

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

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# Situation in Tonga – Issue 1

- Implementation of previous recommendation made by the Kingdom of Tonga;
- **New developments:**
  - **National Level** - establishment of the Family Protection Legal Aid Centre (FPLAC) in 2018;
  - **TLA** - Amendment to the Criminal Offences Act – on the definition of rape, awaiting Royal Assent;
- **New needs**
  - **UPR Working Group Members for Tonga** – To expand and open to involve the NGOs

# Recommendations – Issue 1

- Establish a **National Human Rights Institution** in Tonga;
- **Amend the discriminatory laws in Tonga,**
  - Criminal Offences Act
  - Interpretation Act
  - Birth, Death and Marriage Act
- **Establish a separate Government Division for Gender Equality**
  - Existing Division for Gender Equality focus on Women ONLY;
  - Provide more Human Rights Capacity Building and Training for Tonga;

# Situation in Tonga – Issue 2

- Implementation of previous recommendation made by Tonga for the promote of human rights education through international and regional cooperation;
- **New developments**
  - The CRC Report has been reported to the UN Assembly in 2018 and the implementation is currently progressive;
- **New needs**
  - The sexual reproductive health and adolescence education still required for Primary and Secondary Education curriculum and syllabus;

# Recommendations – Issue 2

- Establish a **National Human Rights Institution** in Tonga
- **Amend the law and regulations for Education and Health**
  - Health Act
  - Education Act
- **Establish a separate Government Division for Gender Equality**
  - Current Implementation method is ineffective;
  - Inclusive Services should be provided throughout the whole of Tonga;
  - Provide more Human Rights Capacity Building and Training for Tonga;

# Thank you

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