Who are we?
Where do we work?
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[Map showing locations of Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Tonga, and Niue]
Survey results

- 5 medium sized (US $100,000 - $500,000) organisations
- 3 very small organisations (<US$10,000)
- More funding now than 5 years ago
- BUT harder to get
Patterns of plenty

• Diversity of organisations and experiences; diversity of contexts
• 1/3 of respondents found funding easier to get, particularly for specific areas, such as pro-democracy work
• Example: In Fiji, donors redirect funds from military-headed government to civil society, in line with their foreign policy
• BUT precarious
Who are the funders?
Principles of the Cairns Compact on Strengthening Development Coordination in the Pacific:
Recognition that broad-based, private sector-led growth is essential to achieving faster development progress and that donors should encourage the private sector, including through micro-finance and support for larger-scale private sector projects

• Shift away from poverty alleviation towards private sector-led growth, and explicit foreign policy implementation
• For some, funding stayed the same e.g. Cook Islands; my Access Fund sponsor
• For some, drastic cuts e.g. Fiji, regional human rights organisations
Key learnings

• Funding for women’s rights work is **tough** in the Pacific
• **Core funding** – salaries, administration costs – is the hardest to get
• **Building relationships** is key to stable funding
• In our region, **bilateral or multilateral donors** remain the most important, with related vulnerabilities to political change in our larger neighbours
• Pacific women’s rights organisations beginning to look to or renew connections with liberal funders such as **Netherlands**
• **Women’s funds** play key roles in times of funding crises, but not for long term resourcing
• **Diversity** of challenges and experiences – small organisations struggling to cope with funds management; larger organisations struggling to find core funds
• **Tiny economies** mean internal, private sector funding is not viable
What are we doing about it?

- Peer support
- Linking work explicitly with resourcing e.g. Fiji Women’s Forum
- Exerting influence in our donor partnerships
- Building new, multiple-party partnerships
- Learning, networking, sharing information