



# Climate + Gender Justice

## Imagining Futures at the Intersection of Climate Migration and Gender-based Violence in New Zealand

This project is one of collaboration and relationship-building to develop a common vision for how to prepare for climate migration and displacement, with a focus on the Pacific Islands, in a way that reduces gender-based violence.

**Program area:**  
Advocacy &  
Reform

**Partners:** [New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse](#)

**Location:**  
Aotearoa New Zealand

**Challenge:**

A lot of climate justice work has focused on adaptation strategies and directly on communities impacted where they are. While acknowledging the critical importance of that work, we're looking at the gap of how to prepare host countries for climate migration. Beyond migration rights, how do we prepare communities - particularly our already imperfect communities - to build a future that fosters gender justice.

**Research Insights:**

- In Vanuatu after two tropical cyclones in 2011, the Tanna Women's Counselling Centre [reported](#) a 300% increase in new domestic violence cases.
- In 2018, [17.2 million people](#) were newly displaced due to disasters with the Pacific region claiming a high rate per capita.
- Pacific researchers have [highlighted](#) that "the reality of climate-induced migration in the Pacific has been documented extensively, but the need for support services for migrants is rarely acknowledged."

**Our Intervention:**

We will be hosting a virtual convening posing this question to stakeholders and collaborators in New Zealand with the New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse. Together, we'll develop a vision of what this future needs to look like and what we need to move in that direction. Learnings from this work in New Zealand will allow us to think through the same issues in the U.S., Canada, and Australia.

## Indigenous Youth Leading Climate Justice in Micronesia

FSM, Palau, and RMI are facing the increasing effects of the climate crisis. At this crucial time, we must ensure that young people are connected to the tools and resources to engage in rights-based climate justice work.

**Program area:**  
Capacity Building

**Partners:** [Micronesia Climate Change Alliance](#)

**Locations:** Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau

**Challenge:**

In the FSM, RMI, Palau, and Guam, the effects of the climate crisis are present and increasing. However, young people are at the forefront of innovative solution-generating. They know what their communities need, and they understand the urgency. This project fills in the gaps by resourcing young people with the tools and financial support to engage in climate justice work in their communities.

**Research Insights:**

- [Research on youth engagement](#) reminds us that "youth carry knowledge and expertise about conditions of their everyday lives shaped in contexts of oppression, colonization, and resistance."
- The [school climate strike movement](#) has shown that young people are willing and eager to participate and lead in the climate justice movement.
- Young Indigenous leaders in the [Te Ara Whatu](#) organization argue that the climate crisis disproportionately affects Indigenous communities but that those communities also hold many solutions.

**Our Intervention:**

With our partners at the Micronesia Climate Change Alliance, we're working to ensure that young people are connected to the tools and resources to engage in rights-based climate justice work. Together, we are developing a climate justice workshop for the FSM, Palau, and RMI focused on training participants on the many different advocacy tools that can help to address problems meaningful to their communities. It will also be paired with a micro-grant program in which participants will each receive a \$2,500 grant for their project.