



ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS EVALUATION

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Violence against women and girls is widely recognised as a fundamental violation of human rights, a global health problem and considerable social and economic cost to individuals, communities and countries. The Australian Government has a clear commitment to reduce violence against women, in Australia and overseas, and over the last decade has significantly expanded its support in this area.

Scope

The ODE is undertaking a strategic evaluation of Australian development cooperation to end violence against women and girls. This will be a ten-year follow up to ODE's 2008 strategic evaluation *Violence against Women in Melanesia and East Timor*.

The evaluation will focus on Australian development cooperation with countries in **Asia and the Pacific**, where Australia directs the majority of its efforts and assistance. To a lesser extent, the evaluation will consider targeted efforts in Australia's **humanitarian responses**.

Objectives

1. **Evaluate the effectiveness** of Australian support towards ending violence against women and girls, exploring the reach of response services, prevention and policy engagement. It will draw on the experience of the Australian aid program and other international development partners.
2. **Make recommendations and provide practical lessons** for Australia's future aid program and policy engagement responding to violence against women and girls.

In seven focus countries— Fiji, Indonesia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Timor-Leste—the evaluation will consider Australia's bilateral assistance and support for regional and global initiatives addressing violence against women and girls. This includes assistance through multilateral agencies, NGOs, and managing contractors. The evaluation will also consider work supported by whole of government partners such as the Australian Federal Police and the Attorney General's Department.

Purpose and audience

The evaluation is mainly for learning, but also has an accountability dimension. The intended audience for the evaluation is DFAT staff with aid management responsibilities, Australian NGOs and implementing partners who will use the evaluation findings to improve the design of future aid assistance on EVAWG. The key counterparts for the evaluation are areas responsible for implementing EVAWG programming, including DFAT's Gender Equality Branch, the Humanitarian, NGOs and Partnerships Division, the Child Protection Section, and geographic divisions implementing EVAWG programming.

DFAT's Gender Equality Branch will lead and coordinate the management response.

Evaluation Themes and Questions

Five key themes will thread through the evaluation, which reflect the core concerns, interests and questions of those implementing EVAWG programming:

- What works in EVAWG prevention strategies and investments?
- What are effective strategies to provide inclusive services, establish legal frameworks and ensure access to justice? Who are we reaching?
- What are effective approaches to extend reach and take EVAWG services and prevention efforts to scale?
- How are we engaging in political leadership and policy dialogue? What is the impact?
- What are the most effective ways to measure change, both in terms of the effectiveness of prevention strategies and responses?

These themes may be further refined as part of the Evaluation Plan.

Timeline

Indicative date	Activity/output
February 2018	Evaluation commences
March-May 2018	Systematic DFAT review Literature review
May 2018	Evaluation Plan, including focus countries
May-August 2018	Country visits
September-October 2018	Consultation on key findings and recommendations
November 2018-March 2019	Draft reports and consultation
April-May 2019	Submit for management response Report editing, summary and design
June-December 2019	Publishing and dissemination