

a short term focus (2019 national general election) and seeks to maintain its support until June 2020 to continue building an enabling environment for women leaders.

- At present, on-going support to women candidates includes capacity building through nomination, election. This includes candidate schools and the setting of resource centers to be used as knowledge management centers by women leaders for national and provincial elections.
- Post-election lessons learned exercise to be conducted as a tool to design longer term support. SECSIP in partnership with national and international actors development recommendations for longer term promotion of women's political participation.
- Continue with the identification of local power-brokers, setting up women candidate support committees and establishing linkages with local partner CSOs, church/faith groups and community leaders to raise awareness of gender equality and women's empowerment.
- "Outstanding Women of Solomon Islands action". The aim of this project is to identify the most outstanding women at community level across the country to empower and encourage reflection on women's leadership and skills. Members of the community, village, town or church groups will be asked to vote for whom they think is the most outstanding woman in their community and explain why in a few words. Starting at community level and gradually building up, the objective is to draw out most outstanding women as they are identified through a voting process by both the men and women in their communities. The immediate impact will be to boost the confidence of the women in question. This will also grow appreciation for women and their role in the community. This project was successfully piloted in 4 villages in South Malaita.



Image: School Mock Election

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