UN WOMEN FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

SOLOMON ISLANDS

COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

Solomon Islands faces complex protection, governance and climate challenges. Working closely with government, civil society, women's organisations and communities, UN Women supports integrated programming on ending violence against women and girls, women's economic empowerment, disaster resilience, women's political participation and inclusive governance. UN Women's work in Solomon Islands focuses on strengthening national and provincial systems, community resilience and locally led approaches to peacebuilding, prevention and recovery.

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

- **Support to Solomon Islands' Ending Violence against Women and Girls (EVAWG) response architecture,** including SAFENET, the national multi-sectoral Gender-Based Violence (GBV) referral network; the national domestic violence helpline, which received 2,600+ calls in early 2025; formal registration of eight domestic violence counsellors through the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs (MWYCFA); and strengthening of national coordination systems through finalisation of the SAFENET Data Management Protocol and ongoing review of SAFENET Guidelines. Reported SAFENET cases increased by 32.7% in 2023 and 30.9% in 2024, reflecting growing survivor trust and access to services. UN Women provided technical support to coordination, systems strengthening and service delivery.
- **Support to the development of Solomon Islands' first National Prevention Strategy** to End Violence Against Women and Girls, expected to launch in 2026.
- **Project Golkipa,** implemented with the Oceania Football Confederation and the Solomon Islands Football Federation, is piloting community-based approaches to safer sport and violence prevention through engagement with traditional leaders, faith leaders, women, men, girls and boys.

2,600+

Calls to the national domestic violence helpline, early 2025

Reported SAFENET cases increased

2023	2024
+32.7%	+30.9%

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

UN Women's Markets for Change (M4C) programme supports seven markets across Solomon Islands (Honiara, Gizo, Auki, Munda, Buala, Seghe and Malu'u), strengthening women's leadership, market governance and climate resilience. Women hold 95% of executive roles across Market Vendor Associations (MVAs).

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markets

Honiara, Gizo, Auki, Munda, Buala, Seghe and Malu'u

1,000+
vendors trained

1,000+ market vendors in Solomon Islands trained in financial literacy, business management, food safety, climate-smart agriculture and value addition, alongside waste management and recycling.

3
markets upgraded

Gender-responsive and climate-resilient infrastructure upgrades completed in 3 markets, including improved shelter, lighting, safety and ablution facilities.

95%
women in market leadership

Women hold nearly all executive positions across the MVAs.

CLIMATE, DISASTER RESILIENCE & HUMANITARIAN ACTION

- **Gender-inclusive** disaster preparedness and protection systems strengthened through support to national and provincial protection and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) committees, including increased participation of women's and disability organisations in decision-making platforms.
- **National and provincial protection systems** strengthened through technical support to disaster preparedness, cyclone response and recovery planning, including implementation of gender-inclusive workplans in Choiseul and Western provinces.
- **Technical support** provided for the Gender in Humanitarian Action Handbook and the Inclusive Community-Based DRR Manual.
- **Inclusive livelihoods** and business development initiatives supported for women entrepreneurs and persons with disabilities to diversify income sources, strengthen financial security and build resilience to external shocks.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP & DECISION MAKING

Wave Makers campaign showcasing women political leaders and male allies promoting women's political participation in Solomon Islands.

The Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) 2026–2028, with UNDP and UNICEF, promotes inclusive governance, including participatory dialogue on decentralisation and constitutional reform options.

Solomon Islands' first Women, Peace and Security (WPS) National Action Plan (NAP).

Women and persons with disabilities represented in disaster decision-making

KEY PARTNERS

- **Government of Solomon Islands,** including the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs (MWYCFA); Ministries responsible for Agriculture, Justice and Disaster Management; Honiara City Council; and provincial governments including Malaita, Western and Isabel provinces.
- **Civil society, women's rights and service provider partners** including SAFENET member agencies, Women's Rights Action Movement, Family Support Centre, Seif Ples, Malaita Christian Care Centre, National and Provincial Councils of Women, and women-led market vendor associations.
- **Disability inclusion, sports and community partners** including DPASI, PWDSI, Oceania Football Confederation and Solomon Islands Football Federation.
- **UN and development partners** including UNDP, UNICEF, FAO and IOM.