

Session on gender approach and coastal fisheries

Case study 2 - Coastal Fisheries

The Project

- Pasifika Village is a coastal village on Oceania Island. With an abundance of fisheries resources within its territorial waters, the people of Oceania island are pursuing ways to harvest these resources in a sustainable manner to meet the needs of the people today and for future generations.
- However, periods of rough weather and marine pollution prevent local fishers from engaging in fishing creating a lack of local supply of fish and other marine produce and a high dependence on imported fish and other food.
- As a result, Pasifika village is included in the national government's programme to enable communities to better manage their coastal resources with a view to strengthen their capacity to cope with the adverse environmental impacts on coastal fisheries.
- The national government is currently pursuing initiatives to scope the introduction of coastal fish farming in Oceania Island. Pasifika Village is a strong candidate to pilot this project.

Discussion points

- You are from Pasifika Village.
- You have been invited to attend a consultation led by the Pasifika Local Government to facilitate discussions around the design of the proposed project.
 1. What do you desire, need and want to reach as a result of this project? What are your human rights needs – are they any different?
 2. How would a project like this benefit you?
 3. What fears, frustrations, obstacles or challenges could you have to face in relation to the proposed project?
 4. What opportunities are there, in this case, to apply a people-centred approach and how can it be applied?