

Workshop Model for the Pacific Region.

Focus: Women Rural Farmers in the Pacific [Solomon Islands]

Issues affecting rural women farmers in the Pacific:

1. Access to market
2. Access to new technologies
3. Land right issues

Introduction

This workshop will look at ways to help rural women farmers have access to the local markets, be introduced to new technologies that are available in the region and address issues of land rights.

Purpose

To empower rural women farmers to have equal rights to markets, technologies and redressing issues of land rights.

Objective

1. To mobilize representatives from the different sector of the rural communities, Churches, NGO's, Local Level Government and National Government to a workshop for three days.
2. To have representatives from the rural women farmers to share their stories on the three key focus areas of; market accessibility, accessing technology and land rights.
3. To hear from the different stakeholders how they have worked and supported farmers in these three key areas
4. To take the Government representatives to task on, 'how it will support rural women farmers in these three key areas'.

Workshop Activities

Days	Activities	Facilitators
Day 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Presentations from rural women farmers on experiences relating to three key areas2. Impacts of Climate Change to agriculture in the Pacific & National Governments efforts in addressing issues of Climate Change and policies to support rural women farmers in the three key focus areas3. Agricultural practices; land preparation, planting, harvesting, storage and marketing4. Reflections & Question Times	Women farmers Dept. Climate Change Dept. Agriculture
Day 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Exposure to available markets in the country [region]for rural women farmers	Plant/Food specialist

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Setting price index for produce 3. Access to new and appropriate viable technologies 4. Discuss available technologies that women farmers can use – demonstration of appropriate technologies 	<p>Market Authorities</p> <p>Agriculture technologies</p>
Day 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compounding issues surrounding land rights 2. Look at three priority areas that can be addressed in this workshop 3. Consolidating all discussions 4. Ways forward for rural women farmers 	<p>Land officers</p> <p>Legal officers</p> <p>IT technician</p>