



PJDP Workshop in Tonga

The Pacific Judicial Development Programme (PJDP) and PPDVP are working together to provide workshops for the Judiciary and the community on domestic and family violence, around the region.

A workshop was held in Tonga from 18 to 20 September. The focus was on the new Family Protection Legislation which has passed in Tonga and raising awareness of domestic violence. The workshop spent time with the Judiciary, prosecutors, the Tonga Police, court staff, and community groups discussing case management and various options around sentencing.

NZ Law Commissioner, and past NZ Chief Family Court Judge, Peter Boshier – led the workshop.



A [media release](#) by Judge Boshier is available

The workshop heard from PPDVP Programme Manager, Cam Ronald on the regional work of the PPDVP and from the head of the Tonga Police DV Unit, Inspector Sete Polutele, and Ofa Guttenbeil of the Women and Children's Crisis Centre.





Participants spent time examining the legislation and the new provisions.



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