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<i>Australia</i> 22,688,987 (estimated, 2009)			1984 Sex Discrimination Act 1985 Criminal Code Act – defines rape as “sexual intercourse without consent” as a crime as well as acts of gross indecency. The national legislation is amplified by federal laws regarding SGBV.	1983 Accession to CEDAW . 1980 Accession to ICCPR . 1975 Accession to ICESCR .	37 of 150 members of Parliament are women (24.6%).	Minister for the Status of Women.
<i>Cook Islands</i> 19,569 (estimated, 2009)	A draft report has been proposed looking at the Pacific Island Governments role in mainstreaming gender and women’s human rights. One of the authors of the second report is Vaine Wichman, President of Cook Islands’ National Council of Women.	Draft policy on Gender Equality and Development over the next four years is under review.	Constitution Part IV – prohibits discrimination on the grounds of sex but not gender . Crimes Act of 1969 – defines rape as a crime. Article 141(3) marital rape is not a crime. No specific legislation to address SGBV.	11 Aug 2006 Accession to CEDAW . 28 Dec 1978 Accession to ICCPR, ICESCR via NZ.	3 of 24 members of Parliament are women (12.5%).	
<i>Federated States of Micronesia</i> 111,000 (estimated, 2009)	2004 - Strategic Development Plan to guide the nation for the next 20 years adopted. A key matrix of the rolling development plan was on gender equality. Division of Women now has a plan to develop legislation to address VAW.	Pohnpei Legislative Bill – proposal to add a new chapter to the legal code, entitled “family violence”.	Constitution Article IV Section 4 – states that equal protection of the laws may not be denied or impaired on account of sex but not gender . No specific legislation to address SGBV. Plans to develop and a draft bill on domestic violence being discussed.	1 Sep 2004 Accession to CEDAW .		

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Fiji 849, 218 (estimated 2009)	Women's Plan of Action (WPA) 2009 – 2018: promotes gender equality, aims to reduce inequality and discrimination against women.		Constitution (Amendment Act) 1997 Article 38: General provision on discrimination. Domestic Violence Decree and the new Crimes Decree addresses both.	28 Aug 1996 Accession to CEDAW .		Ministry of Women, Culture & Heritage & Social Welfare.
Kiribati 92,533 (estimated, 2005)		Proposed domestic violence legislation is being discussed.	Constitution Section 3 – 'sex' is included in the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination but not gender . Penal Code 1968 – defines rape, indecent assault on females. No specific legislation to address SGBV.	17 Mar 2004 Accession to CEDAW .	3 of 46 members of Parliament are women (6.5%).	
Marshall Islands 68,000 (estimated, 2009)	Women's groups under the NGO Women United Together in the Marshall Islands (WUTMI) continue to publicise women's issues and promote greater awareness of women's rights.	Domestic violence bill is before cabinet.	Constitution Section 12 - No law and no executive or judicial action shall, either expressly, or in its practical application, discriminate against any person on the basis of gender but not sex . No specific legislation to address SGBV.	2 Mar 2006 Accession to CEDAW .	1 of 33 members of Parliament is a woman (3%).	Minister of Health.



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Nauru 10,000 (estimated, 2011)		Becoming a party to CEDAW remains a matter of consideration. Major reform of penal code underway – review includes the potential inclusion of domestic violence as a crime.	Constitution Part II – prohibits discrimination on the grounds of sex but not gender . No specific legislation to address SGBV.	12 Nov 2001 Accession to ICCPR .		
New Zealand 4.36 million (estimated, 2009)			Bill of Rights Act 1990. Crimes Act 1961. Domestic Violence Act 1995. Harassment Act 1997. Human Rights Act 1993.	10 Jan 1985 Ratification of the CEDAW . 28 Dec 1978 Ratification of the ICCPR . 28 Dec 1978 Ratification of the ICESCR .	38 out of 121 Members of Parliament are women (31.4%).	Ministry of Women's Affairs.
Niue 1,400 (estimated, 2009)			Niue Act 1966 – marital rape is not a crime. No specific legislation to address SGBV.	1 Oct 1985 Accession to CEDAW via NZ. 28 Dec 1978 Accession to ICCPR via NZ.		

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<i>Palau</i> 20,398 (estimated, 2009)			Palau Constitution Article VI – no discrimination against any person on the basis of sex but not gender . No specific legislation to address SGBV.	20 Sep 2011 Signatory to CEDAW, ICCPR, ICESCR.	7% of the seats in Parliament were held by women In 2009 – No women in ministerial positions.	
<i>Papua New Guinea</i> 6.7 million (estimated, 2009)	National Strategic Plan 2010 – 2050.	Bill proposed to create 22 reserved seats for women before the National Parliament. Domestic Violence Bill: Not comprehensive however.	PNG Constitution – basic rights on basis of sex but not gender . Criminal Code (Sexual Offences and Crimes Against Children Act 2003): expanded the definition of rape as well as providing for marital rape. No specific legislation to address SGBV.	12 Jan 1995 Accession to CEDAW. 21 July 2008 Accession to ICCPR, ICESCR.	1 out of 109 Members of Parliament is a woman 0.91%.	
<i>Samoa</i> 178,846 million		Family Safety Bill drafted in 2009 to give greater legislative impetus in addressing violence.	Constitution - all person equal before the law – includes sex but not gender . Crimes Act Article 47(3) – marital rape is not a crime. No specific legislation to address SGBV.	25 Sep 1992 Accession to CEDAW. 15 Feb 2008 Accession to ICCPR.	4 of 45 seats in Parliament (8.1%) + 3 of ministerial posts in Cabinet (23%) are held by women.	Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development.



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Solomon Islands 523,170 (estimated, 2009)	<p>“White Ribbon Campaign” advocating violence against women: 25 Nov – 10 Dec annually.</p> <p>2009 MWYCA <i>National Policy on Gender Equality and Women’s Development</i> – six policy priority outcomes. MWYCA - National Policy on Eliminating Violence against Women (2010) – implemented through National Eliminating Violence Against Women Task Force.</p> <p>2010 MWYCA <i>Protecting Women’s Human Rights in Solomon Islands Law</i> toolkit identifying the issue and proposing legislative changes.</p> <p>Law Commission currently reviewing the Penal Code.</p>	<p>Family protection bill for domestic violence is being discussed. Major reform of the penal code underway by the Solomon Island Law Reform Commission which includes review of SGBV related laws.</p>	<p>The Constitution of Solomon Islands - prohibits discrimination on the grounds of sex but not gender.</p> <p>No specific legislation to address SGBV.</p>	<p>6 May 2002 Accession to CEDAW.</p> <p>17 Mar 1982 Accession to ICESCR.</p> <p>24 Sep 2009 Accession to OP-ICESCR.</p>	<p>No women in Solomon Islands Parliament.</p>	<p>Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs (MWYCA).</p>

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Tonga 103,967 (estimated, 2009)	Second national consultation on draft proposals to introduce stronger legislation to deal with domestic violence against women, "Changing Laws, Protecting Women".	Drafting legislation to address DV and sexual violence being discussed.	The Constitution of Tonga – does not prohibit discrimination on sex or gender. Criminal Offence 1988 Article 118 – marital rape is not a crime. No specific legislation to address SGBV.		1 out of 12 Cabinet Ministers is a woman.	Ministry of Education, Women's Affairs and Culture.
Tuvalu 10, 472 (estimated, 2010)	The Tuvalu National Council of Women has urged the government to amend the law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender but no action has been taken.	Draft Domestic Violence Bill that will be put to Cabinet in November.	Constitution of Tuvalu – prohibits discrimination on basis of sex but not gender. No specific legislation to address SGBV.	6 Oct 1999 Accession to CEDAW .		Women's Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
Vanuatu 239, 788 (estimated, 2009)			Family Protection Act 2009 – First legislation on gender based violence in the Pacific. Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu Article 5 – prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex but not gender.	8 Sep 1995 Accession to CEDAW . 21 Nov 2008 Ratified ICCPR .	1 out of 52 Members of Parliament is a woman.	Department of Women's Affairs.

Note: This information is based upon available statistics. Statistics on SGBV are not uniformly collected across the region, are in some cases incorporated within violence statistics generally, or simply not collected in some countries.

