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The Lae Case Management Centre

## ANNUAL REPORT **2016-17**





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## Letter from Femili PNG

**“Femili PNG is a great organisation with dedicated and passionate staff who provide the best counselling and solution to me and other clients in need. I am forever grateful to you all for the support and assistance I’m getting”**

It’s words like these, from one of our clients, that keep us going. Last year, for the first time, we undertook a client survey. 95% of our clients said that they were satisfied with the services we were able to provide them. They appreciated the transportation and other help we provided them to access services. Most of all, they appreciated the opportunity to talk with our staff, to work things through, and to come up with a plan to work towards.

As you can read in this report, 2016-17 was a busy year. We hosted an amazing visit by Australian of the Year Rosie Batty to PNG. Make sure you read right through this report to the end, to see her own reflections on her visit. And thank you to Trukai, Cardno and Steamships for their support in making the visit possible. We’re delighted that Rosie has agreed to become our first patron.

We also last year we moved to a larger and more secure office in which we can meet our clients. That’s already making a huge difference to our operations. Special thanks to Newcrest who become our largest private sector supporter by funding the renovations, and to the Lutheran Church for their partnership.

We secured a second phase of funding from the Australian Aid Program, through *Pacific Women*. And we increased our private fundraising, in PNG and in Australia. We obtained tax-deductible status in Australia to match the status we have in PNG.

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, the Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, the Business Coalition for Women and a growing number of businesses. We are particularly grateful to the Government of Australia, our main funder, and its *Pacific Women* program. Thanks in Australia to Action on Poverty, Mundango Abroad, the Zonta Club of Canberra, and our sponsored Canberra running group.

A final, special thank you to our growing number of individual, regular supporters in both PNG and Australia. Please think about joining that group. 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

2016-17 has been an eventful and productive year for the organisation. This year we have:

- Assisted 479 new clients: 387 women, 19 men, 57 girls and 16 boys.
- Carried out 4,100 client consultations, and helped our clients access a range of services: 199 received an Interim Protection Order (IPO), 184 clients received police attention (resulting in 32 arrests), 106 clients and 114 dependents were provided with safe accommodation – including dependents a total of 220 beneficiaries.
- Supported three clients to have their cases successfully heard in the national court, all child female sexual abuse cases. The perpetrators were convicted with sentences of 25, 10 and 16 years of imprisonment.
- Strengthened our case management operations in Lae with the appointment of a Case Work Manager and an International Technical Expert.
- Moved to larger and more secure office thanks to a generous donation from Newcrest Mining Ltd and a partnership with the Lutheran Church. We now have the option to conduct client consultations on our premises.
- Hosted a successful speaking tour of Lae and Port Moresby by 2015 Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty.
- Entered into MOUs with three national organisations including Trukai Industries Ltd, the PNG Business Coalition for Women (BCFW) and the Lutheran Church.
- Expanded our operations to Hela Province through a partnership with the Oil Search Foundation.
- Strengthened outreach in Canberra through events including the Canberra Running Festival, a fundraising dinner and a trivia night hosted by the Zonta Club of Canberra.



*Oil Search Foundation CEO, Kymberley Kepore and Femili PNG CEO Daisy Plana shake on the agreement to improve services for survivors in Hela Province.*

## Introduction

Femili PNG is a Papua New Guinean non-government organisation based in Lae. Our vision is to provide effective client services and foster strong partnerships to address family and sexual violence (FSV) in PNG.

This report covers the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and is our third annual report. The last twelve months have been an important period for the organisation. This year, we have established a national presence in PNG and a much higher media profile. Partnerships with national organisations such as the Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, Oil Search Foundation, Trukai Industries Ltd, the Lutheran Church, Newcrest Mining Ltd, the PNG Business Coalition for Women and the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) program have put us in position to pursue our agenda to have a national impact.

We also hosted the visit of 2015 Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty, to PNG in 2017, which was successful in raising the profile of family and sexual violence and of Femili PNG.

While it is a challenging operating context, we are confident that the combination of high-quality operations in Lae together with a plan to support national impact will continue to deliver results for the women, men and children of Papua New Guinea.

## Case management

Our case management work involves working with survivors of FSV and assisting them to find solutions and access the services they need. Each client's needs will be different.

We provide the following services to clients:

- Counselling
- Transport
- Legal advice and support through our in-house lawyer
- Business start-up kits
- Family Tracing
- Assistance with relocation

And we help clients to access these services, in close coordination with our partners:

### Rosie Batty Tour

Femili PNG hosted 2015 Australian of the Year and Femili PNG patron Rosie Batty in a speaking tour of Papua New Guinea, from the 24 to 28 April 2017.

Rosie is a leader in the movement to end gender-based violence in Australia - she began campaigning for better responses to family violence after her 11 year old son Luke Batty was murdered by his father in a public assault in 2014.

While in PNG, Rosie visited Lae and Port Moresby and met with survivors of violence, Femili PNG staff and family and sexual violence service providers. She gave public lectures at the PNG University of Technology in Lae and the University of Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby, and spoke at gala fundraising dinners in Lae and Port Moresby.



*Rosie Batty looks on as Femili PNG's Evan Bieso speaks at the University of PNG.*

You can read Rosie's reflections after her trip at the end of the report.

Thanks to all those who supported the visit: Australian High Commission in Port Moresby, Australian Consulate-General in Lae, National Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, Justice Services and Stability for Development program, Business Coalition for Women, PNG University of Technology, University of Papua New Guinea, Trukai, Cardno, Steamships, Guard Dog and Post Courier.

- Safe accommodation
- Medical care
- Police services
- Court and other legal services
- Welfare services

From July 2016 to June 2017, Femili PNG provided case management services to 461 new clients, and to 18 re-opened cases, for a total of 479 new clients. This included 387 women, 19 men, 57 female children and 16 male children.

Out of the 479 new clients, 292 (61%) were referred by health services, 32 (7%) by police, 19 (4%) by family/friends, 13 (3%) by the Welfare Department. 117 (24%)

were referred by other sources, including 48 who were self-referred, and others from businesses, the NGO Yana Advocacy and the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain (Childfund Hotline), and other provincial service providers.



*Lae police officers participate in stakeholder meeting with other FSV service providers*

Our new clients came to us for one or more of the following reasons:

- 371 (77%): verbal abuse/threats (including 21 children)
- 364 (67%): physical assault (including 25 children)
- 61 (13%): rape (including 33 children)
- 35 (7.3%): sexual assault other than rape
- 10 (2 %): cases of kidnapping and hostage
- 111 (23%): other. This includes attempted murder, denied access to essential services, child labour, sorcery-accusation related violence, child abduction, child trafficking and child neglect.

Note: percentages do not add up to one hundred as clients can come for more than one reason.

Out of the total number of new clients, 8 (1.7%) (5 adults and 3 female children) clients were persons with a disability; 7 of these had a physical and 1 a mental disability.

We also carried out 4,100 client consultations. Through these consultations, we helped our clients access the following services (note that many times more than one consultation is required to access one of the services below):

- 199 of our clients received an Interim Protection Order (IPO). 27 of these IPOs were converted into a longer-term Protection Order (PO).
- 244 received a legal service other than an IPO.
- 184 clients received police attention. In 32 cases, this resulted in an arrest. In another 130, this resulted in police reports being placed on file.
- 106 clients were provided with safe accommodation. This included 27 child and 79 adult clients with a combined total of 114 dependents, for a total of 220 beneficiaries. The

average stay was for over a month mainly due to delays in getting an IPO. Femili PNG provides food, clothing, transport and toiletries and specialized medical care and treatment while clients and their dependents are staying at the safe accommodation.

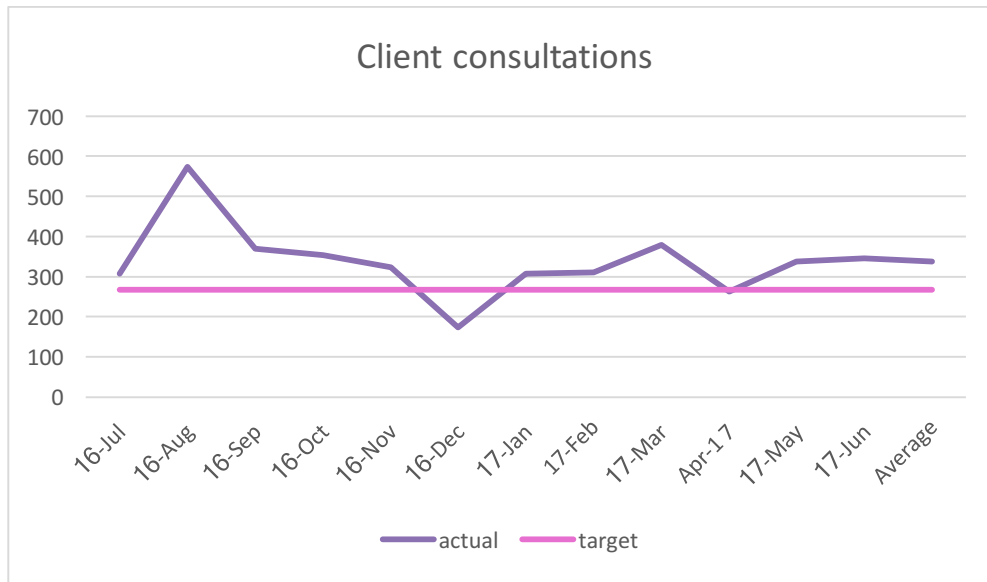
- 88 clients were assisted with medical/psychological care, including the provision of drugs for medical treatment – required due to hospital shortages.
- 19 clients were supported with the family tracing.
- 11 clients were assisted with repatriation to their home province. This included 1 female child and 10 adult clients with a combined total of 14 dependents, for a total of 25 beneficiaries.
- 3 clients were supported by a business start-up kit.

Important milestones were reached in terms of convictions. For the first time, three clients of Femili PNG had their cases successfully heard in the national court. They were all cases of child female sexual abuse. The perpetrators were all convicted with sentences of respectively 25, 10 and 16 years of imprisonment.

Between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017, we aimed to assist 396 new clients. We exceeded this target by assisting 413 new clients. Numbers of new clients by month are presented in the graph below. There were dips in July due to unrest and in December due to the Christmas break; although we remained open, we receive less referrals when other services are closed.



In terms of client consultations, we exceeded our target of 3204, conducting 4040 consultations over the year. The graph below shows that we achieved our consultation target every month except for December, again due to the Christmas break.



## Staffing

We are a proud Papua New Guinean NGO and 19 out of our 21 employees in Lae are Papua New Guinean. This year we expanded from 17 to 22 staff in total, with the addition of a Case Work Manager, International Case Management Technical Expert, Training Coordinator, In House Lawyer and Security Guard.

Our ongoing positions also include: our CEO/Senior Social Worker, Operations Manager, Development Manager (based in Canberra), Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Case Work Manager, International Case Management Technical Expert, five Case Workers (one currently vacant), Child Protection Officer, In House Lawyer, two Support Workers, two Drivers, Logistics Assistant, Information Officer, Communications and Fundraising Officer and Security Guard.

We are particularly excited to welcome our International Case Management Technical Expert, which is a volunteer position, and which has been filled by an experienced social worker from the Philippines, Mellanie Olano.

## Technical expertise

We have taken number of steps this year to bolster the technical capacity of our organisation. These include:

- Creating and filling two new positions: a Case Work Manager and an International Case Management Technical expert (see above). Together, they ensure the quality of case management through a regular technical support and supervision to our Case Workers.
- Appointing an experienced social worker to our Management Committee, Ms Kelly Williamson.
- Developing and implementing a case management manual, a first for PNG.
- Establishing a partnership with Canberra's Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS). In February, two Femili PNG staff had an opportunity to visit Canberra and exchange information on approaches and practices.



- Two of our staff and three partner representatives spent a week in Manila attached to the Child and Women's Protection Unit at the Philippine General Hospital.

## Working with partners

Working with partners is integral to achieving our vision. Some ways we have worked with partners this year include:

### Training

- In February 2017 we provided training on case management to three of Oxfam's Gender Justice partner organisations.
- Engaging a private lawyer to run a workshop for police officers and welfare workers on writing client statements for protection orders using a Court Affidavit.
- Conducting a two-day training on FSV and child trauma for safe house staff and other partners.

### Supporting sector coordination

- Supporting the Morobe Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee in its sector coordination role.
- Convening four meetings with the Lae family and sexual violence core service providers.
- Working with new health clinics (public and private) and three police sub-stations to expand the referral network for FSV survivors.

### Partnering for national impact

- Entering into a partnership with the Oil Search Foundation to strengthen the response system for FSV survivors in Hela Province.
- Accepting referrals from the Childfund-run *1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain*.
- Collaborating with the Department of Justice and Attorney General and Oxfam on violence related to sorcery accusations.

### Mellanie Olano – Case Management Technical Expert



Mellanie Olano has been engaged as an international volunteer as our 'Case Management Technical Expert'. Mellanie (or Lanie as she is affectionately known) joined Femili PNG in February 2017 and will be with us for 12 months. Lanie is a registered social worker from the Philippines and has been working in the field of social development for two decades.

Most of Lanie's work experience has involved dealing with children and women who are victims of sexual exploitation and other injustices. Before joining Femili PNG, Lanie was a Senior Social Worker with an international NGO based in the Philippines. Lanie enjoys working with children and youth. Her two decades of experience has made her a strong advocate for the rights of the women and children. Her passion in this field is not limited to her own country; she has now decided to bring her knowledge and experience to Papua New Guinea.

Lanie's main role with Femili PNG is to provide technical assistance to the case work team on case management, and mentor them as they work on their cases. Lanie enjoys her work and is always looking on the brighter side of life; she encourages our staff to smile, to be positive, to relax and to practice self-care. She believes that case workers should learn to take care of themselves and be well, in order to provide the best care for clients.

### **Business Coalition for Women partnership**

In February 2017, Femili PNG partnered with PNG Business Coalition for Women (BCFW).

Through this partnership BCFW and Femili PNG hope to make the support services offered by Femili PNG accessible to more working women and men in Lae, in particular those employed by BCFW member companies, and to increase the reach and scope of services offered by Femili PNG to anyone in the Lae community who is impacted by family and sexual violence.



*BCFW Chairperson Lesieli Taviri and Femili PNG Operations Manager Denga Ilave with the signed MOU*

- Coordinating with service providers in other provinces for cases that require Femili PNG assistance or where Femili PNG needs assistance for client's family tracing or relocation.
- Working closely with other national agencies and programs including the Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, *Pacific Women* and the Justice Services and Stability for Development Program.

### **Strategic resourcing of partners**

We provided resources to partners where there was a clear service-delivery justification and a strategic need. This includes a closed user group (CUG) phone network to link FSV agencies in Lae, safe house upgrades, security alarms and computing equipment.

### **Outreach**

Femili PNG carries out sessions to increase awareness on the types of FSV, rights of survivors and services available to survivors. This year we reached over 7,000 individuals, including:

- West Taraka community (with Australian Federal Police and the police Family Sexual Violence Unit)
- Salvation Army Primary School
- Consort Express Lines
- Laga Industries
- Lutheran Women's Conference
- Salvation Army Women's Group Meeting
- Centre of Mercy
- East West Transport
- SP Brewery
- Trukai Industries Ltd and Trukai farm in Erap
- PNG University of Technology
- Schools

Additionally, Femili PNG participated in the following events:

- Femili PNG's Second Year Celebration
- Stall at Child Safety Day
- Information booth at the Morobe Show
- March for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls
- Universal Children's Day
- White Ribbon Day celebration march
- Save our Sons campaign in collaboration with Soroptimist International
- 20 Days of Activism

- Save the Children Child Protection Report Launch
- Panel discussion on gender-based violence arranged by the Australian High Commission and UN Women

## Monitoring, evaluation and research

Femili PNG has a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system which allows us to track our clients and the outcomes they receive. This year we also started conducting client satisfaction surveys with randomly selected clients. The survey results showed that 95% of clients are satisfied with the service they receive from us.

On the basis of the M&E system, as well as key informant interviews and stakeholder focus group discussions, we have prepared an analysis of two years of operational data. This was presented at the *Pacific Women Annual Learning Workshop* in Port Moresby in May 2017 and the report is now available on our website.

We completed a systematic review assessing the effectiveness of interventions for survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence in developing countries. The article was accepted for publication in [BMC Public Health](#) journal in June 2017.

## Advocacy

Advocacy on the basis of our research and experience is an important part of our operations. The following topics have been at the centre of our advocacy efforts for the last year:

- Improvement of child protection services
- More options for safe relocation and reintegration of child survivors
- Implementation of the Lukautim Pikinini Act (LPA)
- Processing times for Interim Protection Orders
- Raising awareness regarding sorcery accusation related violence and relevant laws
- Advocating with the police to commit dedicated FSV officers at sub police stations.

### Trukai Industries Ltd partnership

Femili PNG signed an MOU with Trukai Industries Ltd in March 2017. This MOU symbolises Trukai's ongoing commitment to the partnership with Femili PNG in assisting survivors of family and sexual violence in Lae. Trukai has been donating rice to Femili PNG since 2016 and Femili PNG carries out awareness sessions on family and sexual violence for Trukai staff, including at their Erap Farm.



*Femili PNG CEO Daisy Plana and Trukai Industries Ltd CEO Greg Worthington-Eyre after signing the MOU*



*Mirjana Wilson, CEO of the Domestic Violence Crisis Service accepts gifts from Femili PNG's Case Work Manager Evan Bieso during the exchange visit to Canberra in February 2017.*

## Governance

The below Management Committee (board) governs both Femili PNG and Friends of Femili PNG.

*Professor Stephen Howes — Chair*

Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

*Ms Ume Wainetti — Deputy Chair*

Outgoing Chair, Family Sexual Violence Action Committee, Port Moresby

*Ms Stephanie Copus-Campbell — Treasurer*

Executive Director, Oil Search Foundation and former head of AusAID in PNG

*Ms Serena Sumanop — Secretary*

Policy Lawyer with the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney General and former Executive Director, The Voice Inc.

*Dr Eric Kwa*

Secretary, Constitutional and Law Reform Commission

*Ms Kelly Williamson*

Experienced senior social worker and Performance Auditor with the Australian National Audit Office

## Meeting attendance

	6 Aug 2016	5 Nov 2016	4 Feb 2017	3 Jun 2107
Stephen Howes	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ume Wainetti	✓	✓	X	✓*
Stephanie Copus- Cambell	✓	✓	✓	✓
Serena Sumanop	✓	X	X	✓
Eric Kwa	X	✓	✓	X
Kelly Williamson	N/A	✓	✓	✓

\* Represented by Marcia Kalinoe, National Coordinator, Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee

## Fundraising and private sector support

We are extremely grateful to the Australian government who has agreed to provide us with core funding for another three years through the *Pacific Women* program. This funding doesn't cover everything we need to do, so increasing funds raised from other sources is essential.

We are also extremely grateful to the private sector partners who have supported us this year, including Newcrest Mining Ltd (K200,000) for the renovation of our office, and the generous support of Trukai, Cardno and Steamships (K20,000 each) to assist with Rosie Batty's visit to PNG. Additionally, Bank South Pacific (BSP) accepted a proposal from us and committed to provide K25,000 to fund solar panels for one of our safe house partners in Lae.

We were able to work in Hela Province thanks to funding from the Oil Search Foundation, and the Business Coalition for Women was instrumental in helping us organise a gala fundraising dinner in Port Moresby during Rosie Batty's visit. Likewise Trukai not only provided financial support, but also engaged their staff to provide marketing, media and graphic design assistance.

We have also received donations from Pilgrim Seventh Day Adventist Church (in-kind donations to Femili PNG for safe house clients) and Australian Defence Force soldiers based in Lae (K2,300). Zenag Chicken continue to donate eggs, Trukai donates rice for the safe house clients, the Post Courier provided us with free advertising space, Guard Dog Security provided transport in Lae for Rosie Batty's visit and the Justice Services and Stability for Development program provided logistical support in Port Moresby.

We are also grateful of the support provided by volunteers in Lae including Harry Kanadi (IT support), Mellanie Olano (our International

### Newcrest donation for new office

Femili PNG opened a new office in Lae on the 5 June 2017 thanks to a generous donation of K200,000 from Newcrest Mining Limited.

The office provides a safe and confidential space for clients to attend consultations with our Case Workers.

The office building is the property of the Evangelical Lutheran Church which has been leased to Femili PNG at a discounted rate. Femili PNG management and staff appreciates the support and partnership with Newcrest and the Lutheran Church.



Stephanie Copus-Campbell (Femili PNG Board Member), Daisy Plana (Femili PNG CEO), Denga Ilave (Femili PNG Operations Manager) and Ian Kemish (Executive General Manager External Affairs, Newcrest Mining Limited) at the opening



Case Management Technical Expert), Ruth Pulagis (Communications Intern from the PNG University of Technology) and Paulina Van Helden (coordinating events during Rosie Batty's visit).

Overall, we value our volunteer and pro-bono support received from within PNG and Australia at Kina 303,000 (\$134,000).

## Friends of Femili PNG

Friends of Femili PNG is a support organisation for Femili PNG, based in Canberra, Australia. This year, Friends of Femili PNG raised \$78,777 for Femili PNG through our partner Action on Poverty, as well as \$35,477 from other sources.

Friends of Femili PNG is an incorporated association and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. In early 2017 Friends of Femili PNG was endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient. This means that Australians can now make tax-deductible donations directly to Friends of Femili PNG, to support Femili PNG (visit [www.femilipng.org/donate](http://www.femilipng.org/donate)). We would like to take this opportunity to thank Action on Poverty for the support and auspicing they have provided to Friends of Femili PNG over the last three years.

Friends of Femili PNG employs Femili PNG's Development Manager, Lindy Kanan, who is based in Canberra. Lindy also functions as the CEO of Friends of Femili PNG. This report serves as the annual report for both Femili PNG and Friends of Femili PNG.

This year, Friends of Femili PNG has ramped up its engagement with the Canberra community through a number of fundraising events including the Canberra Running Festival, a fundraising dinner where two Femili PNG staff spoke, and a trivia night. The trivia night was organised by the Zonta Club of Canberra and raised \$4000 for Femili PNG.

Friends of Femili PNG also coordinates the input of Australian volunteers to support Femili PNG's operations. A massive thank you to this year's volunteers and pro bono advisors including Kamalini Lokuge, Kath Taplin, Shivani Banerjee, Kelly Williamson, Ashlee Betteridge, Husnia Hushang, Macarena Rojas, Pathana Viravongsa, Rawena Russell, Ashleigh Janssen, Madeleine Bessell-Koprek, Ailene Chan, Anthony Swan, Michelle Rooney and Lisa Martin.

### Canberra Marathon

18 Canberrans participated in the Femili PNG team at the Canberra Running Festival this year and raised \$21,785 for Femili PNG.



*The team at the finish line of the 10km run*

## Media mentions

- “Yumi Tok”, TVWAN, 20 July 2016 (Denga participated in a panel discussion on FSV)
- [“Addressing Impact of Family Violence on Business”](#) (Loop PNG, 21 July 2016)
- [“Support, team work vital”](#) (The National, 2 August 2016)
- [“Safe house for violence victims lacks more spaces”](#) (The National, 4 August 2016)
- [“Femili PNG Builds Support for Action Against Gender-Based Violence”](#) (Pacific Women August E-News, Issue 10, August 2016)
- [“Parents, children observe child day”](#) (Post Courier, 6 September 2016)
- [“Event raises awareness on child protection”](#) (The National, 7 September 2016)
- [“Child Protection day celebrated in Lae”](#) (Post Courier, 7 September 2016)
- [“Lack of resources hinders efforts to address child abuse: Officer”](#) Loop PNG, 12 September 2016
- [“More awareness needed on child rights”](#) Loop PNG, 16 September 2016
- [“PNG has high records of violence, says NGO”](#) PNG Post-Courier, 9 February 2017
- [“PNGBCFW partners with Femili PNG Inc”](#) PNG Post-Courier, 9 February 2017
- [“MOU to address violence”](#) The National, 9 February 2017
- [“Australia i helpim Femili PNG long daonim violens”](#) Radio Australia, 10 February 2017 (article and radio interview with Denga Ilave)
- [“Family violence affects health”](#) The National, 10 February 2017
- [“Research shows high costs related to FSV”](#) PNG Post-Courier, 13 February 2017
- [“Family & sexual violence costing PNG businesses”](#) Pacific Beat (ABC), 21 February 2017
- [“Papua New Guinea and Australia working together to tackle family violence”](#) Canberra Times, 25 February 2017
- [“Papua New Guinea and Australia working together to tackle family violence”](#) Brisbane Times, 24 February 2017
- [“Local organisations work in Partnership”](#) PNG Post-Courier, 8 March 2017
- [“PNG, Solomon na Vanuatu I makim International Women’s Day”](#) Radio Australia, 8 March 2017
- [“Local organizations working in Partnership to combat FSV in Hela”](#) Papua New Guinea Today, 9 March 2017
- [“Gender system boosted”](#) The National, 10 March 2017
- [“Local organisations working in Partnership to combat FSV in Hela”](#) Loop PNG, 11 March 2017
- [“NGO assists city police”](#) Post Courier, 29 March 2017
- [“Trukai gives K20,000 to support fight against FSV”](#) Post Courier, 31 March 2017



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Ewen McDonald, Deputy Secretary of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade tweeted about his meeting in Canberra with Femili PNG staff

- [“Trukai givs to FPNG”](#) The National, April 3 2017
- [“Fundraiser to support victims of family sexual violence”](#) The National, 5 April 2017
- Sexual, gender-based violence crippling PNG, Post Courier, 6 April 2017
- [Pacific Beat PM Podcast](#) 20 April 2017
- [“Family, sexual violence increasing: Femili PNG”](#) The National, 28 April 2017
- [“Family, sexual violence a problem: Firm”](#) The National, 24 April 2017
- [“Rosie Batty talk domestic violence in PNG”](#) The Australian, 27 April, 2017
- [“Partnership Focussed On Empowering Women and Ending Gender-Based Violence”](#) Post Courier, 2 May 2017
- [“Girl’s Rape Hell Schoolgirl, 11, who was raped by her stepdad returns to class following birth of baby boy”](#) The Sun, 2 May 2017
- [“Rosie Batty Visits PNG Universities”](#) The Voice PNG, 2 May 2017
- [“Babies killed in PNG cop’s wife bashings”](#) News.com.au, 3 May 2017
- [“Babies killed in PNG cop’s wife bashings”](#) 9 News, 3 May 2017
- [“Babies killed in PNG cop’s wife bashings”](#) SBS, 3 May 2017
- [“Babies killed in PNG cop’s wife bashings”](#) 7 News, 3 May 2017
- ["Femili PNG will open Lae office"](#) (Loop PNG, June 4 2017)
- ["Femili PNG get new facility"](#) (Loop PNG, 8 June 2017)



## Fundraiser to support victims of family sexual violence

April 5, 2017 The National National

Article Views: 95

By PERO SIMINJI

TRUKAI Industries (Trukai) has announced a K20,000 sponsorship as part of its ongoing partnership with Femili PNG (FPNG), a non-governmental organisation which assists victims of family and sexual violence (FSV) to provide support. Trukai and Femili PNG marked the occasion by announcing details of a fundraising dinner to be hosted in Lae on April 25 while co-signing a memorandum of understanding to formalise their partnership.

According to FPNG, it operates a case management centre based in Lae and will bring to PNG the 2015 Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty, for the fundraiser.

Batty began campaigning for better responses to family and sexual violence (FSV) after her 11-year-old son was murdered by his father in 2014.

The money will assist FPNG with its work in providing care and support to the victims of FSV.

Proceeds from the fundraising dinner will boost FPNG's support services.

Femili PNG provide counselling and other services to Trukai staff referred by its human resources team.

There is also a programme in which Femili PNG provides education and awareness to Trukai employees through on-site presentations.

Trukai donates 60kg of rice to Femili PNG, which is provided to women and children who have fled violence and are staying in temporary crisis accommodation.



## Turning ripples into tides of change

By Rosie Batty

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of visiting Papua New Guinea to witness firsthand how family violence impacts Australia's closest neighbour.

Human Rights Watch estimates 70 per cent of PNG women are raped during their lifetime, labelling the country as one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a woman.

Out of sight and out of mind – PNG, a former Australian colony, is in many respects, our forgotten neighbour.

While in PNG, I was able to work closely with Femili PNG, an amazing domestic violence crisis centre in Lae, which helps survivors access counselling, safe houses, legal assistance and other services.



*Rosie received a warm traditional welcome from Femili PNG staff and local women and was presented with a woollen lei and a traditional bilum bag – 25 April 2017*

On arrival at Femili PNG, we received a colourful ceremonial welcome with singers, dancers and drummers dressed in grass skirts, face paint and shell jewellery and I was presented with a woollen lei and a traditional *bilum* bag.

During my time at Femili PNG, I was privileged to meet some of the incredibly courageous women who recounted their devastating stories of abuse.

Grace\* told of the three stillborn babies she had after her husband's bashings and her determination to change her mindset from "victim to victor".

Some of the women also explained how "bride price" (money and/or livestock paid to the bride's family from the groom) contributes to the country's high rates of domestic violence.

*"The men think: 'I paid bride price so she is my possession, I can do anything to her,' " Maria\* said.*

One of PNG's other persistent problems relating to domestic violence is the vicious murder of women and men accused of sorcery (witchcraft).

Sharing my own story about Luke, I assured these women they were not alone in their struggles.



*Femili PNG Case Work Manager, Evan Bieso, Femili PNG Operations Manager, Denga Ilave and Rosie discuss the challenges faced in tackling violence against women with service providers in Lae - April 26, 2017; and Femili PNG Operations Manager, Denga Ilave, welcomes Rosie to Lae – April 25, 2017.*

Regardless of the cultural differences and the Coral Sea that may divide us, these women share the same strength and resilience I come across every day.

Inspired by these wonderful women, I left PNG with a restored fire in my belly and a renewed sense of hope for the future in PNG and also back home in Australia.

I have the utmost confidence in these women to turn ripples into tides of change and can't wait to return in the near future to see the progress that has been achieved.

To learn more about the amazing work of Femili PNG visit: <http://www.femilipng.org/>



## Financial statements

Femili PNG and Friends of Femili PNG's 2016-17 accounts were audited and we received an unqualified audit for our cash accounts, available on our website.

Femili PNG summary accounts (PGK)		Friends of Femili PNG summary accounts (AUD)	
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>INCOME</b>	
Australian Aid Program	3,659,581	Monetary donations and gifts	96,107
Other funds raised	464,770	Non-monetary donations and gifts	76,109
Other	341	Other Income	(92)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,124,692</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172,124</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Capital costs	281,425	International programs	79,923
Operational costs	1,061,964	Fundraising costs	13,797
Personnel expenses	1,084,837	Accountability and administration	7,496
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,428,226</b>	Non-monetary expenditure	76,109
		Other expenditure	44
<b>INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,696,466</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177,369</b>
<b>START-OF-YEAR BALANCE</b>	<b>335,101</b>	<b>INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>(5,245)</b>
Plus surplus	1,696,466	<b>START-OF-YEAR BALANCE</b>	<b>38,883</b>
<b>END-OF-YEAR BALANCE</b>	<b>2,031,567</b>	Plus surplus	(5,245)
		<b>END-OF-YEAR BALANCE</b>	<b>33,638</b>

Notes: 1. The large Femili PNG surplus at the end of 2016-17 is due to Australian Aid Program funds for 2017-18 being paid at the end of 2016-17. 2. Friends of Femili PNG raises funds in support of Femili PNG, and pays for the salary of the Femili PNG Development Manager. 3. In-kind donations are not included for Femili PNG.



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