance from the first transmission of funds. However, to supplement this oversight, the 3rd transmission of funds has been undertaken in the last week. Furthermore, it has been found, that while our bank, Colonial National Bank transmits funds to each country within 24 hours, the delay of funds being credited to each project account is beyond our control and each project partner needs to follow up with their local bank as soon as we notify them that the TT has been dispatched. For project funds management it is also crucial that the project partners send us their receipt of funds notification forms.
- d) Media Initiatives: Following the regional WPHS consultation, production began on the first edition of the regional magazine. Distribution to our regional partners and mainstream media organisations in Fiji, including regional media agencies, has also been undertaken. The magazines are being sent to each partner via courier for local distribution as this is the most cost effective way to deliver the publications directly to each project partner's office. ENews bulletins continue to be produced on a monthly basis, sometimes delays are caused when articles are not submitted to the Coordinator by the

10th of each month, so that the bulletins are produced and distributed by the 15th.

Regional and National Media advocacy alerts are also being produced based on the ongoing regional news monitoring (through publications as well as listening to the Radio Australia Pacific Service at the CMC which enables femLINKPACIFIC to monitor news coverage about each of our project partner countries) as well as when alerts are received directly from each partner. However, greater emphasis needs to be placed on this aspect of our work, especially to provide a women's/feminist/UNSCr 1325 perspective on emerging issues of concern to the network partners.

- e) Assignment in Solomon Islands: femLINKPACIFIC Coordinator accessed the funds available for regional networking (Start UP funds) to undertake an in-country visit to the Solomon Islands, in the lead up to the staging of the annual conference of the Pacific Islands News Association. This was an opportunity to convey the outcomes of the WPHS meeting to our project partner, as well as provide hands-on training with our correspondent at VBMS, and also undertake a consultation with a broader range of key women's NGO partners, to explain this project together with plans for the implementation of the "Peace Talks" project. The consultation received positive press and television news coverage, which reaffirmed another of our objectives to facilitate mainstream media coverage of women working for the implementation of UNSCr 1325, and the presentation at the consultation, was also welcomed by the women's groups present who are the sources of information for our correspondent.

While a number of officials were unable to meet their commitment to their scheduled meetings, femLINKPACIFIC's Coordinator was able to have informal discussions around the PINA conference with the Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Jerry Manele) as well as the PR for RAMSI, Mary Louise O'Callaghan.

A reality for our in-country work is given that we are working on peace and security issues, amidst political realities which do change sometimes within 24 hours, we have to be able to be flexible as well as continue to strengthen our media and policy advocacy initiatives on the ground.

The Solomon Islands assignment culminated with the facilitation of a pre PINA workshop addressing the status of women in the media, and all VBMS staff were full and active participants in this workshop, which also endorsed the need for more formal recognition of women's media NGOs, by mainstream media counterparts, especially to enable the advancement of gender equality commitments, such as Section J of the Beijing Platform for Action.

- f) Coverage of SPC Triennial meeting; facilitation of workshops: femLINKPACIFIC's Coordinator once again provided comprehensive women's media coverage of the daily events of the Triennial meeting at the SPC Headquarters in Noumea. The only other member of our network in attendance at the Triennial was Betty Blake of Tonga, who participated in a plenary presentation to the officials meeting, and attended the WPS 1325 workshop convened by IWDA and which femLINKPACIFIC's Coordinator was a key contributor. The Triennial was also used as the platform to launch the policy publication of the regional "Peace Talks" brochure for policy makers. This brochure, succinctly provides a practical implementation guideline for pacific policy makers has been featured in our recent enews, as well as distributed to FRSC officials in Nadi.

g) Resignation of the volunteer sub editor: The part time volunteer initially recruited for this position tendered her resignation in early June. There had been concern raised by the Coordinator of her unavailability at the CMC for the editorial follow ups and other regular updates. Rather than recruiting an additional volunteer, and given that femLINKPACIFIC is in a consolidation stage, the position and responsibilities of the Sub Editor, will be merged with the position of the Technical Producer – which is earmarked for Fane Lomani, who has been a CMC based media trainee and a volunteer with a consistent record and commitment to the organization, since 2005. The Coordinator will continue serving as Editor in Chief/Publisher of our media initiatives, and the Technical Producer will be responsible for the production of audio segments which will be up linked to our website as well as website management; she will also assist the Coordinator in print and electronic media production. The funds presently designated for the position of the Sub Editor will be realigned to her salary.

We have just completed an intensive training with our service provider Connect Fiji for Fane, which has provided her with the basics to commence an urgent update of our website, including ensuring that the material published in the hard copy of femTALK 1325 is repackaged and made available on the website.

To support our rural, regional as well as CMC-based media operations, with assistance from the Canada Fund, femLINKPACIFIC is developing a correspondent's manual/handbook which will be published by the end of this year. This will also provide a more clear and manageable media operations and administration system for the overall organization.

h) Attachment at the CMC of the 3 regional correspondents: Following discussions with the heads of our regional partners (Hakena and Blake) during the WPHS Consultation, it was agreed that rather than the femLINKPACIFIC Coordinator undertake in-country assignments with each organization, it would be more beneficial that the 3 correspondents undertake an attachment at the CMC, coinciding with the SI correspondent's attendance at a review/planning meeting for our NZAID funded Community Empowerment/Community Radio project, during the first week of July. The correspondents were all accommodated together at the Peninsula Hotel, and while Vanessa Heleta (Tonga) was able to be in Fiji for two weeks, enabling her to also observe the NZAID project review, Louise Anne Laris was in the country for only a week. The following has been compiled in consultation with the correspondents

- The attachment was an opportunity for the correspondents to collectively understand the work of the organization (please see the correspondents stories about their attachment in our latest eNews)
- For Lisa Horiwapu, this was her second visit to the CMC and she has also worked on assignment with the Coordinator in Honiara, so it was also an opportunity to see how the rural correspondents work while also meeting and working with her regional counterparts. She has been reassured also, with the opportunity to interact with femLINKPACIFIC's rural correspondents during the NZAID consultation that for all of us, our work is about a process towards the documentation, which includes gaining trust of the women and communities we wish to document; to learn how

to manage and cope with sensitive issues, and that that like in the Solomon Islands the physical barriers to women's participation in decision making, in even being accessible and available for interviews, and therefore their real human security issues remain infrastructure. Lisa also noted that work in the community level must adapt to the situations/realities including traditional practices of each community, and as community media practitioners, it is important that we adapt to the communities, especially as this is about respect and building trust and empathy for their situation, it helps us then gain their trust to document their issues: "We are there to listen to them and not to 'brainwash' them or impose our own personal ideas"

- The correspondents participated in the weekly silent "Blue Ribbon" Peace Vigil, which as Vanessa noted, gave them greater insight into this initiative as not only a peace activity but also as a personal strengthening process, "...it is a good time for silent reflection on our own work as part of being part of a bigger network of women peacebuilders – even though we are working on women's media initiatives it is also a link between the type of issues we are covering and it is also about being part of a collective process of women trying to make a difference." It also helped the correspondents understand the history of femLINKPACIFIC.
- All the participants were able to participate in the weekend community radio broadcasts. This they reaffirmed as a practical women's media tool (the suitcase radio) and also that as women's media we are relating the stories of women who are ignored by the mainstream media, as Louise Anne noted, this is also an important learning process for the broadcast volunteers (because as the interviews are played) "we are also learning from what the other women are saying"

Attachment Activities:

- a) Media Monitoring: Each day at the CMC began with media monitoring, in order to encourage the correspondents to take a more systematic approach to reviewing mainstream media publications. This was very new for each correspondent, but has enabled them to recognize the importance of media monitoring. As femLINKPACIFIC is the regional counterpart for the Global Media Monitoring Project coordinated by the World Association of Christian Communicators, our 3 regional and 3 rural correspondents, as well as our Policy/Research assistant will be participating in an upcoming Media Advocacy training in Nadi (October 2007). All the correspondents agreed that there is a need to be more systematic in media monitoring, as Vanessa pointed out, she will now buy all the newspapers in Tonga to read coverage on current issues, and Lisa pointed out that VBMS also needs to purchase the other news publications available in Honiara. Likewise, this is a similar need for LNWD. It has therefore been agreed that the regional correspondents will utilize some of their communications allowance to purchase their newspapers and that a budget for their media monitoring be incorporated into the budget for Year 2 and femLINKPACIFIC will request for a more substantive media monitoring budget for Year 2 including subscription to Islands Business Magazine for the 3 counterpart organisations also.
- b) A working exercise reviewing the regional and Fiji 1325 translations was undertaken. This enabled the femLINKPACIFIC Coordinator to develop the

first outline for our regional publication for this project, as well as resulted in the first time stories in PNG Pidgin and Tongan language about "1325" being featured in one of our initiatives. This exercise provided an critical opportunity for discussion about 1325 and its relevance not only to our project, but also to the work of each organization. As Vanessa noted, while Tonga has yet to ratify CEDAW, 1325 serves as an important international commitment to gender equality, especially within the current political situation in Tonga. Lisa also noted that this was the first time an important document was being translated for Solomon Islands women, and Louise Anne noted the same. While initial translations commissioned by femLINKPACIFIC through the Pacific Theological College provides some initial information for the correspondents to take home, it was agreed that each correspondent would commit to the completion of 1325 by the end of August and femLINKPACIFIC would commit to the payment of an additional \$250Fijian from the publication costs for this additional assignment. This would then enable femLINKPACIFIC and the regional correspondents to finalize the publication outline during the September regional project meeting in Nadi.

In addition to the 1325 translation work, the correspondents and the Coordinator worked together to develop the layout of the second edition of femTALK 1325, and a production deadline for all articles were agreed to; the correspondents also had an opportunity to review back issues of femTALK 1325, as well as write and contribute to the eNews publication, and to understand our production process and therefore the need to meet deadlines. It was also agreed that the correspondents and the Coordinator would have regular Skype editorial meetings and discussion as a way to render further assistance for the development of interviews and stories.

- c) The correspondents and the Technical Producer (CMC trainee Fane) together with the Coordinator undertook a joint field assignment to a Solomon Island community at the Marata Settlement. It was a practical opportunity to work together to see how we are empowering women to tell their stories. It was also an opportunity for the Coordinator to demonstrate interview techniques/process which requires us to first listen to the women's stories/take notes and then record interview. This helped the correspondents realize the need to factor time for preparation and setting up the interview, within their workplans and that it can take a few hours just to conduct 1 interview. It was also noted by the correspondents that there were no surprises about the issues: "Once again we were faced with the realities of a semi urban settlement; the woman was politically aware; they remembered the consecutive political promises made to her people; Education, infrastructure as well as the desire to improve their own lives were important issues raised," Vanessa noted.
- d) The attachment also enabled us to address administration issues as we prepared and transmitted the third tranche of funds to each project partner's account. Other details regarding project administration have been addressed in an earlier portion of this report. The correspondents and Coordinator

e) The correspondents participated in a number of meetings either organized by or which femLINKPACIFIC was invited to, which enabled them to once again understand the role of women's media advocacy:

- i) The recently appointed Conflict Prevention officer of PIFS, Iris Welders visited the CMC and this meant that the correspondents were demonstrated the role that femLINKPACIFIC plays in regional advocacy, while we were also able to demonstrate to Iris, our existing regional media network.
- ii) We also all attended the NGO CEDAW COMMITTEE meeting at the Fiji Women's Rights Movement, which was a positive demonstration of women's NGOs working together and a focused discussion on how each women's NGO can contribute to a collective process, including making the linkages with the documentation based information sourced from our media initiatives
- iii) We also attended a National Women's Plan of Action meeting convened by the Director of Women. This was a further demonstration of how femLINKPACIFIC is working at national policy level, given the political realities in Fiji, to channel information sourced through our women's media initiatives. The correspondents warmed to the Director of Women, who they felt exemplified the type of government person they would like to be able to work with. We were, however, also reminded of the gap within the broader women's movement.
- iv) We all attended the first steering meeting convened by PIANGO towards the staging of the CSO FORUM in Tonga. We all became aware of the politics of regional NGOs and unfortunately, we once again experienced the negativity of PACFAW towards our work. This meeting also made us a little unsure about whether other PRNGOS understand our role as an evolving women's media and advocacy network; We recognised the opportunity to engage with the CSO Forum especially to address and highlight outcomes of the WPHS consultation, and we also agreed that are willing to engage with us – we can certainly participate in this process to be able to incorporate our WPHS information into the Human Security aspects but a priority for participation would be to provide women's media coverage for content for our magazine. We all agreed that femLINKPACIFIC would write to the steering committee to reiterate the role of our women's media network and also contribute to the WPHS aspect of the CSO forum, drawn from our previous work together. Our attendance at the CSO Forum was also dependent on the availability of funds.

(f) Planning commenced for a series of regional consultations, including our own regional media project consultation:

Friday 31 August femLINKPACIFIC regional partners and rural correspondents arrive

Saturday 01 and Sunday 02 August: The project activity includes: reviewing and adopting the final draft of the correspondents manual; Practical skills training for correspondents on interview techniques, drafting/writing stories etc for femLINKPACIFIC media advocacy (eNews, magazine, website etc)

Regional Media / Regional 1325 implementation consultation:

Monday 03, Tuesday 04

- a) Understanding early warning indicators; what are gender indicators of early warning indicators (UNDP expert)
- b) How do we incorporate early warning indicators into our work (Facilitator/Trainer provides media based response especially for the correspondents and project partners)
- c) Developing and building profiles of women peacebuilders through our work to feature in our media initiatives - what do we need to be informing policy makers / our Ministries of Foreign Affairs so that more women are appointed as envoys and experts at national and regional/international level (linked into outcomes of the 2006/7 peace and security meetings) - (Facilitator/Trainer leads a media strategy development session with PIFS/UNDP to improve the correspondents understanding of the structure and content issues)
- d) Planning for pre FRSC advocacy campaign 2008 (Discussion with femLINKPACIFIC/project partners with PIFS/UNDP)

Wednesday 05 September

- e) Reviewing the draft TOT manual for Peace Talks (1325) training project in conjunction with IWDA; developing an draft implementation plan for in-country workshops (Discussion with femLINKPACIFIC/project partners and IWDA)

Thursday 06 September: Project discussions between femLINKPACIFIC and project partners on the regional media project - review and adopt the draft report including recommendations for 2008 activities

Friday 07 September departures commence

- **Participation at the regional WACC Media advocacy training**

Regional and rural correspondents arrive by Sunday 22 October (Nadi)
3 day training on media advocacy and media monitoring Mon 23, Tues 24, Wed 25
Participants commence departure Thursday 26 October according to flight schedules

- f) The attachment concluded with the following priorities agreed to:
 - i) All correspondents will work to meet the monthly eNews deadlines being the 10th of every month
 - ii) Skype discussions will be undertaken for the planning of the regional magazine content
 - iii) The publication of the correspondents manual will be of great benefit to all of femLINKPACIFIC's correspondents
 - iv) In drafting the project budget for Year 2, we would like to:
 - Strengthen our technical resources; Regional correspondents would like to replicate the model of femLINKPACIFIC's rural correspondents and have requested the supply of 3 additional tape recorders as well as a supply of 36 x 90 minute audio tapes and battery supply, so that they can dispatch their own local correspondents into the field

- Incorporate joint media initiatives/women's media coverage in Year 2 for the capacity building of the correspondents with the femLINKPACIFIC Coordinator:
 1. To provide women's media coverage of the 2008 elections in Tonga; This will not only be a joint media exercise, but also add to the women's media initiatives covered already undertaken during elections in the regional media project countries - Bougainville, Solomons
 2. To provide women's media coverage Pacific Women's Forum (April 2008) in Nadi
- Incorporate a media monitoring budget for each organization for next year - including subscription to Islands Business for each organization to receive these important resources
- femLINKPACIFIC to continue to pursue discussions with the University of Fiji about which would enable the institutionalization of our collective efforts to document women's stories.
- Our media initiatives for Year 2 will include:
 - Continue to produce quarterly femTALK 1325 magazine as well as monthly eNews bulletins as well as coordinated regional media advocacy initiatives/alerts
 - Provide regional women's media coverage at: Pacific Women's Forum (April 2008) in Nadi as well as the Tongan elections
 - Strengthened policy focused media monitoring and analysis to be included in our media initiatives

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