Introduction

- The Government of Vanuatu has shown tremendous commitment towards ensuring of having a fair and equitable society in which men, women, children and other citizen can enjoy the same quality of life.
This has been reflected by the government in its contribution and active participation ratifying all the different laws that are enacted to address the issues of eliminating of all forms discrimination against women.

Establishment of nine gender benchmarks under the countries comprehensive reform program to further our commitment to closing of gender inequality gap under the Prioritized Action.
Governments Commitment to CEDAW

- Ensure equal opportunities for women in government
- Special attention to women in the rural areas

Rational

- Empowering our women to be good governors and effective decision makers is the main objective for the Ministry of Justice and Social Welfare.
The Vanuatu women should have the potential and the ability to be effective leaders for tomorrow as well participate actively in our political arena in the future.

The Department of Women's Affairs as well as other stakeholders has the responsibility to identify relevant strategies that can be used as mechanisms for the implementing agencies to address the issues of good governance in different areas of our country.
Overview

- Many women are vulnerable and have a lot of difficulties to address their issues due to their lower literacy rate as well experiencing the complication of come into terms to accept other cross cutting areas that affected them directly.

Women have every right to enjoy the same quality of life as men as well have the equality opportunity to be participating in our political arena and be effective leaders for tomorrow.
Mission

Mission:
- Enhancing the lives of women through focused policy formulation to enable them to ensure women equal participation in government.

Goal

- To ensure women have the equal opportunity to participate in government
- To commit to Vanuatu obligation under its Constitution, CRP, CRC and the CEDAW rectification
WAY FORWARD

What to be done????

- Under the CRP, gender mainstreaming is the core strategy identified by Government to close the gender inequality gap between men and women.
GAP Analysis Background

- Within 30 years of Independence only four has entered the political chambers of the parliament and this is a very critical issues that need to be looked into by the WIP Taskforce Team

Issues of Consideration

- More balances policies and programs that equally benefit men and women
- Economic and social growth
- Women and girls increased access to services and resources for example heath and education
- Improved human rights for Womens
- Meeting Vanuatu’s obligation under the Constitution, the CRP and the CEDAW (Articles 4,7,8)
- International (United Nations) approval and support

- This refers to the consistent use of a gender perspectives at all stages of development, implementation and review of appropriate legislation, policies, plans, programs, projects, procedures and process
To ensure that practical workable strategies are in place so women can take rightful place in the decision making processes of the government at the national, provincial and municipal levels.

Gender training is a core activity in order to build capacity in gender analysis and gender planning and to increase gender sensitivity in all sectors of government.
WAY FORWARD

- Revisiting all the laws and regulations that provides provision for women to participate actively in the government decision making
- Revisit and strengthen the existing women networks by organizing a national reconciliation among all key women organization and political parties

GAP Analysis

- Establish the taskforce to do another feasibility study and research in identifying the missing links in the current system that does not provide flexibility for our local woman to have more balanced power influence to the current government of the day and produce a report