



Solomon Islands Education Sector Support Program

Solomon Islands Education Sector Support Program (ESSP) NGO Grantees Afternoon Tea

MEHRD, DFAT and MFAT together are proud to support NGO projects underway to improve access to quality education for children across Solomon Islands!

Last week Solomon Islands (MEHRD), Australia (DFAT) and New Zealand (NZ) met with NGO recipients of the Solomon Islands Education Sector Support Program (ESSP) NGO Grants Program (2021-2023), [Save the Children Solomon Islands](#), [World Vision Solomon Islands](#), [Coalition for Education Solomon Islands](#), and [Australian Catholic University \(ACU\)](#) (in partnership with [Catholic Archdiocese of Honiara](#)) for an afternoon tea to tok stori on the progress of the five (5) active projects.

One of many project highlights shared included the ACU 'lumi Tugeda Helpem Solomon Aelans Def Comiuniti' project's completion of phase 1. During this phase, ACU has employed deaf graduates at San Isidro Care Centre and School for the Deaf to teach hearing participants how to teach sign language in their home provinces.

ACU is implementing this project with the Catholic Education Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Honiara, who operate San Isidro Care Centre and School for the Deaf in West Guadalcanal. lumi Tugeda Helpem Solomon Aelans Def Comiuniti project aims to increase the number of sign language trainers and provide deaf language training courses for communities across several provinces.

This recent tok stori is a continuation of a series of six-monthly learning events for ESSP NGO grantees, aiming to promote and facilitate learning about innovative approaches that can contribute to sustainable change in the education sector for NGOs, [Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development](#) (MEHRD), and other stakeholders.

Through ESSP support, NGOs will continue to work closely with MEHRD to continue implementing initiatives to reach the most disadvantaged Solomon Islands' communities.

ESSP 2020-2023 is a partnership between the governments of Solomon Islands, Australia and New Zealand to improve access to quality basic education for all children in Solomon Islands.

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SIG, Australia and New Zealand ESSP representatives with NGO Grantee representatives

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	<p><i>Teacher teaching sign language at San Isidro School for the Deaf through the ESSP funded ACU project</i></p>
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	<p><i>San Isidro students at the launch of the ACU ESSP funded project in August 2022</i></p>