What challenges are we facing?

Pacific Island Countries (PICs) are working together to help develop a safe and vibrant future for their people. While much progress has been made, PICs are still facing considerable economic and social development challenges, and much progress is being erased by climate change and disasters. Development can only be sustainable once we address the risks from climate change and disasters and consider gender and social inclusion needs.

How we can address these challenges?

Our development choices are drivers of climate change and disaster risks. We need to build everything better in the first place by systematically considering risks in all development decision making. We call this ‘risk-informed development’. The Governance for Resilient Development in the Pacific (Gov4Res) Project works with PICs to ensure:

- **Government planning and financing systems** enable gender and socially inclusive risk-informed development.
- **Country oversight and accountability systems** require gender and socially inclusive risk-informed development.
- **Regional organisations, policies and practices** are actively supporting gender and socially inclusive risk-informed development.

What’s different about our approach?

The Gov4Res Project works from within governance systems, which allows country partners to design and lead initiatives themselves. The Project starts working in each country where there is momentum and interest, adapting specific activities as required. Through this agile approach, our country partners are leading the risk informed development agenda and collectively we are innovating and establishing more sustainable and realistic solutions to the complexities of managing climate change and disasters in the Pacific.