How the Pacific Youth are Standing Up to Corruption in the Pacific?

Youth For Anti-Corruption
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UN Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project

Joint UNDP and UNODC Project

- Framed around UNCAC
  - supporting PICs to ratify UNCAC
  - supporting PICs to implement UNCAC
  - supporting PICs to participate in UNCAC processes, including Implementation Review Mechanism

- 4 year project
  - $4.1m ($2.45m UNDP-PC / $1.6m UNODC) funded by Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- Linked to UNDP and UNODC global programmes
- Focus on UNCAC
Why do We Engage with Youth?

• **Article 13 of UNCAC**: Encourage the role of individuals and groups outside of the public sector
  ➢ Participation of society, including youth

• Youth (15–24 years) accounts for nearly two million people, which is close to a fifth of the Pacific’s total population (UNICEF report)

• “We’re your hope for the future” – Tongan Youth
• “Our elders don’t talk about it, we do” – Kiribati Youth
Engagement with Youth in the Pacific Region

Pacific Youth Forum Against Corruption

- Small grants for follow-up work in-country
- Participation at 16IACC
- Recruitment of Pacific Anti-Corruption Youth Officer, together with the Pacific Youth Council
- Support for TI PNG’s Youth Against Corruption Association (YACA)
Engagement with Youth in the Pacific Region

Upcoming…

• Anti-corruption awareness-raising sessions for CSOs, including youth groups in 7 countries (on-going)

• Upcoming Anti-Corruption Workshop for Pacific CSOs at the end of this month

• Social accountability grants commencing shortly

• International Anti-Corruption Day – support provided to youth groups
Sustainability of Youth Initiatives

TIPNG Youth Against Corruption Association (YACA) is “the model” for youth against corruption movement in the Pacific
Sustainability of Youth Initiatives

- Youth initiatives lack substantial backing from other organizations and agencies
- Link with the Pacific Youth Development Framework 2014 – 2023 & social accountability initiatives

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