

JULY 2022 – JUNE 2023

Introducing 3 programmes:

Lift, Vaka and Wāhine Toa

Lift enables local solutions to local issues through funding, technical advice and support (previously the LIF).

Vaka is a new travel fund for attendance at conferences, seminars and study tours.

Wāhine Toa is a new programme focused on women and justice, co-funded by the New Zealand and United States governments.

Chief Justices' Leadership Forum

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Mentoring for judicial leaders

Leadership and management programme

Wāhine Toa

- Women in leadership programme

Leadership

Supporting judicial and court leadership



Study support

- USP Certificate and Diploma of Justice fees scholarships
- Tutorial support for Certificate and Diploma of Justice students
- USP Law Degree fees scholarships

Mentoring for judicial officers

3-year development plans

- For lay judicial officers (Cook Islands, Niue)

Decision making programme

- Face-to-face workshops (up to 2 countries)
- Decision making resources

Review

- USP Certificate and Diploma of Justice programmes
- Pacific courts' use of PacLII

Webinars

- Update on the law of contract
- Drug cases
- Wellbeing

Litigation skills training

- 8 online modules
- Regional litigation skills workshop

Vaka travel fund

- Study tours and attendance at conferences and programmes

Wāhine Toa

- Professional development opportunities for women in the justice sector

Lift activities

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Professional development

Supporting growth of skills, knowledge and confidence



Managing court performance

- Court data management workshop
- Court Performance resources
- Court performance training and support (Kiribati, Tokelau, Tuvalu)
- Court Improvement Plans (Tokelau, Tuvalu)
- Research case time goals

Case tracking systems

- Advanced support and CTS upgrades (Cook Islands, FSM, Pohnpei Supreme Court, Nauru, Niue, RMI)

Remote court proceedings

- Support and training

Standard operating procedures

- Registry manuals (up to 2 countries)

Bench Books

- 5 new Bench Books (Cook Islands Land Court, Fiji District Court, Kiribati High Court/Court of Appeal, Nauru Magistrates Court, Samoa Family Court)
- Additional content for existing Bench Books (Cook Islands, Tonga)

Annual reports

- Development support

Tools and support

Supporting court efficiency, accountability and processes



Human rights support and training

Focused on family violence, gender-based violence and remote access to court services

- In-country or remote workshops
- Review training and resources through a human rights lens
- Integrate human rights content into training and resources
- Baseline capability assessment for human rights data capture

Regional showcases

- Samoa's Faamasinoga o Sauaga o Aiga Family Violence Court
- Cook Islands' Te Koro Aka'au Community Youth Court

Resources

- Access to Justice strategy
- Training materials (video and written)
- Youth justice experiences in Tonga (research and training material)
- Gender impact assessment report

Wāhine Toa

- Activities focused on access to justice for women and girls

Access to justice

Improving outcomes for vulnerable groups



Proposed activities are subject to final approval from individual Chief Justices and endorsement from the PJSP Executive Committee and available to all partner countries unless otherwise specified

Leadership

The **Chief Justices Leadership Forum (CJLF)** is focused on growing collegiality between Pacific Chief Justices. It creates opportunities for sharing challenges and successes through an annual face-to-face conference, remote meetings and webinars on topics identified by Chief Justices.

The **PJSP Executive Committee** is a governance forum of the PJSP and provides leadership and strategic direction for the programme. Membership includes representative Chief Justices from each sub-region (Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia), a judicial officer, a court officer (representing those roles) and MFAT.

The **PJSP leadership mentoring programme** supports the development of judicial and court leadership, on request.

PJSP is developing a **Leadership and Management Programme** in 2022-23, in consultation with Chief Justices, Heads of Bench and court leaders.

Wāhine Toa

The new Wāhine Toa programme supports women and justice and is co-funded by the New Zealand and United States governments. Terms of reference are in development. Activities may include professional development for women working in and with the justice system, secondments, research focused on access to justice for women and girls, and the development of a Pacific women judges collective. Broad consultation will occur in 2022 to shape the programme.

Vaka

Vaka is a travel fund supporting attendance at conferences, seminars and study tours. The total 2022-2023 Vaka budget is \$450,000. Approved Vaka activities will be updated below on a quarterly basis. As of July 2022, applications have been sought for attendance at:

- Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association Conference, Accra, Ghana 4-9 Sept 2022

Lift

The Lift programme (formerly the Leadership Incentive Fund) enables local solutions to local issues through funding, technical advice and support. PJSP considers need, urgency, impact and regional equity, with a priority focus on access to justice for vulnerable groups and people. In order to be more responsive, the Lift no longer has deadlines and courts can apply for support for development activities throughout the year. Applications require approval from MFAT. The total 2022-2023 Lift budget is \$600,000. Approved Lift activities will be updated below on a quarterly basis. As of July 2022, the following activities have been approved:

- 4-day orientation and decision making workshops for Banks and Torres Islands and Erromango Island Court Justices (Vanuatu)
- National Magistrates Conference (Kiribati)
- 3-day orientation workshop for Highlands lay judicial officers (PNG)
- 5-day decision and judgment writing workshop for justices and clerks of 6 Local Courts (PNG)
- 4-day workshops for lay justices of the Customary Land Appeal Court in 4 provinces (Solomon Islands)
- Case tracking system implementation, training and support (Samoa)
- Support for justice sector review (Kiribati)
- 9 community awareness sessions on access to justice (PNG)