

A photograph of four young girls in school uniforms running and playing in a grassy field. They are wearing white short-sleeved shirts and blue skirts. In the background is a white building with several large, empty window frames, suggesting damage or disrepair. A large, thick red circular graphic is overlaid on the image, framing the children. The sky is overcast.

# **GCF Pacific Regional Dialogue: Locally Led Climate Action**

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A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a pink and black patterned t-shirt and a patterned skirt, stands on a rocky shore. She is pointing her right hand towards the ocean. In the background, there is a small building on the left and a calm sea under a cloudy sky.

# Locally Led Climate Action

LLCA is core to achieving GCF's mandate of *"Empowering climate action for people on the front lines of the climate crisis."*

Children bear the brunt of the climate crisis so must be at the heart of climate action as active stakeholders with unique perspectives and needs.



# Devolved Financing and Decision Making

- Genuine flexibility vs need to:
  - Demonstrate adaptation benefits (menu of options)
  - Deliver scale and economy
- Support adaptive management
- Consider opportunities as well as risks of devolving resources
- Ensure diverse voices, including children



# Empowering Local Actors

- Work through existing structures and processes, build recognition
- Support access to information to inform local plans and action
- Local level analysis and actions should inform regional and national policies and processes



# Building Local Capacity

- Local presence and time builds trust and lasting change: often underestimated or seen as an 'overhead'
- Community investment (time, resources, indigenous knowledge) is substantial but often not recognised
- Coordinate across partners to respond to multisectoral needs and go beyond technical training









**“It gives me power”**

