

Femili Tok

Quarterly Newsletter

Femili PNG assists survivors of family and sexual violence to access the services they need



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GBV TRAINING IN DARU

From 4 to 6 July 2017, Femili PNG conducted training on gender-based violence and trauma-informed care in Daru, Western Province. The training was organised by the Burnet Institute, following reports from their counsellors that they were facing challenges in supporting tuberculosis (TB) patients who were also dealing with issues relating to gender-based violence.

The Burnet Institute has a peer counselling project in Western Province, and is working with stakeholders to reduce the impact of drug-resistant TB.

The training was attended by 19 participants, including:

- 7 Burnet Institute counsellors;
- 4 Daru Hospital nursing officers;
- 3 World Vision community health workers;
- 2 Gender Equality & Social Inclusion (GESI) officers;
- 2 counsellors from the Health and HIV

Implementation Services Provider (HHISP); and

- 1 welfare officer.

The training gave the participants an overview of gender-based violence in the PNG context, as well as the world at large. Femili PNG's In-house Lawyer Ms Anna Raymond conducted a session on the new laws relating to family and sexual violence, including the Lukautim Pikinini Act and the Family Protection Act.

The training also gave the participants an understanding of trauma, its impact on the brain and how trauma affects FSV survivors' perceptions and beliefs about life, self and the world. It also covered triggers of trauma, trauma stewardship and trauma stewardship strategies. Femili PNG staff facilitators included: Mellanie Olano (Case Management Technical Expert), Daisy Plana (CEO/Senior Social Worker), Konnie Yoifa (Training Coordinator) and Ms. Anna Raymond.



Femili PNG Case Worker Training

Six Case Workers from Femili PNG, along with our Case Work Manager and Operations Manager, completed three days of intensive training on Case Management and Self-Care from 16 to 18 August 2017 in Lae, Morobe Province.

The objective of the training was to up-skill Femili PNG's Case Workers, improve their knowledge on Family and Sexual Violence and other forms of exploitation of children, women and men, and to handle

issues of survivors accordingly in a sensitive manner.

Other topics of the training included discussion on Case Management, related laws and

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Trauma Informed Care. It was also a good opportunity for the participants to clarify their knowledge on the salient provisions of the laws including the Lukautim Pikinini Act (LPA), Family Protection Act (FPA) and Criminal Code.

Femili PNG Case Management Technical Expert, Mellanie Olano facilitated the training with assistance from CEO Daisy Plana, In-house Lawyer Anna Raymond and Training Coordinator Konnie Yoifa.

The training was very insightful, especially for the Case Workers as it will help them to assist survivors and advocate for their rights.

"Educating our own team, enhancing and equipping their skills would lead to a cost-effective outcome for the benefit of the survivors," said Ms Olano. "We in Femili PNG believe that change can happen, and this can begin with us," she concluded.

Church Members Continue to Support Safe House Clients

The Pilgrim Seventh-Day Adventist Church at Speedway donated garden food and clothes to Femili PNG to assist its clients at the safe house in Lae on 27 August 2017.

Receiving the donation was Femili PNG's Communications and Fundraising Officer Jonica Jay who acknowledged the Church leaders and congregation for their ongoing support and commitment in assisting clients at the safe house.

The Church's initiative of donating to the safe house clients started in 2016 last year and has since continued quarterly. One of the Church Elders, Seni Anthon said, "it has become a custom now for Pilgrim Seventh-Day Adventist Church to

provide food and clothes to the safe house." He also thanked the members of the Church for their efforts in bringing together their donation to give to the safe house.



CLIENT STORY

The following story illustrates how the Femili PNG Case Management Centre in Lae supports survivors of family and sexual violence to access services and rebuild their lives. The clients have kindly given permission for their stories to be used.

**Names have been changed and all identifying information has been removed to protect their safety*

*ROSE'S STORY

Rose was physically and sexually abused by her husband. Femili PNG assisted her by moving her to a safe house and provided food and clothing while she was there.

A Femili PNG Case Worker assisted Rose with family tracing and to access other needed services such as medical check-up and attaining a Permanent Protection Order for 2 years from the Court.

Rose verbally explained to the Case Worker that she no longer wanted to continue her relationship and requested to return home to her family where she would be safe. Upon her wish, the Case Worker assisted her and she was successfully repatriated and reunited with her family in her home province. She was assisted with a start-up kit and reintegration support to help her with her relocation.

Rose was very grateful and appreciated the support and assistance provided to her by Femili PNG and other service providers.



FSV Awareness to Laga Staff

Femili PNG visits business houses in Lae and provides awareness on family and sexual violence (FSV) and child abuse to their employees.

In late July this year, Femili PNG was invited by Laga Industries to carry out an awareness session for their staff during their lunch break. Leading the awareness was Femili PNG's Operations Manager Ms. Denga Ilave.

A total of 72 employees were present during the awareness, 33 males and 39 females.

MOST VULNERABLE

By: Betty Tom

*The village was buzzing with activities
as the men women and children are expecting
all hell to break loose any minute
for the verdict has been handed down
Death by Infliction*

*She stayed up all night
Praying meditating and expecting
A miracle or divine intervention
In the eleventh hour
Nothing happens*

*She is dragged out of her hamlet
to the middle of the village court
She is interrogated by the whole village
Village justice prevails
Natural course of justice forgotten*

*She is hung crucified style
Red hot iron penetrates her body
She cannot deny nor confirm
This day she goes to meet her maker
All bloodied and wounded.*



Pikinini Protection Day a Success!

“Please Protect Me - I am the future of PNG” was the theme for this year’s Pikinini Protection Day that was celebrated by more than 500 children and their parents at St Mary’s Hall in Lae on 2 September 2017.

The event was coordinated by Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) in Lae, together with other FSV stakeholders and the Australian Federal Police. The objective of the event was to make children and their parents aware of children’s rights.

Femili PNG Child Protection Officer and staff organized some activities for the children to educate them on children safety rules and their trusted social support network.

Business houses and other stakeholders in Lae also assisted the event by providing food and goods to the children, making the event a success.



Many women and children in Papua New Guinea are impacted by family and sexual violence. But survivors face barriers when they try to access the services they need.

Femili PNG is changing this by providing integrated case management to survivors of family and sexual violence to help them access counselling, support and other interventions for protection and justice with the support from our existing partners—the service providers.

To support the work of Femili PNG, please do not hesitate to contact the Communications and Fundraising Officer on:

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Did you know?

Since opening our doors, Femili PNG has helped more than a thousand women, men and children in high risk situations to access the assistance that they need.

Thank you for your support!

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About us:

Femili PNG is a local NGO based in Lae that runs a Case Management Centre to assist survivors of family and sexual violence to access the services they need. Our target population is women, men or children who are survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or child abuse.

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