

# SPACE PROJECT | STRENGTHENING PACIFIC WOMEN'S ACCESS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY



The SPACE Project seeks to empower women by prioritising their safety and health through tailored, evidence-based health-system response strategies that place GBV survivors at the heart of all health interventions.

VEILOMANI 2026 Training will be online with all training provided free of charge for health or community workers delivering care and support in Pacific countries.

The sessions are open for all health care and community workers, no set qualifications, or prior experience required. Please seek approval from your workplace to ensure that you will be supported to participate.

	Date	Topic
<b>Module 1: Healthcare and Gender Based Violence- why does it matter?</b>		
1	Thu 19 Feb	Introduction to the course. How is Gender Based Violence defined, and why is it important for health workers
2	Thu 26 Feb	Health worker Role
3	Thu 5 Ma	Health worker policies for identifying and documenting GBV
4	Thu 12 Mar	Disclosure
5	Thu 19 Mar	Facilitating Collaborative Practices in health settings, including risk management and safety planning
<b>Module 2: Foundations of Gender Based Violence Healthcare Practice</b>		
6	Thu 26 Mar	Self care for health workers
7	Thu 2 Apr	Confidentiality and Duty of care
8	Thu 9 Apr	Referral pathways to community resources
9	Thu 16 Apr	Disability and healthcare implications
10	Thu 23 Apr	Women Enabled International Reports- situation, needs and gaps of persons with disabilities
<b>Module 3: Gender based Violence within communities</b>		
11	Thu 30 Apr	Cultural Perspectives of MH and GBV, and Drivers of GBV
12	Thu 7 May	Inclusive health services- sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics considerations
13	Thu 14 May	Healthcare Workers Experiences of Gender Based Violence
14	Thu 21 May	Disasters and Gender Based Violence
15	Thu 28 May	Final reflections and Graduation

Alofi	Rarotonga	Koror	Port Moresby Melbourne Yap	Honiara Port Vila Pohnpei	Suva Tarawa Yaren Majuro Funafuti	Apia Nuku'alofa Fakaofu	Fanning Island
UTC-9	UTC-10	UTC+9	UTC+10	UTC+11	UTC+12	UTC+13	UTC+14
Wed 2.00-3.00	Wed 3.00-4.00pm	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-2.00	2.00- 3.00	3.00-4.00

ECHO- Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes, is a tele-mentoring programme of learning, sharing & support that uses video-conferencing technology to connect people.

In the ECHO network, experts and learners rely on each other for continuous collaboration, problem solving and professional growth



Register your interest here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Js8f0eDeS2OoLGdQgNTwUg>

You will receive a unique link for the online sessions from zoom when you register. You can keep the email handy for logging in to our sessions each week. Or if you lose the link, you can join the meeting directly using these details:

ZOOM Meeting ID: 813 1973 0104 Passcode: 2026SPACE

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## 2026 Training Partners:

### [St. Vincent's Postgraduate Overseas Specialist Training \(POST\) Program](#)

St Vincent's is a tertiary public healthcare service, providing a range of services, including acute medical and surgical services, emergency and critical care, aged care, diagnostics, rehabilitation, allied health, mental health, palliative care and residential care. St. Vincent's work with a vast network of collaborative partners to deliver high quality treatment, teaching, education and research, with more than 5,000 staff and 880 beds in daily use across all services.

As a WHO Collaborating Centre in Mental Health, since 2000, St. Vincent's Postgraduate Overseas Specialist (POST) Program has offered mental health clinical placements and training opportunities for mental health professionals in Asia Pacific countries

### [The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health \(PSRH\)](#)

The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) is a charitable trust dedicated to advancing reproductive, maternal, and newborn health across the Pacific region. As a professional network, PSRH connects healthcare providers, researchers, and policymakers to strengthen clinical capacity, promote best practices, and support workforce development.

With a geographically diverse membership spread across the Pacific, PSRH also maintains strong professional networks globally. We are continuously improving how we share knowledge, resources, and development opportunities—leveraging both virtual platforms and in-country, face-to-face training to enhance learning and collaboration. Through education, capacity-building workshops, regional conferences, and strategic partnerships, PSRH remains committed to strengthening reproductive health services and workforce capability across Pacific Island Countries.

### [The College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, Fiji National University](#)

The College is the leading health workforce, academic education and research institution in the Pacific Region, delivering undergraduate programs as well as the region's Postgraduate Certificate in Mental Health. The College is committed to training and education of health professionals in the Pacific regions and to uphold values that ensure their commitment to the people of the Pacific and other stakeholders. As well as the mental health partnership, this training will build networks with the School of Nursing education team, and specifically with Obstetrics and Midwifery.

### [United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#)

UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Our mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA is one of the UN's lead agencies working to further gender equality and women's empowerment, and to address the physical and emotional consequences of gender-based violence. UNFPA's programmes offer psychosocial assistance, medical treatment and rape kits to survivors, and promote the right of all women and girls to live free of violence and abuse.

The SPACE Project is led by the Fiji National University (FNU), through the Fiji Institute of Pacific Health Research (FIPHR), the research arm of FNU's the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS), in partnership with Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH), St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). It receives funding and technical support from the Pacific Women's Lead (PWL) programme at SPC. PWL is supported by the Australian Government.