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Newsletter

Femili PNG received its first client on 25 July 2014. This year, we celebrated our tenth anniversary. This special issue of our newsletter commemorates the highlights of this very special year.

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Celebrating our tenth anniversary with the PM: Femili PNG's Gala Dinner

The highlight of our tenth anniversary was our Gala Dinner on 3rd August at the Hilton Hotel in Port Moresby to commemorate a decade of assisting survivors of family and sexual violence in Lae, Port Moresby, Goroka and throughout Papua New Guinea.

More than 400 individuals attended this special and remarkable event, including many dignitaries. Seventeen companies gave support by sponsoring the event. In addition to this, 14 business houses purchased dinner tables; and groups of friends and individuals also bought tables and seats.

The purpose of the gala dinner was to profile Femili PNG's decade of life-changing work, and to raise funds to support its work with survivors of family and sexual violence.

Femili PNG was honored by the speeches given by the PNG Prime Minister Hon. James Marape, the Australian High Commissioner to PNG, H.E John Feakes, the PNG High Commissioner to Australia and Femili PNG Patron, H.E John Ma'o Kali,

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Australian Ambassador for Gender Equality & Femili PNG Board Member, Ms Stephanie Copus Campbell, and Secretary of the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney General and Femili PNG Board Member, Dr Eric Kwa. Many other dignitaries also attended.

Invited speakers made incredible speeches and applauded a decade of Femili PNG’s work assisting survivors. The Prime Minister Hon. James Marape said: “If the laws we have today are not sufficient the mothers and daughters of this country have every right to yell, shout, scream and protest to change law.”

The Chair of Bel isi PNG, Ms Jean Martin challenged everyone at the Gala night to make a difference when and where they can. She also invited business houses to subscribe to Bel isi PNG for their employees to access case management services operated by Femili PNG.



The sell-out crowd at the Gala Dinner. 03.08.2024

At the dinner, we also launched a new video on Femili PNG and two new reports.

During the Gala, participants excitingly participated in a silent auction and lucky draws, and many pledged donations. Twenty survivor-made bilums were on display and were sold to the highest bidders.

Femili PNG CEO, Daisy Plana thanked everyone for showing strong support. “It is hard to believe we’ve got such a big and distinguished turnout. And very humbling. So thank you very much,” said Daisy. She appealed to the Prime Minister and PNG government to support and sustain the work of Femili PNG and other NGOs and government institutions that are addressing the issue of gender-based violence.

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From top left, clockwise: PNG Prime Minister, the Honorable James Marape; Dr Eric Kwa, Secretary of the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney General & Femili PNG Deputy Chair and Femili PNH Board Member, Enid Barlong Kantha.

Client Satisfaction

"I got traumatised, sick and had no family to go to when I experienced violence, but Femili PNG was there for me.

I was accommodated, fed, clothed, transported and given medical interventions.

Thank you Femili PNG and partners for giving hope and healing."

- FPNG client

Femili PNG and FemiliPNG Australia Boards get together

FemiliPNG Australia is an Australian support organisation for Femili PNG. Established by Femili PNG in 2015, it is now governed by its own Board. It raises money to support Femili PNG's work and also provides technical expertise in a number of critical areas.

The entire FemiliPNG Australia Board visited Port Moresby to participate in the 10th anniversary. Several staff members also attended. The trip included meetings with the POM Bel isi Case Management Centre, with the Australian High Commissioner, and a historic first joint meeting of the two Boards: Femili PNG and FemiliPNG Australia. The FemiliPNG Australia Board also held its first Board meeting in PNG during the trip, and participated in the anniversary dinner by sponsoring it, buying a table, and of course attending it.

Femili PNG would like to thank all the FemiliPNG Australia Board and staff members for joining in the celebrations, and for all the support they provided. In particular, FemiliPNG Australia organised and funded a fantastic 10-minute video on Femili PNG, which is available now on FPNG's website at <https://femilpng.org/femili-png-film/>.



Photo: Femili PNG and FemiliPNG Australia Boards, with Femili PNG Patron.

From left to right: Marcia Kalinoe (FPNG Board), Fiona Gunn (FPNGA Board), Shelley Mallett (FPNGA Board Chair), Robin Davies (FPNGA Board), Stephen Howes (FPNG Board Chair), Stephanie Copus-Campbell (FPNG Board), Enid Barlong Kantha (FPNG Board), Kelly Williamson (FPNG Board), Lauren Hallett (FPNGA CEO), Tom Sloan (FPNGA Board), Eric Kwa (FPNG Board), John Kali (FPNG Patron), and Daisy Plana (FPNG CEO).

Femili PNG Patron in action

To celebrate our tenth anniversary, our Patron, His Excellency John Ma'ó Kali, who is the Papua New Guinean High Commissioner to Australia, visited Port Moresby to show his support to the organisation he proudly champions, Femili PNG.

Even before his visit, Mr Kali showed his strong support for Femili PNG by writing to numerous business houses to request their support for the Femili PNG tenth anniversary gala dinner.

The two High Commissioners, Australia's High Commissioner to PNG (His Excellency John Feakes) and PNG's High Commissioner to Australia (His Excellency John Ma'ó Kali) met at the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby. The two High Commissioners reaffirmed their commitment to combatting gender-based violence in both countries, and reflected on the importance of sustained support for civil society initiatives.

Femili PNG operates the Port Moresby Bel isi PNG Case Management Centre and Safe House on behalf of the Bel isi PNG public-private partnership. Both public and private sector companies can subscribe to Bel isi to show their support for ending gender-based violence and to support their employees. So far about 20 companies have subscribed to Bel isi, mainly from the private sector. Femili PNG and Santos, the Bel isi manager, took advantage of Mr Kali's visit to PNG, and his reputation as a public-sector leader for gender equity, to run an awareness section for public sector agencies about Bel isi. The meeting was an outstanding success, with the large venue packed to capacity.

Our Patron and High Commissioner also visited the Bel isi Case Management Centre to meet with staff, and spoke at the gala dinner. Thank you Mr Kali for all your support! We couldn't do it without you.



*Femili PNG Patron and PNG High Commissioner to Australia
H.E Mr John Kali*



Femili PNG Patron, Mr John Kali (left) meeting with the Australian High Commissioner to PNG, Mr John Feakes at the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby.

UPDATES IN PICS



K92 Mining team during Femili PNG Gala Night on 3rd August 2024. K92 Mining was one of the Platinum Sponsor.



Lae partners joined Lae CMC and farewelled the outgoing Operations Director, Ms Denga Ilave recently.



The Femili PNG Lae project staff and staff at Head Office participates at the Morobe Province Agriculture Show under Colgate Health Expo from 19-20 October and retained 1st placing for the second time. The show committee presented certificate and cash prize of K1,500 to FPNG.



FPNG Administrator for Special Project Funding, Joyce Maru presenting vouchers to Safe House Manager and Community Development Manager for West New Britain Province who were on exposure trip to Lae and paid visit to FPNG's head office on 22nd October.

Photo: Group photo with community leaders and youths at Gabensis after information session with them on 7th July. They excitingly showed their pledged forms against all forms of violence.



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L-R: FPNG Communications Officer, SDA Hope FM Announcer and Deputy OD for FPNG Lae Project after the radio awareness—live talk back show in Lae on 26th September.



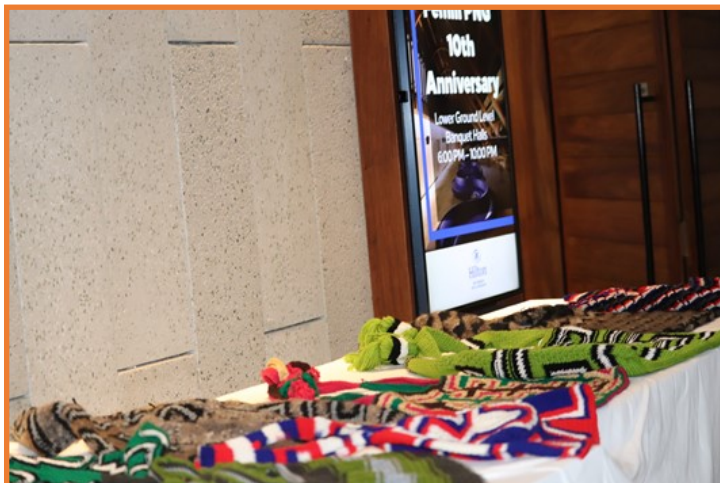
FPNG Lae Community and Outreach Officer, Georgina Ira doing awareness to students in one of the primary schools in Huon Gulf District, Morobe Province.



Sales officer from the Huggies Company in Lae donated some Kotex and baby diapers to FPNG clients during the recent 61st Morobe Show event in Lae.



Kids participated with hand-painting activity and pledged against all forms of violence during Morobe Show—Colgate Health Expo.



Few of the survivor-made bilums that were on display for auction during FPNG's tenth anniversary dinner on 3rd August.



FemiliPNG Australia Board Members and Femili PNG Patron after their meeting with the Australian High Commissioner and his staff at the High Com office in POM in early August 2024.

Femili PNG tenth year anniversary event in Goroka

The Goroka Case Management Centre is the newest of Femili PNG's three CMCs in Lae, POM and Goroka. Nevertheless, we are a national organisation and it was important to celebrate our tenth anniversary in all three locations where we have established a CMC. The Goroka CMC held its celebration on Tuesday July 30.

Femi Roy, Information Officer at the Goroka Office, was the MC. The opening prayer was made by Pastor James. Femili PNG HR Officer, Dellah Maiak, delivered remarks on behalf of Femili PNG's CEO; and Ms Elly Toimbo, Goroka Program Manager, spoke on behalf of the Goroka CMC. Other government and service delivery partners also attended and had a chance to speak.



FPNG Goroka team and partners ready to cut tenth anniversary cake.

Community Development Advisor Ms Siviri Lalave of Eastern Highlands Province highlighted that her office has been a key partner to Femili PNG since the opening of the Goroka CMC in 2021, building links with government and non-government partners and providing Femili PNG with an office space for CMC.

Ms Siviri said, "Femili PNG has helped us a lot, Community Development officers were trained. Items like computers were provided for our office, other support such as fuel for our vehicle was provided. Femili PNG has also helped other non-government organisations. Thank you, Femili PNG; you have brought all of us together and have filled in the gaps for us. Thank you for supporting us to look after the survivors."

Femili PNG Chair, Professor Stephen Howes and his wife, Dr Clare Holberton travelled to Goroka from Lae and attended the celebration. Dr Holberton's remarks: "What impressed me was how well Femili PNG works with its partners and the turn out of partners. I was particularly struck by the work done on sorcery related violence. Australian domestic violence centres would have had difficulty coping with the high number of clients seen in Goroka. Many partners talked about the need for long term funding. Too often donor funding was short term and limited to specific projects. It is so important that Femili PNG stays in Goroka for some time. As an Australian supporting Femili PNG with donations, I am confident that the funds will be well used."

A few weeks after the Goroka celebration, Femili PNG and the Eastern Highlands Provincial Government signed an MOU to further their cooperation.

In addition, the new Femili PNG video that was launched during the tenth anniversary dinner has a special focus on Goroka.

The Goroka CMC was established with support from UN Spotlight and currently receives funding from FemiliPNG Australia through the Australian Government - ANCP program and from the Government of Papua New Guinea.

Femili PNG signs MOU with EHPA

On 30 August 2024, Femili PNG signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Eastern Highlands Provincial Administration. The Eastern Highlands Provincial Administrator, Mr. Alan Los and Femili PNG CEO, Ms. Daisy Plana signed the Memorandum of Understanding in the presence of the Advisor for Community Development, Ms. Siviri Lalave, Femili PNG Goroka Program Manager, Elly Toimbo, Provincial Legal Officer, Mr. Frankly Artihulawa and other officers from both parties.

Mr. Los formally acknowledged the presence of FPNG in the province and welcomed the organisation into the Eastern Highlands Province. He said: “Under my leadership and management, the EHPA will continue this partnership and I am happy to support with whatever resources and capacity I have.”

This MOU signing was a very significant moment for Femili PNG since it starts its operation in the province, serving survivors of family and sexual violence and sorcery accusation-related violence (SARV) of EHP and neighboring highlands provinces since 2021.

Whilst embracing this special moment, the Advisor for EHP Community Development, Ms. Siviri Lalave, provided the Provincial Administrator with a briefed summary of the Femili PNG’s work in partnership with her division and the support that has been extended to other partner service providers.

Femili PNG CEO, Ms. Plana narrated that: “Femili PNG’s objective aside from providing effective services to FSV and SARV survivors, it is also aim to strongly work in partnership with the government in ensuring that services are effective, cohesive and sustainable.” She thanked the Provincial Administrator for the acceptance of the Femili PNG in the province and the formal recognition of the partnership with assigned MOU.



Centered: Eastern Highlands Provincial Administrator, Mr Allan Los and Femli PNG CEO, Ms Daisy Plana holing onto the signed MOU while EHP Community Development Advisor, Ms Sivir Lalave (left) and Femili PNG Goroka Outpost Program Manager, Elly Toimbo (right) looks on.

Client Success stories

*Ashlyn receives justice

**Names and sensitive information have been changed to protect the identity and safety of the client.*

**Ashlyn has endured an experience that no child should ever have to go through. She suffered sexual abuse from her grandfather and uncle. Ashlyn's grandfather and uncle had been sexually abusing her since she moved to Port Moresby to live with her mother's family. She did not only suffer sexual abuse, but also suffered physical, emotional, psychological and verbal abuse from the wives of these perpetrators.

Ashlyn was a toddler when her father died and after his death, her mother gave her away to her maternal grandmother. Her maternal grandmother took her to Port Moresby in early 2012 and gave her up for adoption to her son and his wife, where she lived with them and eventually started to experience different forms of abuse from the perpetrators.

At that time of the abuse, Ashlyn lived with her grandfather and her uncle and his wife. Her grandfather eventually began to make sexual advances to Ashlyn, taking advantage that his wife was away in another province. One time he forced Ashlyn to have sexual intercourse with him but she refused. As a result, he beat her up. She reported this to the perpetrator's wife every time it occurred but nothing was done. On one occasion, the perpetrator's wife returned from her trip and caught her husband sleeping with Ashlyn but never reported it to anyone.

It turned out that Ashlyn was also experiencing sexual abuse from the son of the perpetrator, her uncle. He threatened her with a kitchen knife and sexually assaulted her in his and his wife's bedroom. This time, his wife caught them and physically abused Ashlyn, threw her belongings out of the house, and blamed her for what had transpired.

The two perpetrators continued to sexually abuse, Ashlyn leaving her feeling hopeless and traumatised for 8 years.

In May 2020, Ashlyn was again abused sexually by one of the perpetrators. At that very moment, she decided that she had enough. She packed her clothes in a school bag and run away from her adoptive family. She was 15 years old at that time. A neighbour assisted her to one of the University lecturers in Port Moresby for assistance, who then reported the case to Femili PNG on 21 May 2020. Femili PNG case officer assessed her case and identified that she was in need of other interventions. Her case was further referred to the NCD Welfare Office and Family Support Centre on the same day.

Ashlyn stayed on with the kind-hearted University lecturer for 17 days while she started receiving intervention. Later on, she was

moved to a temporary safe accommodation and lived there while her case was being progressed.

Through the collaborative works between Femili PNG caseworker, police and court, Ashlyn's Interim Protection Order (IPO) was successfully lodged, and she was later granted a Permanent Protection Order (PPO). The Boroko Sexual Offense Squad successfully served the order. The police also arrested the perpetrators. Both perpetrators were charged and sent to Bomana prison awaiting their court hearing.

Femili PNG as the operator for Bel isi PNG Case Management Centre is aware that what it can offer to Ashley are all temporary. Ashley needs a caring and supportive family/relatives to live a normal life. A family tracing was made where the Femili PNG case officer reached out to Ashlyn's aunty and biological mother. Her mother verbally authorised Ashlyn to return to her sister in Lae, Morobe Province. With this, Femili PNG repatriated Ashlyn to Lae.

One-year after the repatriation, the Port Moresby SOS Officer in Charge contacted the Bel isi Case Management Centre in regards to Ashlyn's case. Accordingly, her national court hearing was scheduled, and she needed to meet with the Prosecuting Officer as part of the court hearing preparation.

Bel isi PNG organised for Ashlyn and her aunt to fly to Port Moresby. Through effective support from the Office of the Public Prosecutions, Ashlyn successfully testified of her case to the national court. The national court charged the first defendant under three counts and sentenced to 20 years in Bomana. The second defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 17 years imprisonment at Bomana prison.

Ashlyn was 18 years old when she received justice. She now feels safe and at peace, things that she longed for since she decided to run away. She is thankful to Femili PNG, the University lecturer, Bel isi PNG, SOS police, Office of the Public Prosecutions, the court and hospital for their effective collaboration.

Femili PNG highly appreciate the continuous support from Bel isi PNG Limited in assisting children like Ashlyn who were high-risk and needing of immediate safety and protection.

**Not her real name*

*Rayleen's Story

**Names and sensitive information have been changed to protect the identity and safety of the client.*

Life was tough for a young mom who left her family to start a life with *Willy, someone she loved wholeheartedly.

*Rayleen fell in love with Willy and got married to him in 2014. She started this journey with two beautiful children. After years of marriage, the care and love from Willy gradually changed. He started to get controlling and became aggressive towards Rayleen over anything and everything. Sadly, the Willy she knew began to fade. He would question her over small matters in the house and started hitting her with physical objects. For Rayleen, it felt like she was in prison. No freedom, no love and no care. On the other hand, Willy felt he could do anything he wanted. Rayleen lived in fear of violence – enduring constant sexual, physical, verbal and emotional abuse. On one occasion, Willy accused her of having an affair with another man. He locked her in the roof and physically and sexually abused her, with the aim of killing her. But her sister found out about the violence and called police attention. The police officers quickly arrived on scene and apprehended Willy.

The Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) referred Rayleen to Femili PNG for further support and interventions in late 2023. On that day, Rayleen walked into Femili PNG's Goroka office and was assigned a case officer, who completed her intake and worked in collaboration with Rayleen on her case. With close coordination with police, Rayleen's case successfully progressed to court. Within a few weeks, both parties appeared in court. However, the court dismissed their case due to the fact that Willy was ill and could not do what the magistrate ordered him to do. The court also ordered police to release him from the cell to take care of himself.

Whilst Willy was free from the prison, he continued his verbal abuse towards Rayleen. For her safety, Femili PNG linked her with safe accommodation and progressed her case in getting an Interim Protection Order (IPO). The young mother of two started to look different, her physical appearance changed from good to worse. Upon realising this, her Femili PNG case officer quickly assisted her to a hospital where she was diagnosed with a serious medical condition and was placed on treatment.

With assistance from FPNG and police, the court successfully granted Rayleen's IPO on 26th October, 2023. The police served this IPO to Willy shortly after, however he decided not to appear on the IPO hearing day. He continued to issue threats to Rayleen.

She felt her life was in danger. Given the fact that she was also diagnosed with a life-threatening condition, it was important to her that she returned to her own family where she could be loved and supported. After verbalising this with her FPNG case worker, the organisation assessed and realised she needed immediate assistance to return to her home.

Femili PNG case officer completed Rayleen's family tracing, gathered Rayleen's medical supplies, and accompanied her to her home village. Her biological parents, her two children and her sibling welcomed her at the airport with so much excitement as police witnessed. Rayleen's family was saddened to hear about her medical condition but were excited to see her again after some years. Femili PNG also supported her with a business startup kit to help her generate an income.

She is currently happy with her family and is improving from her medical condition, just what she felt she needed to heal.

In order to achieve best outcomes for survivors, Femili PNG works in collaboration with existing service providers to assist women like Rayleen, who are survivors of family and sexual violence, to receive the care, support and change they deserve.

Femili PNG would like to thank FemiliPNG Australia for their commitment to supporting the Goroka Outpost through their Australian Government's Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). FemiliPNG Australia has pledged five years of ANCP funding to support the Outpost. FY2024-25 marks the fourth year of the project.

**Not her real name*



Lae CMC celebrates Femili PNG's tenth anniversary

Femili PNG (FPNG) Lae Case Management Centre (CMC) marked a decade of assisting survivors of family and sexual violence in Morobe Province. On Friday, July 26, the staff celebrated with partners, service providers and business houses in Lae at the Lae Yacht Club.

The event was organized to reflect how far this local NGO has journeyed in the past 10 years to assist survivors of family and sexual violence in Morobe and PNG.

More than 100 guests turned up to celebrate with FPNG staff. Amongst them were the invited guests, which included: Femili PNG Chair, Professor Stephen Howes and wife, Dr Clare Holberton; Australia Consulate-General in Lae, Mr Mark Foxe; Ms Ludy Agon (Credit Analyst BSP Financial Group Ltd – Papua New Guinea); Senior Sergeant Ruth Murup (Provincial Coordinator – Morobe Family Sexual Violence Unit); Ps Enopa (Morobe Mission – Seventh Day Adventist Church); and Thelma Hunginato (Morobe FSVAC).

On behalf of Femili PNG's CEO, Communications and PR Manager Renat Muruket officially opened the event with a warm welcome. "I am standing here proud of the remarkable achievements of a local non-government organization who has been providing effective case management services to survivors of family and sexual violence since July, 2014". She highlighted that this event is not just to celebrate, but to reaffirm FPNG's commitment to its mission and vision, and to shed light on the impact of the organization's collective efforts and the continuous need for support.

Femili PNG's strong supporter and Chair, Professor Stephen Howes, launched the Femili PNG 10-year report as a highlight of the event, reflecting back on Femili PNG's journey to when its first client was seen on 25th July, 2014 in Lae Morobe Province. He elaborated saying that since then, Femili PNG has assisted more than 7,000 survivors of Family and Sexual Violence across Lae, Port Moresby and Goroka offices.

Representing Femili PNG's main donor, the Australia Consulate - General in Lae, Mr. Mark Foxe made a remarkable speech, thanking Femili PNG board, management and staff for their time and commitment in providing effective case management services to survivors of family and sexual violence.

Meanwhile, service providers like FSVU, SDA Morobe Mission, City Mission, police and FSC in Lae took time to reflect and acknowledge Femili PNG's vital work and ongoing support in working together to improve responds to family and sexual violence in the province.

The event ended on a high note with a call for support to help Femili PNG secure a piece of land and a bigger office space made by FPNG In-house Lawyer and Acting Operations Director for Lae CMC, Ms Delwyn Dau.



Cutting the 10th anniversary cake. From left to right: Lae FSVU OIC Sgt. Murup, Morobe GBVAC Secretariate, Thelma Hungito, Australia General Consulate in Lae, Mr Mark Foxe, Femili PNG Casework Manager, Evan Beiso and Administrator, Joyce Maru.

New Femili PNG film launched

This short film tells the story of Femili PNG, through the lens of the people who access our services, and the organisations and communities we support. It was created by Weightless Films, with funding from FemiliPNG Australia.

The film can be viewed from the Femili PNG website at: <https://femilipng.org/femili-png-film/> or on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfebl9irNAQ>.

Many thanks to FemiliPNG Australia for funding the film, to Lauren Hallett the FemiliPNG Australia CEO for suggesting it and finding the film maker, to Will Gaffney for shooting and directing it, to Raechel Harding for editing it, and to Renat Muruket of Femili PNG and Jaida Damstra of FemiliPNG Australia for producing it. The film is a Weightless Films production.



Film Maker, Mr Will Gaffney shooting Femili PNG Community and Outreach Officer, Paul Kunump in Lufa district, Eastern Highlands Province.

Client Satisfaction

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I was protected and well treated. Thank you Femili PNG for providing services I need. I am empowered to improve my life and advocate to other women.”

- Femili PNG client

Femili PNG receives vehicle donation

Femili PNG is delighted to have received a vehicle and other valuable assets from the Australian Government on Thursday 27 June in Lae.

The Australian Government's ANGAU Hospital Redevelopment Project came to an end on 30 June 2024. The Australian Government identified Femili PNG as the recipient of a motor vehicle that will no longer be in use.

Representing Australian High Commission and the Australian Government, the Australian Consulate-General in Lae Mr. Mark Foxe presented IT equipment and the motor vehicle to Femili PNG CEO, Ms Daisy Plana.

During the presentation, Mr. Mark said Femili PNG is really a worthy recipient of a gifted motor vehicle and technology packages.

"Looking at the work Femili PNG does to help survivors of family and sexual violence and the trauma survivors experience, this vehicle will aid logistic support to help these survivors," says Mark.

Ms Daisy Plana thanked the Australian Government for the valuable gift to support Femili PNG's life-changing work.



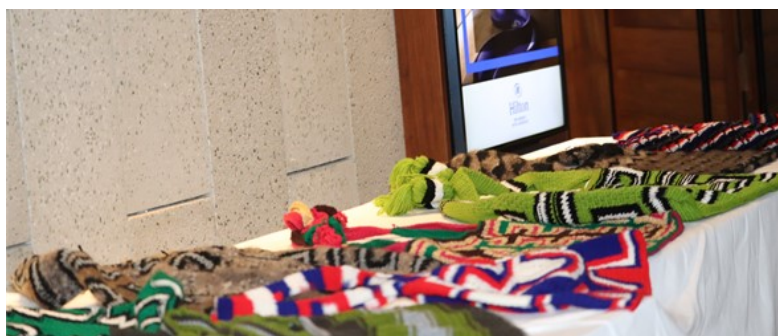
Australia Consulate General in Lae Mr Mark Foxe presents vehicle key to FPNG CEO Ms Daisy Plana

A podcast on Femili PNG

Devpolicy Talks - the podcast of the Australian National University's Development Policy Centre - has recently published a podcast on Femili PNG's work with survivors of family and sexual violence.

In the podcast, Robin Davies speaks with Daisy Plana, CEO of Femili PNG, together with in-house lawyer Delwyn Dau and Goroka Program Manager, Elly Toimbo, on the occasion of the organisation's tenth anniversary.

The podcast is available on the Devpolicy Talks website at <https://devpolicytalks.simplecast.com/episodes/the-first-ten-years-femili-png-SuJZFfmt>



FPNG Outreach takes awareness to NBC Radio listeners

Femili PNG remains committed with its communication aim to address the issue of family and sexual violence in Morobe and across PNG.

The Femili PNG Lae Outreach team recently met with the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) Executive Producer for Morobe, Ms. Carol Umbo, and recorded first awareness message under community radio segment.

The team was led by FPNG Training and Outreach Coordinator, Mawe Farike, and two outreach officers, Bernard Nulai and Georgina Ira.

The awareness message started off with introducing Femili PNG and the types of services it provides to assist survivors of Family and Sexual Violence (FSV). Training and Outreach Coordinator, Mawe Farike spoke about FPNG's main target populations which included survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence, child abuse, and sorcery accusation-related violence (SARV). He further elaborated that Femili PNG has assisted over 7,000 survivors in the last 10 years, with IPV and child abuse being the most common types of cases that FPNG deals with.

Carol thanked the team and hoped that the message will help listeners to seek the help they need.

This radio program plans to go on air once week and aims to cover different topics under family and sexual violence, child abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, SARV, related government laws, referral pathways, types of violence and abuses and FPNG case management services. The team are planning to discuss more on the types of child abuses, child safety rules and provide information on services that are available for children to seek help when they experience violence.

Meanwhile, NBC Morobe also had a separate live broadcast with FPNG Communications and PR Manager, Renat Muruket and Case Work Manager, Veronica Lahis on Wedne sday, 24th July, to promote FPNG's work and tenth year anniversary celebrations.

Thank you NBC Morobe for allowing Femili PNG to reach out to wider audience. The team is anticipating that this information will help listeners to contact Femili PNG and to seek help.



Femili PNG Training and Outreach team at NBC Radio Morobe.



L-R: Femili PNG Communications Officer, Renat Muruket, NBC Program Manager, Allan and Lae Casework Manager, Veronica Lahis.

Survivor's data from FPNG's first decade

The report, titled *Survivor data from Femili PNG's first decade* was launched at the Femili PNG Gala Dinner on 3rd August, 2024 at Hilton Hotel in Port Moresby.

This report is authored by Professor Stephen Howes and Estelle Stambolie of the ANU Development Policy Centre. It draws on data from the more than 7,000 survivors who have been admitted as Femili PNG clients over the last decade. It utilises the Femili PNG Case Management System (CMS) on which client data is securely and confidentially held.

Between July 2014 and June 2024, Femili PNG admitted 7,452 survivors as clients. About 10% were repeat clients. Including dependants, Femili PNG's assistance over this period extended to 20,683 individuals.

Almost three times as many survivors become Femili PNG clients every month compared to a decade ago. Monthly intakes fell slightly during the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, but are now growing again, and reached an average of 87 in 2023-24 (July-June financial year).

More than 40% of clients are now walk-in clients. Significant numbers are also referred by the police, health facilities, and businesses.

At any one time, Femili PNG is helping about 800 to 900 survivors. Case workers in the three offices manage between about 45 to 75 open cases each. Cases are closed on average after just less than a year.

Most survivors who come to Femili PNG are female adults (83%). 9% are female children, 5% male adults and 3% male children. Their average age is 30. 81% of adult clients are married, and 70% have dependants. 10% of clients have a disability. Survivors have very varied educational backgrounds, but on average are better educated than the general population. 28% of adult clients are tertiary educated, 25% have only primary or elementary education, and 9% have no education at all. 10% of adult clients are self-employed, 36% are wage earners, and 53% are not in paid work.

81% of survivors who come to Femili PNG do so as a result of intimate partner violence; 13% due to child abuse; 3% as a result of non-intimate-partner sexual violence; and 2% on account of sorcery-accusation-related violence (SARV). Goroka has a much higher share of SARV survivors (17%), while Lae has a higher share of child abuse survivors (15%). About 90% of survivors have experienced violence prior to the incident which they are reporting. Substance abuse is reported as a major cause of abuse (mentioned by 30% of adult survivors), alongside issues relating to adultery and polygamy (29%).

For adult survivors, the perpetrator is most likely to be their current or former intimate partner (92%), while for children it is most commonly a parent or guardian (61%).

At intake, case workers work with survivors to help them articulate their short- and long-term objectives. 83% of adult clients want a restraining order. Children (and their guardians) have more mixed objectives, but about half want the perpetrator arrested. Unfortunately, as the report reveals, though survivors can be helped in various practical ways, often the objectives formulated at intake are unrealistic, and are not achieved.

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Femili PNG works in close coordination with partner service providers to deliver results for survivors. On average, about 20 to 30 survivors are referred each month to the police, courts and health facilities. Case conferences are held to develop plans with partners for complex cases. The data suggests that the number of case conferences may have fallen in recent years, suggesting that this is an area where more work is needed.

Five basic services are provided to a majority, and in some cases, nearly all clients: provision of information (94%); basic needs, such as food and clothing (77%); legal advice (65%); counselling (64%); and safe transport (46%).

Beyond these basic services, Femili PNG helps many survivors access three specialised services: emergency accommodation, restraining orders, and relocation.

Femili PNG operates one safe house, the Bel isi Safe House (BISH) in Port Moresby. It also supports its clients with basic needs and case management in a range of safe houses operated by NGOs and churches, and supports those operators with their resource requirements. A quarter of Femili PNG's clients are supported with safe house accommodation. The average stay has increased to about 50 days, but this is about twice the median (typical) stay, as there is a long tail of long-stayers. On a typical day Femili PNG now supports 85 survivors and their dependents in safe houses across the country.

The average number of BISH residents has grown from 9 at commencement in 2018-19 to 17 in 2023-24. BISH capacity utilisation has increased over the same period from 38% to 79%.

A higher percentage of child (43%) than adult (22%) clients use safe houses, and children have longer average stays. Many adult clients also have dependants, so, in fact, slightly more than half the individuals Femili PNG supports in emergency accommodation are children.

Many more of Femili PNG's clients are able to access an Interim Protection Order (IPO) from the courts than a decade ago. Now, on average, about 20 are granted an IPO per month, compared to less than 10 or even five in the first few years of operations. However, the number peaked as early as 2019-20. 76% of survivors who come to Femili PNG want an IPO, but only about 20-30% actually get one. The median time from intake to lodgement is 23 days, and then from lodging to granting four days, meaning there is a four-week period from intake to obtaining the protection of an IPO. Reducing this time would provide greater protection for survivors. Only half as many longer-term Protection Orders (POs) are issued compared to IPOs.

A small number of survivors are relocated with their consent to their home village or another location for their safety. Relocations were highest in the first few years of operations, but after an internal review have remained at levels of around 3-6% of intake since 2017-18. Start-up business kits are also used to support a small number of survivors, and about a third of these are given to relocated clients. About 50-60 kits are issued to survivors every year.

Femili PNG's CMS enables the organisation to track its ability to help survivors over time, and across its three centres. Many of the results shown are very positive. Femili PNG today assists many more survivors than a decade ago, and helps many more of them access safe house accommodation and restraining orders. At the same time, the analysis also shows important remaining challenges. In particular, although Femili PNG is able to help many more survivors obtain restraining orders than when it began, the trend is not upwards. And most survivors who say they want an IPO still do not get one.

The full report is available at: <https://devpolicy.org/publications/femili-png-first-decade/>.

Feedback from survivor, Femili PNG : 2021-23

A new report by two academics at the Australian National University (ANU) was launched at the Femili PNG tenth anniversary dinner on 3rd August 2024. It summarises the main findings from Femili PNG's client feedback surveys over the last three years, 2021 to 2023.

Femili PNG collects feedback from a sample of its clients through a feedback survey that has been administered since 2016. In 2021, the survey form was expanded and revised. This new report is based on data from that expanded survey over the last three years: 2021 to 2023. It is the third client feedback report published.

Between 2021 and 2023, a total of 111 client feedback interviews were conducted. The sample is largely selected on the basis of convenience, and so is not representative of the broader Femili PNG client base. Nevertheless, the survey, which asks for a mix of quantitative and qualitative responses, generates useful insights.

Basic needs, transport and counselling are the most common services, reported to be received by two-thirds of survivors or more. Restraining orders, emergency accommodation, and relocation are the most important services for those who receive them.

Femili PNG operates one safe house in Port Moresby, and supports other safe houses operated by other NGOs. Only one of the 80 clients supported by Femili PNG in emergency accommodation said they did not feel safe. Most feedback from safe houses is very positive with suggestions often relating to better catering for children in safe houses.

Most survivors who go to Femili PNG want to obtain a restraining order, and 58 of those surveyed said that Femili PNG helped them obtain an Interim Protection Order (IPO). Again, only one said that their IPO did not help keep them safe. While feedback on restraining orders is very positive, some survivors want more information on legal processes.

Femili PNG helps a small number of survivors relocate to an alternative location. 33 of those surveyed said that they were being or had been relocated. All survivors reported that relocation protected or would protect them from further violence. All feedback on relocations was positive.

Half the survivors report that their situation has been fully resolved, and nearly all of the remaining half report at least some improvement. Survivors who are relocated and/or receive emergency accommodation have the greatest likelihood of full resolution. Survivors whose cases are closed due to loss of contact are less likely to report full resolution, and more likely to report a partial resolution.

Femili PNG receives very high satisfaction ratings from survivors, while service providers in general receive lower but still good satisfaction ratings.

Feedback for Femili PNG is very positive with suggestions to increase its reach and operations. Feedback for other service providers includes mixed reviews ranging from deep appreciation for timely assistance to complaints of slow, uncaring, or corrupt service.

Overall, the survey is reassuring in the evidence it provides that those who receive help from Femili PNG find it very useful in protecting their safety, and in either fully or partially resolving the difficult and sometimes life-threatening situation they were in that led them to Femili PNG's doors.

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An effort needs to be made, however, to improve the quality of the client feedback survey. This can be done by closer linking to the Case Management System (CMS), which has records of all clients, by making a greater effort to increase the completion rate for surveys, and by making the survey more representative and independent.

The full report can be downloaded from <https://devpolicy.org/publications/survivor-feedback-femili-png-2021-2023/>

Thank you Denga for a decade of commitment and service!



Femili PNG Outgoing Operations Director, Ms Denga Ilave

Femili PNG's Lae Case Management Centre Operations Director, Ms. Denga Ilave, left Femili PNG last September 2024. During a farewell lunch with Denga organised by the national office team, each of the team recognised and verbalised Denga's invaluable dedication and contributions to Femili PNG. The team also wishes her well for her new path to take, that it may be filled with exciting opportunities and adventures.

Quoting Denga's farewell message: "Words cannot express how grateful I am to be part of this amazing organization. I have been part of the organization since its very beginning tracking back 10 years ago when Femili had no recognition, no policies, no office but a few staff who committed to the cause with faith. I am a testament of the growth of Femili and as I leave I will carry Femili PNG with in my heart wherever I go."

Professor Stephen Howes, Chair of Femili PNG also sent a message on behalf of the board, "Your commitment and leadership have been outstanding. The stability that has resulted from your continuous service has been a big positive for the organisation, especially in its early days, enabling it to develop in Lae, and expand to other centres. Your advocacy on behalf of Femili PNG and on behalf of all survivors of family and sexual violence is something we are particularly grateful for."

Condolence notice for the late Anna Wissink



The late Anna Wissink (second from right) with fellow Femili PNG Board members

Femili PNG board, the executive committee members and staff would like to express our heartfelt and sincere condolences at the passing of dedicated Femili PNG Board Member and Treasurer late Mrs Anna Wissink. We were saddened to learn of her passing on Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

Late Anna was a longtime Femili PNG supporter who joined the Femili PNG Board as Treasurer in 2019. As a supporter, Board member and Treasurer, Anna was always supportive, constructive and insightful. We are so sad to lose her, and we will always remember and cherish her time and commitment to Femili PNG.

We are thinking of you Mr. David Wissink and Anna's children and families during this time of sorrow. We wish you peace and comfort.

Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.

Lamentation 3:32





Getting help;

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Call the free hotline for help!

The 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim lain is a toll-free confidential phone counselling service providing information and support for anyone experiencing family and sexual violence in PNG.

This service is operated by ChildFund and is a partnership between ChildFund and CIMC (FSVAC) and supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme.



About us:

Femili PNG is a local NGO that operates Case Management Centres in Lae, Port Moresby and Goroka to assist survivors of family and sexual violence to access the services they need.

Our target population are women, men and children who are survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or child abuse.

We work closely with partners, such as the police, courts, Welfare, Family Support Centres, safe houses, the government and other NGOs to ensure that survivors access the available services and positive outcomes are achieved.

Femili PNG is supported by the Australian Government through the PNGAUS Partnership.

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