

Breaking FSM's All-Male Congress: Gender Machinery and the 2021 Konman Election

Gender Equality · Good practice · Micronesia

Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

FSM was the last Pacific nation never to elect a woman to national parliament until Dr. Perpetua Sappa Konman's 2021 by-election win. UNDP's Strengthening FSM's Gender Machinery Project now supports women's policy advocacy and livelihoods across four states.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	0/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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