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The Lae Case Management Centre

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ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16



Operations Manager Denga Ilave being interviewed by Radio Australia's Richard Ewart in Melbourne.

"Femili PNG is only one of a number of initiatives that have sprung up in PNG in recent years to respond to our nationwide challenge of family and sexual violence. As a country, we have embarked on a journey towards a future in which violence is no longer accepted as inevitable. That domestic violence remains a big issue in Australia, even after decades of effort, shows what a long journey it will be for PNG and indeed all in our region. But I am proud to be part of that journey and confident of change."

Operations Manager Denga Ilave, in an op-ed for ABC's *The Drum*, May 2016.

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Letter from Femili PNG

Our second year has been a busy and productive one. We saw 20 per cent more clients this year, and had double the number of client consultations. In total, we have seen almost 1,000 clients in our first two years. Three-quarters had experienced intimate partner violence. Almost 20 per cent were children. They were referred to us because of the seriousness of their cases, and the desperation of their circumstances. We were able to help many of them with emergency accommodation, protection orders and other legal remedies, and with relocation where necessary and appropriate.

It is hard work, but we are making a difference. A big thank you to our staff in Lae, your dedication and commitment is inspiring. Success is possible only through partnership, and we'd like to thank all our partners. We work closely with our service partners in Lae on a daily basis. We collaborate with a range of funding and national advocacy partners, including Oxfam, Action on Poverty, the Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee and a growing number of businesses. We are particularly grateful to the Government of Australia, our main funder. Thank you all for your support.

A special thank you to Dr Kamalini Lokuge, who this year stepped down from the Management Committee. Kamalini played a vital role in the establishment of Femili PNG, and we are delighted that she will continue as Research Director. And thank you to Anna Raymond who also stepped down from the Management Committee this year. We'll be announcing their replacements shortly.

2016-17 will be an even more challenging year, but we are moving forward with confidence. Our new three-year strategic plan will guide us. One of our main aims is to move beyond Lae, and to help others who want to undertake similar case management work.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have in one way or another supported our work. We had another successful year of fundraising, but we need to continue diversifying and replenishing our support base, in both Australia and PNG. We are able to offer tax deductible donations in both Australia and PNG so do consider supporting us: go to <http://www.femilipng.org/donate/>.



Stephen Howes
Chair



Daisy G. Plana
CEO and Senior Social Worker



Denga Ilave
Operations Manager



This year's highlights

2015-16, our second full year of operations, has been a busy and productive year for Femili PNG. This year we have:

- Assisted 507 new clients and their families to effectively access family and sexual violence (FSV) services and assistance.
- Conducted 3,547 individual client support consultations.
- Helped hundreds of clients and their dependents obtain emergency accommodation, Interim Protection Orders, and relocations.
- Expanded our team in Lae from 12 to 16 staff members.
- Continued to work collaboratively with partners in Lae, including by conducting nine case conferences.
- Signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Salvation Army Safe House bringing our number of MOUs with partners to four.
- Provided safe houses with material assistance including furniture, equipment and renovations, and meet the basic needs of their clients.
- Provided support to FSV service providers in Lae including the police, Welfare Office, court, hospital and non-government organisations (NGOs).
- Provided training to government, international and local NGOs and others, including the corporate sector, supporting an enhanced cross-sectoral approach to assisting survivors of FSV.
- Progressed our research agenda, developing valuable insights, and were increasingly asked to share our knowledge at provincial and national levels.
- Experienced significant media exposure, raising the profile of Femili PNG and partner organisations while increasing awareness of FSV in Papua New Guinea (PNG).
- Finalised our three year strategic plan for 2016-19.

Femili PNG is grateful to the many partner organisations that we have worked with this year. Together, we have made a difference to the lives of our clients.

Introduction

Femili PNG is a local NGO based in Lae, PNG. Our vision is to provide effective client services and foster strong partnerships to address family and sexual violence (FSV) in PNG.

Our mission is to work with clients, partners and communities to improve responses to FSV through our case management, partner support, training, monitoring research and advocacy.

We are a values based organisation, valuing respect, client-centred practice, trust, dynamism and resilience, learning, empowerment, professionalism, discipline and probity, partnerships, human rights, and the role of civil society.

Femili PNG has four strategic priorities:

- As a national centre of excellence, provide effective and coordinated case management approaches for people experiencing family and sexual violence.
- Foster strong partnerships with PNG government and civil society agencies to promote effective responses to family and sexual violence, both in Lae and across PNG.
- Undertake operations and research-based advocacy to improve the response to family and sexual violence across PNG.
- Be a well-run and sustainable Papua New Guinean NGO.

This is our second Annual Report and covers the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. Over this period, Femili PNG has made significant progress for the benefit of survivors of FSV in PNG and has laid the foundations for a new phase of activities and growth.

Celebrating our first year

To celebrate our shared success, a first-year anniversary celebration was held with our Lae partners on 30 July 2015.

The importance of strong collaboration and networking was highlighted throughout the event.

During the event speeches, Femili PNG and its stakeholders were likened to parts of the body, performing different functions to accomplish one purpose. Femili PNG staff are proud of the successes achieved so far, which could not have been accomplished without the support of partners.

"The highlight of the event was having the mother of a child client speak about how she was able to access the much needed services when she presented with her child's problem".

-Denga Ilave, Operations Manager



Photo: Femili PNG partner representatives receive certificates of appreciation.

Client services

Case management is our core business. It is long-term, intensive work, which involves proactively following up cases until they are closed. We work with survivors of FSV, supporting them to find solutions and to access the services they need.

Our case management approach has been identified as good practice for the sector.¹ Services that we provide in collaboration with partners include:

- **Emergency accommodation and support:** We liaise with safe houses to obtain admission for women who need it. We also support clients in safe houses in obtaining food and other basic necessities.
- **Transport:** We provide clients with transport to take them to the safe house, the police station, court etc.
- **Legal remedies:** We follow up with the police and courts to support women who need a protection order, arrest or other legal remedy. We also provide our clients with access to free legal advice through our retained lawyer.
- **Statements:** We support our clients to make statements for police and court purposes, particularly when clients have low literacy or have experienced significant trauma.
- **Relocation:** One practical solution for some women, used with careful planning, is to move to another part of the country, perhaps to the area they come from or to live with relatives. This is also required for some young children who have lost contact with their families. We assist with family tracing, support clients to relocate, connect them with local government officials and provide them with some set-up support such as business start-up kits.

Supporting clients through the courts

In May 2016, in a major breakthrough for survivors of FSV, the National Court in Lae sentenced a couple to a total of 50 years in prison with hard labour for persistent sexual abuse of a child. The child, Anna*, was 13 years old when the couple she had been sent to live with after her father's death began sexually abusing and physically assaulting her. As a result, she fell pregnant and was forced to abandon her education. She experienced severe psychological trauma.

Anna had been referred to Femili PNG by the Office of the Public Prosecutor in November 2014. While awaiting the National Court hearing, Femili PNG supported the repatriation of Anna and her mother, who had reported the abuse to police after becoming aware of it. In May 2016, the Victim Liaison Officer (VLO) and the Investigating Police Officer requested Femili PNG's assistance again. Femili PNG met all travel, food and accommodation costs for Anna and her mother to appear before the court. "Without Femili PNG's assistance, we could not have executed the case," the VLO said.

"This was one of the very few cases we've successfully executed," the Arresting Officer said. "Most times, when there are no witnesses, cases like this are thrown out. But with good networking and collaboration with other organisations and individuals, we have created history," she said.

"The pain will be with me for many years to come... but I'm happy that justice has been done," said Anna.

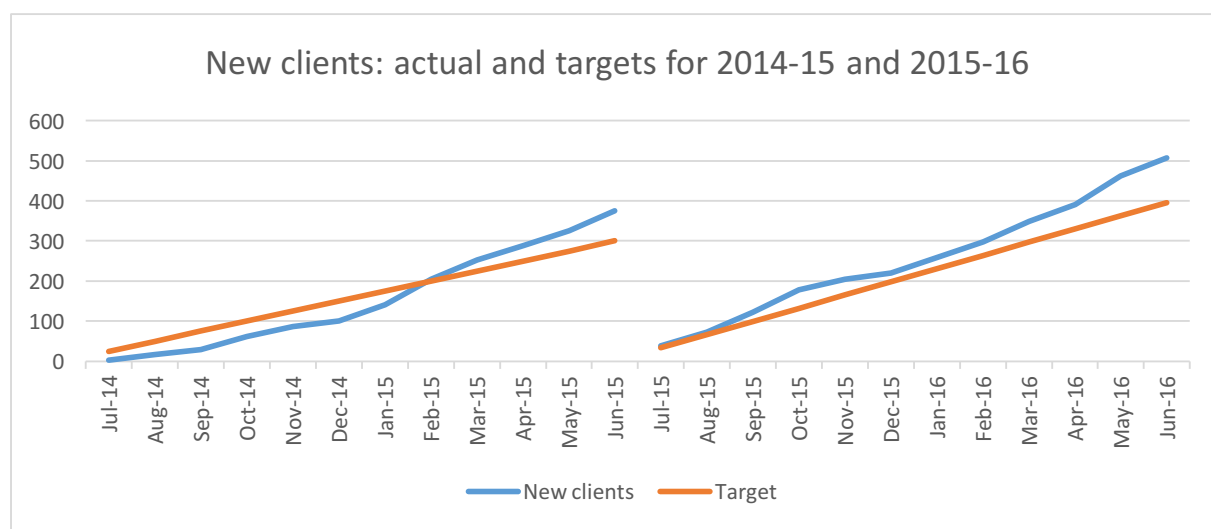
¹ GHD Pty Ltd, Evaluation Report: Evaluation of the RPNGC Family and Sexual Violence Units, December 2015, <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/png-family-sexual-violence-units-evaluation.pdf>

We also provide our clients with support through:

- **Listening and guidance:** We support clients to identify their needs, identify the resources available to them and support them to develop a plan to meet their needs.
- **Referrals and support:** We support clients to make appointments with service providers, facilitate a collaborative approach and empower them to make the decisions that they believe are best for them and their dependents.

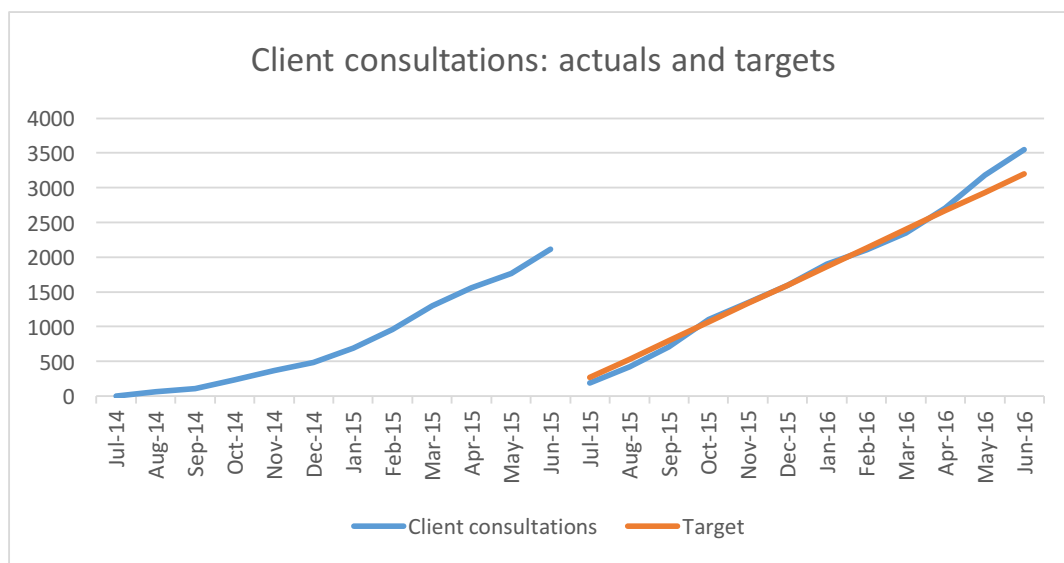
Service quality and positive outcomes for survivors is what matters most. We are proud of what our clients have achieved with the support of Femili PNG and partner organisations.

Between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016 Femili PNG provided case management services to 507 new clients. This is up by about 20 per cent on the number we saw this last year, and is well ahead of our target, which was 400 for the year.



We close cases only when our clients decide that they no longer need our services. Complex cases, such as those before the courts, can take months or years to resolve. For this reason, our number of open cases has increased to 450 by the end of June 2016, compared to 228 at the end of June 2015.

Our client consultations have continued to increase with our growing client base. This has been supported by the growth in our team, with the Lae staff expanding from 12 to 16 people this year. In 2015-16 we engaged in 295 client consultations per month or 3,547 for the year, compared to an average of 135 per month and 1,625 overall for the previous year. Again, we more than achieved our target for the year.



Analysis of client characteristics at intake for the 735 clients seen up to the end of March 2016 reveals that at intake 75 per cent of clients were survivors of intimate partner violence, and 12 per cent of sexual violence. The remaining 13 per cent included children who were abandoned or had been trafficked, sorcery cases as well as custody and maintenance cases. 19 per cent of clients were less than 18 years of age. The main goals of adult clients at the time of intake included leaving the perpetrator permanently (28 per cent), to continue to living with the perpetrator but to stop ongoing violence (37 per cent), and to have the perpetrator arrested (15 per cent). Overall, at intake, the client profile and goals were consistent with our target group and aims.

In regards to the outcomes of these clients as at the end of March 2016, 13 per cent of all clients were supported in obtaining protection orders, 13 per cent were supported to access emergency accommodation, and 4.2 per cent were relocated, repatriated or reintegrated to a safe long-term place of residence. 35 per cent of the clients were still under active follow up as of April 2016 and of these active cases, those under follow up for more than six months were primarily awaiting court hearings. The success of these cases is yet to be seen, and the longer-term outcomes for women of obtaining protection orders or being repatriated also need to be assessed. A detailed analysis of police and court outcomes of all cases and associated factors is currently underway. As of end April, 65 per cent of cases had been closed. Of the closed cases, 40 per cent were lost to follow up prior to achieving all long term planned goals, 32 per cent had changed plans and therefore no longer required the services of the program, and 28 per cent had achieved their goals.

Staffing

We are proud to be a Papua New Guinean NGO. 15 out of our 17 staff members are Papua New Guinean. Our staff include: our CEO/Senior Social Worker, Operations Manager, Development Manager, Administrator, Administration Assistant, five Case Workers, Child Protection Officer, Support Worker, two Drivers, Logistics Assistant, Information Officer and Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Officer. We expanded from 13 to 17 staff over the course of the year, welcoming several new staff and saying goodbye to others. Nakon is our new Logistics Assistant (replacing Andrew), Ellie and Thelma are our new Case Workers and Watson is our new Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Officer.

Working with partners in Lae

Over the course of the year, we have undertaken a range of work with our FSV service provider partners in Lae.

We provide practical support to partners. We have provided maintenance and equipment to our Lae safe house partners as well as financing sector-coordination activities such as the Morobe provincial FSV planning workshop. We have also provided equipment such as mobile phones, computers, fire extinguishers and security alarm systems to our government and non-government partners.

We have entered into new partnerships. We signed an MOU with the Salvation Army (which runs one of Lae's two safe houses). The MOUs that we signed in 2014-15 with the Morobe courts, police and Welfare Office continue to guide our collaborative practice.

We have continued to support sector coordination through convening the Lae FSV Service Provider Group, which met in December 2015 and April 2016. We also arranged nine case conferences to progress cases of high-risk clients where coordination across service providers is critical.

We strive for positive collaborative outcomes. The past year has seen significant improvement in safe house performance, security and availability. Additionally, through our relationship with the courts, we are able to prioritise high-risk cases and get IPOs issued normally within 24 hours.



Photo: Femili PNG CEO Daisy Plana (left) handing over equipment to the Angau Hospital Family Support Centre

Training

This year we have facilitated training for staff at the Morobe Community Development Department, Port Moresby General Hospital, Yana Advocacy, City Mission, Meri Seif Haus and Haus Claire Crisis Centre for Children.

We also provide on-the-job training to our staff and partners in our daily interactions. Aside from the benefits of skill development, the training has led to increased referrals, strengthened collaboration, increased confidence of service providers and improved client services. In November 2015 our Operations Manager and Child Protection Officer, along with the Morobe Government Child Protection

Officer and Angau Hospital Family Support Centre Coordinator, travelled to the Philippines to observe case management in a different context. The trip was designed in coordination with the Philippines Women and Child Protection Unit. This trip has strengthened the team's understanding of client-friendly service delivery and has contributed to improved case management.

Monitoring, evaluation and research

Femili PNG's monitoring and evaluation captures outcomes of service provision to FSV survivors.

The monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework continues to guide data collection and research. Although there is a growing body of research on the risk factors for FSV, there has not been equivalent investment in developing evidence-based interventions that ensure survivors have access to the services they need and value. Femili PNG is building an evidence base in the delivery of effective and accessible case management services to survivors. We are doing this via analysis of our own cases, through interviews with service providers, and through a survey of households planned for 2017. We work collaboratively with the Department of Development and Communications at the University of Technology and Lae and Huon District Administration. In April, all partners participated in a two week workshop with the Femili PNG Research Director, Dr Kamalini Lokuge, to develop the methodology and instruments for the survey.

We are proud of our commitment to M&E, with a recent DFAT Partner Performance Assessment of Femili PNG singling out its M&E as a strength. We will utilise the results of our research to train and assist other service providers, and undertake advocacy based on our operations and research, towards our goal of improving access to and effectiveness of services for FSV survivors.

Fundraising and pro-bono assistance

During 2015-16 Femili PNG and our support group, Friends of Femili PNG, raised over PGK 339,100 (AUD 150,700) in donations and in-kind support. Our generous donors include the Australian of the Year, David Morrison AO (AUD 15,000), the Harold Mitchell Foundation (AUD 20,000 over two years), Mundango Abroad (AUD 80,000 over three years), the employees of Anitua Pty Ltd in PNG (AUD 1,000), and other supporters in both PNG and Australia. Our sponsored Canberra Half Marathon runners raised AUD 12,000.

Thank you Mundango Abroad!

Femili PNG is fortunate to be the recipient of two grants totalling \$80,000 from Mundango Abroad.

Annabel Dulhunty, Mundango Abroad's Chair, says:

"We like to support organisations that are trying new ways to address entrenched problems and who work in meaningful partnerships on the ground in PNG. We have been impressed by Femili PNG's results and their ability to work in partnership with other family and sexual violence service providers in Lae".

Femili PNG is extremely grateful for the support of Mundango Abroad which is helping us to break cycles of violence and achieve lasting outcomes for our clients.



Photo: Femili PNG Operations Manager Denga Ilave (left) met with Annabel Dulhunty, Chair of Mundango Abroad, during her visit to Australia in May 2016

We have continued our partnership with Action on Poverty (formerly known as AFAP), which works with smaller community based organisations such as our own and enables donations to us to be tax deductible.

Our Australian support group, Friends of Femili PNG (see page 11), was active throughout the year, raising some AUD 96,000 in support of the work of Femili PNG.

We benefit from significant in-kind support from individuals, which in 2015-16 we estimated to be worth PGK 122,100. We would like to thank all of our Management Committee members, our Research Director, Dr Kamalini Lokuge, members of our Technical Advisory Panel and other volunteers who helped this year, including: Louise Kleinig, Dennise Simpson, Kath Taplin, Mellanie Olano, Elizabeth Morgan, Harry Kanadi, Peter Lindermeier, Lindy Kanan, Paula Baker, Kelly Williamson and Mary-Jane Heron. Various staff of the Development Policy Centre have contributed, including Macarena Rojas, Husnia Hushang and Anthony Swan and in particular Ashlee Betteridge who over the last three years has set up and administered our website, our newsletter, our support organisation (Friends of Femili PNG), and our Australian finances, among much else. A number of organisations have also provided us with generous support, including Buk Bilong Pikinini, Nestle, Zenag Chicken, Colgate Palmolive and the PNG Business Coalition for Women.

Outreach and private sector engagement

A highlight of our outreach work this year was our Operations Manager Denga Ilave's visit to Australia in May 2016 to raise awareness of the issue of FSV in PNG and the work of Femili PNG. She reached hundreds of business leaders by speaking at Australia-PNG Business Forum and Trade Expo in Cairns, as well as through other speaking and media engagements including at The Australian National University in Canberra, the Lowy Institute in Sydney and Oxfam in Melbourne.

We have also strengthened our outreach through the hiring of a Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Officer in Lae, Watson Gabana.



Photo: Femili PNG's Denga Ilave speaks on a panel at ANU with Anna Solomon, Secretary of the PNG Department for Community Development and Religion, Sally Moyle, Principal Gender Specialist, DFAT and Kymberley Kepore, CEO of the Oil Search Foundation

Other examples of our outreach work this year include:

- Awareness sessions on FSV and FSV services with management and employees of businesses including: Nestle, NCS, Theodist Booksellers and others.
- Working with the Lae Council of Women and the Lae Women Arise community group to do outreach work at shows such as the Morobe Show, and marches such as the Lae Walk Against Violence.

- Increased engagement with businesses in Lae, including through the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- Speaking at the US Embassy's PNG Women's Forum in March 2016.
- Close engagement with the PNG Business Coalition for Women.
- Presenting at the high-profile 'ANZ Gender Parity' panel of Papua New Guinean officials visiting in Australia.
- Promoting Femili PNG's work through our website, Facebook page and Twitter account, as well as through the media and Devpolicy Blog.



Photo: Lae stakeholders participated in the Lae 'Walk Against Violence' in February 2016

Friends of Femili PNG

Friends of Femili PNG is a support organisation for Femili PNG. Friends of Femili PNG is an incorporated association in the Australian Capital Territory, is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and has been endorsed by the Australian Tax Office for charity tax concessions. This report serves as the annual report for both Femili PNG and Friends of Femili PNG.

Friends of Femili PNG employs Femili PNG's Development Manager, based in Canberra, who provides operational and policy support to Femili PNG. We thank Kath Taplin who served in this role until May 2016 when Lindy Kanan took it on. Kath continues to work with us in a pro-bono capacity.

Governance

Femili PNG and Friends of Femili PNG are governed by a Management Committee (MC) which met four times in 2015-16; 1 August 2015, 28 November 2015, 6 February 2016 and 7 May 2016.

An Executive Management Committee meets every two weeks and oversees general management of the organisation. The CEO prepares monthly progress and financial reports which are circulated to the MC. The MC also maintains a risk register.

We acknowledge Dr Kamilini Lokuge of the Australian National University (ANU) and Ms Anna Raymond, formerly Lae Public Solicitor, who this year have moved on from their roles on the MC. Dr Kamalini Lokuge has commenced a new pro-bono position as Research Director, in which she will continue to lead our M&E and research work.

Management Committee:

Ms Stephanie Copus-Campbell — Treasurer
Executive Director of the Oil Search Foundation Board, and former head of AusAID in PNG

Professor Stephen Howes — President
Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Dr Eric Kwa
Secretary, PNG Constitutional and Law Reform Commission

Ms Serena Sumanop — Secretary
Policy Lawyer with the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney General and formerly Executive Director, The Voice

Ms Ume Wainetti — Vice President
Chair, Family Sexual Violence Action Committee, Port Moresby

Reporting

Our reporting ensures transparency and accountability. We report to our implementing partner Oxfam through quarterly financial reports, six-monthly narrative reports and annual financial reports. We report to our primary funder, DFAT through annual plans, and six-monthly and annual reports. We provide updates on our website and through our e-newsletter, and we publish our annual report and audit report.

2016 Australian of the Year supports Femili PNG

This year, Femili PNG was delighted to receive a generous donation from David Morrison AO.

As Australian of the Year for 2016, the retired Lieutenant General and former Chief of the Australian Army is a champion of diversity and gender equality, in Australia and abroad.

The donation came about when General Morrison was in PNG to give the keynote address at Digicel PNG Foundation's Men of Honour Awards ceremony.

Femili PNG is delighted to receive this support from such a prominent Australian.



Photo: David Morrison AO (left) at the Digicel PNG Foundation's Men of Honour Awards. Photo by Michelle Westmorland



Photo: The United States Ambassador Catherine Ebert-Gray (right) made a surprise visit to Femili PNG along with US Economic Officer, Brad Coley (left). Pictured with Denga Ilave, Femili PNG Operations Manager (centre).

Femili PNG blogs and media coverage

We have featured a number of posts on the Development Policy Centre's Devpolicy Blog (devpolicy.org) related to Femili PNG's work and FSV:

- [Supporting survivors of violence in PNG to find safety](#) – by Ashlee Betteridge (1 September 2015)
- [Putting Lae's safe houses to work](#) – by Stephen Howes (7 September 2015)
- [Newsletter: Stakeholder survey | Australian views on aid | Femili PNG anniversary | AAC keynotes | Events](#) – Devpolicy newsletter (11 September 2015)
- [Gender-based violence: hurting the bottom line for business in PNG](#) – by Lindy Kanan, (19 October 2015)
- ["Bashed Up" – new HRW report on family violence in PNG](#) – by Ashlee Betteridge (12 November 2015)
- [Femili PNG submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into Violence Against Women and Children in PNG](#) – by Ashlee Betteridge (25 November 2015)
- [Femili PNG's work on FSV featured by The Guardian](#) – by Ashlee Betteridge, (1 March 2016)

- [Thinking local on International Women's Day: supporting community-driven action on ending family and sexual violence in PNG](#) – by Logea Nao (8 March 2016)
- [Return to Abuser: limited options for survivors of violence in PNG](#) – by Ashlee Betteridge (18 March 2016)
- [Are PNG's family and sexual violence police units working?](#) – by Ashlee Betteridge (26 April 2016)
- [Newsletter: Humanitarian fund | Aid rankings and transparency | Budget time | Our PNG work | Pacific Update call for papers](#) – Devpolicy newsletter 22 April 2016
- [Gender-based violence in PNG: new approaches, new promise](#) – by Ashlee Betteridge (8 June 2016)



Some of our press coverage over the last year:

- [Australia's role preventing violence against women in PNG](#) – Denga Ilave speaks with 4ZZZ FM in Brisbane (July 2015)
- [Victim case management at Femili PNG](#) – story on Seeds Theatre website (July 2015)
- [Papua New Guinea marks 40 years of independence](#) – The New Daily & ABC Radio Australia (Serena Sumanop in story, September 2015)
- Lae to host 21 human rights days – PNG Post Courier, Femili PNG's Andrew Anduari quoted in story (30 October 2015)
- [Femili PNG](#) – EMTV Online (17 December 2015)
- [Women seek islands of refuge in Papua New Guinea's sea of violence](#) – The Guardian (1 March 2016)
- ['He might track me down and kill me': fleeing domestic violence in PNG](#) – The Guardian (1 March 2016)
- [Addressing violence against women in Papua New Guinea needs holistic responses](#) – IWDA Blog (4 March 2016)
- [Experience at a case management service for survivors of family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea](#) – Paula Baker, International Association for Community Development website (7 March 2016)
- [International Women's Day: Ending violence against women and girls](#) – Chloe Hickey-Jones, Lowy Institute (8 March 2016)
- [FSV Services Needed](#) – The National (26 April 2016)

- [Canberra family to run half marathon to fund domestic violence services in PNG](#) – RIOTACT (20 May 2016)
- [There is hope for PNG and Australia's shared domestic violence challenge](#) – Denga Ilave, ABC The Drum (20 May 2016)
- Woman speaks of violence – The National, story by Femili PNG's Denga Ilave (26 May 2016)
- [PNG needs to train more counsellors](#) – News.com.au (1 June 2016)
- [Making ground in the fight against gender-based violence in PNG](#) – the Lowy Interpreter (24 June 2016)

NEWS

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Canberra, ACT

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There is hope for PNG and Australia's shared domestic violence challenge

OPINION

The Drum | By Denga Ilave

Posted 20 May 2016, 10:45am

That domestic violence remains a big issue in Australia, even after decades of effort, shows what a long journey it will be for us in PNG. But I am proud of the progress we've made and am confident of change, writes Denga Ilave.

My Australian friends tell me that domestic violence is increasingly in the spotlight in Australia. There is Rosie Batty's tireless advocacy, a royal commission, and new government initiatives. They say it is encouraging, even if overdue.

I'm from Papua New Guinea. You might know that family and sexual violence is a big problem in my country - there are estimates that as many as 70 per cent of PNG women experience physical or sexual assault in their lifetime. Our own experience as women confirms what surveys tell us - that violence is a reality of life for the majority of Papua New Guinean women.

That's the bad news. The good news, less well-known, is that in PNG, as in Australia, the problem of gender-based violence is receiving increasing attention, and some new solutions are being developed to support survivors and to address the challenge.



PHOTO: The problem of gender-based violence is receiving increasing attention in Papua New Guinea. (Reuters: David Gray)

So far today police in Australia would have dealt with on average

447 domestic violence matters

Learn more about these numbers.

Share

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES:

- 1800 Respect national helpline: 1800 732 732
- Women's Crisis Line: 1800 811 811
- Men's Referral Service: 1300 786 491
- Lifeline (24 hour crisis line): 131 114
- Relationships Australia: 1300 364 277

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



These women all died in 2015: 'they are not just statistics'



ABC Open: People tell their domestic violence stories



It takes courage to stand up and

Financial statements

Femili PNG's 2015-16 accounts were audited and we received an unqualified audit for our cash accounts, available on the web.

A summary of our 2015-16 accounts follows below for both Femili PNG and Friends of Femili PNG.

Femili PNG summary accounts (PGK)		Friends of Femili PNG summary accounts (AUD)	
INCOME		INCOME	
DFAT funding (via Oxfam)	2,035,106	Funds raised through Action on Poverty	96,337
Other funds raised	1,060	Of which transferred to FFPNG	40,000
Other	677	Other	8
TOTAL	2,036,843	TOTAL	40,008
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Capital costs	152,683	Capital costs	
Operational costs	901,170	Operational costs	3,350
Personnel expenses	995,255	Personnel expenses	60,640
TOTAL	2,049,108	TOTAL	63,990
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	-12,265	INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	-23,982
START-OF-YEAR BALANCE	347,366	START-OF-YEAR BALANCE	27,795
Plus surplus	-12,265	Plus surplus	-23,982
END-OF-YEAR BALANCE	335,101	END-OF-YEAR BALANCE	3,813

Notes: 1. Friends of Femili PNG raises funds in support of Femili PNG. 2. Funds are raised by Friends of Femili PNG through Action on Poverty to obtain tax deductibility. 3. Friends of Femili PNG pays for the salary of the Femili PNG Development Manager. 4. In-kind donations are not included.

*"Seeing how the partners worked together, it's a life-saving thing. **It's really helped me.** If I was to do it on my own with my parents, without coming here, I might end up dead somewhere. He might track me down anywhere and kill me."*

Femili PNG high-risk client 'Tanya', who featured in a story in *The Guardian* newspaper.



Femili PNG is supported by many Australian
and PNG organisations and businesses,
including:



Harold Mitchell Foundation
Mundango Abroad
Action on Poverty
Anitua Group
The Australian National University
Zenag Chicken
Ramai 18 Store, Lae
Colgate Palmolive



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