

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

### PJSP Executive Committee x 2

### 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 subregion (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 in consultation with Chief Justices and Bench and court leaders.

## Wāhanga

The new Wāhanga programme is 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 \$50,000. Approved Vaka activities will be updated below on a quarterly basis. As of July 2022, applications have been sought for attendance at:

- ¾ Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association Conference, Auckland 6-9 Sept 2022

## Lift

The Lift programme (formerly the Leadership Incentive Fund) enables local solutions to local issues through funding, technical 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:

- ¾ 4-day orientation and decision making workshops for Banks and Torres Islands and Erromango Island Court Justices (Vanuatu)
- ¾ National Magistrates Conference (Kiribati)
- ¾ 3-day orientation workshop for Highlands lay judicial officers (PNG)
- ¾ 5-day decision and judgment writing workshop for justices and clerks of 6 Local Courts (PNG)
- ¾ 4-day workshops for lay justices of the Customary Land Appeal Court in 4 provinces (Solomon Islands)
- ¾ Case tracking system implementation, training and support (Samoa)
- ¾ Support for justice sector review (Kiribati)
- ¾ 9 community awareness sessions on access to justice (PNG)