

## **Goal 7: Elimination of All Forms of Violence Against Women**

*Policy Purpose: To ensure all women including women with disabilities and girls child are protected against all forms of violence.*

### **Objective:**

- 7.1 To ensure that the Government and the Taupulega commits towards eradicating and eliminating of all forms of violence and discrimination against all women and girls in Tokelau;
- 7.2 To establish national and village law and programmes to protect all women, including the girl child, against all forms of domestic violence;
- 7.3 To achieve an attitude of zero tolerance of domestic violence by the authorities and the community;
- 7.4 To improve prevention and protection services in relation to domestic violence services in Tokelau;
- 7.5 To ensure that women are protected during court trials;
- 7.6 To ensure that the law is amended to include compensation for all women including women with disabilities and girls child and men who are victims of abuse;
- 7.7 To ensure that law is amended to include marital rape as an offence;
- 7.8 To ensure that the Government and Taupulega office allocate adequate resources and funding for women's protection and compensation;
- 7.9 To ensure there are support groups in place offering support to victims of abuse.

### **Strategy:**

- 7.10 To conduct community legal education , to educate women on the protection that is available to them through criminal law and the processes involved;
- 7.11 To conduct community awareness campaigns on violence against women;
- 7.12 To conduct workshop for men and boys to address the root causes of violence against women and to learn new ways of resolving family disputes without the use of violence;
- 7.13 To have a law reform addressing specific violence, such as criminalizing marital rape;
- 7.14 To have evidentiary rules in sexual offences;
- 7.15 To establish data collection and reporting on violence against women;

- 7.16 To conduct training for police and judiciary on dealing with victims of domestic violence, sexual offences and abuse;
- 7.17 To conduct capacity building workshops for women to set up support groups for counselling victims of abuse.

**Indicator of Progress:**

- 7.18 The law makers review and revise the laws on family violence and Judiciary and Police enforce the laws;
- 7.19 Increased awareness amongst women and public about violence against women and that it is a criminal act;
- 7.20 Data of reported cases of violence against women increased or decreased;
- 7.21 Increased sentences for crimes of violence against women;
- 7.22 Increased number of victims making formal complaints;
- 7.23 Established protection services for women who have been abused;
- 7.24 Compensation for victims of domestic violence and appropriate counselling services established;
- 7.25 Law amended to include marital rape as criminal offence.

**Who is responsible?**

- 7.26 The National Women’s Council, Fatupaepae, Legal Team, Tokelau Judicial Officers, Taupulega offices, Council for the Ongoing Government of Tokelau and General Fono, churches?.

**GOAL 8: Women and the Environment**

*Policy Purpose: To ensure that there is available and proper documentation on women’s contribution to safeguarding the environment and women have equal opportunities to participate in environmental activities.*

**Objective:**

- 8.1 Recognition of the women’s contribution to the sustainable management of the environment;
- 8.2 To encourage ongoing data collection on the role of women in safeguarding the environment;
- 8.3 To provide leadership and negotiation skills training programs for women to empower them in their roles as producers and consumers so that they