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AUSTRALIA BACKS CIVIL SOCIETY WITH SBD2.6 MILLION IN GRANTS

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Australia has signed grant agreements with seven civil society organisations (CSOs), committing SBD2.6 million to strengthen community-led initiatives and advance inclusive development across Solomon Islands.

The funding will help CSOs expand services, widen outreach, and deliver targeted training to communities.

Formal signing of the grant agreements took place at the Australian High Commission in Honiara, attended by key partners and CSO leaders. Funded projects will address priority areas including climate resilience, youth empowerment, gender equality, women's empowerment, and disability inclusion.

Australia's Human Development Counsellor, Tristan Armstrong, said strong civil society organisations play a critical role in supporting inclusive development and amplifying community voices.

"Civil society organisations are essential partners in delivering services, strengthening accountability, and ensuring development reaches communities across Solomon Islands," Dr Armstrong said.

"Australia is very proud to support local organisations that are driving positive change and responding to the needs of their communities."

General Secretary of the Development Services Exchange, Jennifer Wate, welcomed the support and its impact on CSOs.

"I thank the Australian Government for its continued support. This funding will enable important initiatives and deliver meaningful outcomes for our communities," Ms Wate said.

The grants are part of Australia's broader partnership with Solomon Islands to support a strong, dynamic civil society, promote inclusive participation, and improve governance outcomes.

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Caption 1: Australia and CSO sign partnership Grant agreement.