

# A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR AUSTRALIA

## PURPOSE

End poverty and inequality

Promote stable and peaceful democracies

Meet the challenge of climate change

## APPROACH

Children and young people are key partners in delivering transformational and lasting change

Investment in people and communities is long term and drives generational change.

Gender equality and disability inclusion are cross-cutting priorities across the whole of government

## PRIORITIES

Strengthen state-society relationships with young people as key partners and emerging leaders

Embed a generational approach to gender inequality with a greater focus on adolescent girls

Recognise and respond to the impacts of climate change by empowering children and young people, especially young women, to be climate change leaders

Ensure children and young people in the Pacific fully realise the benefits of Australia's infrastructure investments such as greater internet access

Protect children and young people in the Pacific by improving their safety, both online and offline

Promote young people's economic empowerment through gender transformative and inclusive vocational training and entrepreneurship programs

Embed good practice in humanitarian programming with a focus on inclusion, multi-year funding and the Australia Humanitarian Partnership



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## STRENGTHENING STATE-SOCIETY RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AS KEY PARTNERS AND EMERGING LEADERS

### Young people's leadership in Bougainville

The Bougainville Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) fosters future leaders and strengthens the state-society relationship by increasing young people's ability to exercise their social, political and economic rights. To bring positive, gender equitable and sustainable social transformation, the YEP strengthens young women and men's individual and collective agency to address the underlying causes of inequality. It works with families, communities and government to make space for young women and men's ongoing participation in decision-making and ensures that government is able and accountable to meet the needs of young people (through information, services and support). The program works closely with Autonomous Bougainville Government's (ABG) Departments of Health, Education, Community Development and Primary Industries, and local community-based organisations

## ENSURING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PACIFIC FULLY REALISE THE BENEFITS OF AUSTRALIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS SUCH AS GREATER INTERNET ACCESS

### lumi Story – Early learning for Pacific children

Quality children's media provides a valuable stage to promote literacy and numeracy, lifelong connections to culture and circumvents many geographical barriers faced by more conventional education interventions. There is currently a gap in the Pacific children's media market for culturally relevant, quality children's content that reflects their unique context. Plan International will be developing TV and radio programming targeting pre-school and early grade school children for broadcast across the Pacific. With greater internet connectivity the potential to reach children in remote communities through online content and streaming is significant, offering early learning opportunities that they otherwise would not have.

## GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE AND INCLUSIVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS

### Skills and opportunities for youth employment and entrepreneurship (SOYEE)

Plan International's Skills & Opportunities for Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship (SOYEE) program to be delivered in Vietnam and Bougainville will expand and strengthen technical entrepreneurial and life skills of vulnerable and excluded young people, especially young women. The program works with public and private actors to enable women to compete in a 21st century labour market and promotes youth saving groups as a cornerstone for financial inclusion, resilience building & enterprise development



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