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Governance and accountability

Femili PNG is led by our highly experienced CEO and Senior Social Worker, Daisy Plana, Operations Manager Denga Ilave, and Senior Development Manager Kath Taplin. They manage a dedicated team of Papua New Guinean staff. An experienced and representative Management Committee of Australians and Papua New Guineans oversees operations. Our reporting ensures transparency and accountability. We report to implementing partner Oxfam through quarterly financial reports, six-monthly narrative reports and annual financial reports. We report to the Australian aid program through annual plans, and six-monthly and annual reports. Audited financial statements and updates are available on our website.

Enlisting the support of local business

“Femili PNG has access to clients at different local safe houses… and also the Family Support Centre at the hospital… we wanted our eggs to have the biggest possible impact and to reach the most people we can…. I think most companies in PNG, particularly in Lae, would be happy to donate to community organisations as long as the process is transparent.”

- Stan Leahy, General Manager of Zenag Chicken

As our first local sponsor in Lae, Zenag Chicken kindly approached Femili PNG offering to donate eggs each fortnight for clients staying in emergency accommodation.

Fundraising and corporate partnerships

Our core funding is provided by the Australian aid program through our implementing partner, Oxfam. Through Friends of Femili PNG, we have been able to obtain tax deductibility status for fundraising in Australia through a partnership with AFAP Action on Poverty, which works with smaller community based organisations such as our own.

During 2014-15, we raised $100,000 (over K200,000), including through:

- A generous $40,000 grant from Mundango Abroad
- A generous $10,000 grant from the Harold Mitchell Foundation
- $5,000 from Oxfam’s fund for repatriating survivors of violence
- $45,000 of donations from individuals

We are increasing our engagement with Lae-based businesses to develop a local funding base. We are grateful for the support of Zenag Chicken, Ramai 18 Store and Colgate Palmolive.

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“I firmly believe that the work we do at Femili PNG is filling a great need in our society. Many women lack the support of their families when they are fleeing from the trauma of a violent relationship. We provide care and tangible support to these women when they are most vulnerable. Our model has the potential to assist countless other women in Papua New Guinea.”

Serena Sumanop, Femili PNG Management Committee member

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Our first year

Femili PNG’s goal is to ‘improve access to and effectiveness of services for family and sexual violence survivors’. We work to achieve this goal in three ways: we provide case management services for survivors of family and sexual violence; we work with other service providers; and we undertake operations and research-based advocacy.

We commenced operations in Lae in July 2014. In our first year, we have established ourselves and made significant steps towards reaching our goals. We have a functioning office and a dedicated, professional staff. Integrated case management services are being provided to hundreds of survivors and their children from in and around Lae. We are working effectively with other service providers, and have started a program of training. We are laying the foundations for our research-based advocacy.

In our first year, we have:
• Hired a team of 12 staff, and set up in Lae.
• Assisted 376 clients and their families through 1600+ individual consultations so they could effectively access services and assistance.
• Developed referral pathways with all our Lae partners and signed MOUs with three of them.
• Helped women and children find refuge in safe houses and provided them with emergency food and other basic needs.
• Enabled women and their children to start life over through family tracing and assisted relocations.
• Provided safe houses with assistance to upgrade their premises including a new security fence, a new bathroom, kitchen plus kitchen equipment, and new beds for clients.
• Provided the district court and provincial police with computers and printers.
• Run training programs for government, international and local NGOs and others working with survivors of family and sexual violence.
• Raised more than K200,000 ($A100,000) in donations and gifts.

Client stories

Alice’s story
Alice* went to the Family Support Centre (FSC) at Angau Hospital looking for help—she was pregnant, and facing constant physical and sexual abuse from her husband. She had already had several miscarriages because of the violence, and she wanted it to end. The FSC referred her case to Femili PNG. At first, she filed for an interim protection order (IPO), but her husband assaulted her again. After this, Alice and her children were moved to a safe house and the Femili PNG Case Worker supported her to file a case at the District Court against her husband. The Case Worker found Alice’s family to see if she could return home, away from her violent husband, and her father said that she could. Once she gives birth to her baby and is strong enough, she will use her business start-up kit to work on the land to grow potatoes and broccoli to sell at the market, so she can support her children.

Louisa’s story
After years of abuse from her husband, Louisa* reached out to Femili PNG for help. She had been severely beaten and had many wounds. A Femili PNG Case Worker helped Louisa to report the abuse to the police. Louisa’s husband was arrested and charged. Louisa and her children stayed in safe accommodation while she received all the medical care that she needed. After talking through the options with her Case Worker, Louisa decided she wanted to move back to her home village to escape the abuse. The Case Worker found Louisa’s family and made sure they were willing to welcome her home. The Case Worker reached out to services in Louisa’s home province so she would have ongoing support to adjust to her new life. Louisa was also provided with support to start a business so she could earn an income. *Names have been changed

How case management helps

Femili PNG provides practical assistance to its clients, such as:
• Referrals to other service providers.
• Support through the process of making statements, or going to court.
• Case conferences with other stakeholders to ensure the best outcomes for complex cases.
• Relocation: For some clients, relocation or family reunification is the best option.
• Advocacy for clients: if a client has not been able to achieve the outcome that they were hoping for through the justice system or from police, Case Workers can advocate on their behalf.
• Emergency support: Even when in a shelter, clients and their children often have no means of subsistence. We often help clients meet their food and basic needs.
• Transport: We provide clients with secure transport to help them move from the safe house, to the police, to court or to seek medical care.

Talking with community members about Femili PNG’s work.

Formalising partnerships through MOUs

In 2015, the Femili PNG team signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with three important partners – the Lae District Court, the Division of Community Development in the Morobe Provincial Government and the Lae Provincial Police. The MOUs formalise the strong partnership between Femili PNG and these organisations, and highlight their joint dedication to achieve better outcomes for survivors of family and sexual violence.

“Looking back to when we started, it could not then even imagine how much we would achieve. But we can only do this by working with others. We alone as an NGO cannot provide the full package of service… We have seen that every stakeholder is very important for our cases to move forward.”

Denga Ilave, Operations Manager

“This is the way forward to deliver services to the people; Government departments and NGOs networking together, mobilising their resources.”

– Lae Provincial Police Commander, at the signing of an MOU with Femili PNG

Safe house success

Before Femili PNG started, it was very difficult to find secure accommodation for survivors of family and sexual violence. Over the last 12 months, we have worked with Lae’s two safe houses, providing them with support and practical help, such as the bunk beds shown above. We have helped them improve security, and expand. We also provide transport to and from the safe houses, and emergency food from women and children. Lae’s two safe houses are now functioning well, and women and children have somewhere to go in an emergency. While there are still shortages of long-term accommodation in Lae, the progress so far shows what can be achieved by working in partnership.

Working with partners is critical to what we do. On our own we can achieve very little. Together, we can make the system work for clients.

Constable Mairi Aiafon, Senior Constable Odilia Samoa, Femili PNG CEO and Senior Social Worker Daisy Plana and Provincial Police Commander-in-Chief Superintendent Kaiglo Ambane of Lae Provincial Police after signing an MOU.