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Gender data for gender equality: new approaches to accelerate action

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Kylie is a post-doctoral Research Fellow at the International Women's Development Agency, where she has been technical lead for the Individual Deprivation Measure program since 2016. She undertook the first full analysis of IDM data, collected by the Fiji Bureau of Statistics in partnership with IWDA (2015-2016), led the planning and implementation of an IDM study in Nepal in 2016, preparations for an IDM study in Myanmar in 2019, and the planning, implementation and analysis of findings from the IDM study in the Solomon Islands. She has also led technical engagement with regional statistical entities towards the IDM's integration as a tool to strengthen available gender data. Kylie has previously worked as a social scientist in academia and as a research consultant.

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Ruth Afia-Maetala joined the International Finance Corporation in October 2016 as a coordinator for Waka Mere, an award-winning project within the World Bank. Prior to this she held leadership positions in the Solomon Islands Government, including as Director of Research, Policy, and Planning at the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs, as well as several international NGOs in the Solomon Islands. Ruth has been an active researcher in Solomon Islands and the Pacific in gender and development spaces to provide data for gender equality and policy reform. This includes work on the recently published research investigating community perceptions of women in leadership in the Solomon Islands. In December 2019, she established the Solomon Islands-based, women-led research business, Dignity Pasifik, which implemented data collection for the IDM study in the Solomon Islands.

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Jacqueline Paul is the Senior Gender Adviser with the World Food Programme – WFP. Assisting 91 million people in around 83 countries each year, WFP is one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. Jacqueline is responsible for leading the integration of gender in WFP's work, across humanitarian action and development programming. Prior to joining WFP, Jacqueline worked for the UN Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Oxfam Australia, UNDP Somalia, UNICEF Palestine, UNRWA in the Gaza Strip, IOM Haiti and the ILO in Afghanistan.

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