

# Femili Tok

Quarterly Newsletter

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FPNG Outreach team with the Omega Primary School Early Learners class and teachers during child abuse awareness session.

## Awareness on Safety Rules

It was an exciting two days for the students at Omega Primary School as Femili PNG Outreach team visited the school on 6 and 7 November 2018 to provide awareness to the students and teachers.

The awareness included information on what child abuse is, the rights and responsibilities of a child, and video screening of safety rules on how to protect themselves, and the referral pathway. Two sessions were done each day to two groups of students, the Toddlers and Elementary classes combined, and lower and upper primary (grade 3 to 7) combined.

Because of the increasing number of child abuse cases, Femili PNG Outreach team wanted to focus more on providing child safety awareness to children so they can protect themselves from being abused. As in most cases, the child is abused by someone they know or trust, and they do not know what to do. So the aim of the awareness sessions focused on schools will be to help the children understand and identify abuse, and know what to do when they encounter a situation that may bring harm to them.

Prior to the awareness session at Omega Primary School, Femili PNG Outreach team approached the Lae District Education Manager, Mr. Kaumu Laga, for his approval to approach primary schools in Lae and provide awareness. Mr. Laga supported the idea and requested that a presentation be done during the Head Teachers meeting so that the teachers are informed.

After the presentation to 26 Head Teachers from primary schools in Lae, the Head Teachers also shared the same concerns regarding the increasing number of child abuse cases. Some of the teachers talked about the situations they deal with on a daily basis with their students.

Many of the Head Teachers who attended, including Mr. Laga, supported the idea for ongoing awareness sessions to be delivered to students and teaches on the issue of child abuse, and also family and sexual violence.

The Outreach team is looking forward to working in partnership with schools in Lae to reach more children in 2019.



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## 20 Days of Activism in Morobe Province



*Universal Children's Day celebration, and launching of the 20 days of activism in Bulolo District, Morobe Province.*

### Launching in Bulolo

The 20 Days of Activism was launched on 20 November 2018 during the Universal Children's Day celebration in Bulolo District, Morobe Province. The theme for the Universal Children's Day for 2018 was, "Children today, our keepers tomorrow".

The event took place at the St. Peters Primary School, and was attended by over 1000 children, teachers, including parents and the general public in Bulolo District.

Femili PNG participated with other stakeholders, including students and teachers from five primary schools in the district.

The event was organised by the Morobe Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC) with the support of the Harmony Hidden Valley Mine. The event included presentations from the students, stakeholders, including Femili PNG's Outreach team.

### FSV Awareness in the workplace

In line with the theme for the 2018 campaign, "End Gender-based violence in the World of Work," Femili PNG, with the Morobe Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC), have worked in partnership to provide awareness sessions on the issue of family and sexual violence to working individuals.

From November to December 2018, Femili PNG Outreach team with the Morobe FSVAC Secretariat Ms. Thelma Hungito provided awareness sessions at a number of business houses in Lae.

These included Laga Industries, the National Security Training College, Hornibrooks NGL, and staff of Trukai Industries at Erapi Farm outside Lae.

Many people in the workforce do not have time to access information on the issue of FSV and were really grateful that the Femili PNG Outreach team and Morobe FSVAC team have gone to their workplace to provide this awareness. Many have requested for ongoing awareness sessions.



*Awareness provided to 30 Hornibrooks staff in Lae on 6 December 2018.*

### Walking together against violence in Lae

As part of the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November 2018, Femili PNG staff participated in the walk against violence in Lae that was organised by the Morobe Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee. The walk started in the morning from the Lae Metropolitan Command Sonu Sigob building in town, and ended at Eriku where those who participated handed out brochures and provided information about family and sexual violence.

Those who participated in this activity included the Morobe FSVAC, Lae Police, Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU), Sexual Offence Squad (SOS), Juvenile Justice, Femili PNG, Lae Bikers Association, the Morobe Youth Empowerment Organisation, and residents within Lae city.

It was good to see a lot of young men participate in the walk, and also played a part in doing awareness-raising sessions with the general public at Eriku bus stop. The partners and people of Lae continue to unite in taking a stand against all forms of violence.





## CLIENT STORY

*\*Names have been changed to protect the identity and safety of the clients.*

### TINA\* GETS HELP AFTER ONGOING ABUSE

This is the story of Tina\*, a mother of one who has gone through an ongoing ordeal of violence since she was married.

In March 2017, she was referred to Femili PNG by the Family Support Centre (FSC) at Angau, with a broken bone that she may not fully recover from. Her child was also taken from her by the perpetrator's parents.

Femili PNG helped Tina to access the available services such as the Welfare and the Police Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) concerning her child. Upon Welfare's request, FSVU assisted in recouping the child. Mediation was later conducted by Welfare in the best interest of the child.

In coordination with the District Court, Femili

PNG assisted Tina with an Interim Protection Order (IPO) in April 2017, and after two weeks, it was successfully converted to a Permanent Order (PO). Tina and her husband had been separated, however there was no proper documentation to prove their separation. The perpetrator cooperated with the court and confirmed that he had been abusing Tina and that they were separated.

Femili PNG supported Tina with a sewing machine and materials to help her get on her feet. She currently sews and sells meri blouses.

Tina recently reunited with her husband and they have just had a new baby. With the PO in place, her husband no longer abuses her.

### SURVIVOR GETS HELP THROUGH BEL ISI PNG CMC

Clare\* and her husband had a great first year of marriage. Everything was fine, until she became pregnant with their child.

That was when everything changed. Clare's husband restricted her from socialising and told her to keep to herself. He even bashed her while she was pregnant.

After Clare gave birth to their child, the perpetrator (Clare's husband) started to have affairs with other women, and didn't come home some nights.

Clare recalled her husband using anything he could find around the house to hit her with, including garden tools like spades. "He also got a drill and pushed it into my head," Clare said when she showed the scar on her head after she got eight stitches.

Regardless of the ongoing abuse, Clare continued to pray and believed her husband would change and be a good husband and father. He finally did change, but it wasn't for long.

Clare had to take her child, who was just a toddler, to stay with her family because the perpetrator threw all her belongings out of the house. Clare endured the ongoing abuse for over four years. She had also lost her previous job because of the perpetrator, and was unemployed for a while. During the time

she was unemployed and living with her family, the perpetrator did not support her and their child.

Clare finally got a new job and could support herself and her child. However, she still lived in fear, as she had been assaulted in public by the perpetrator.

A counsellor at Clare's new workplace told her to get help from a safe house in Port Moresby, which then referred her to the Family Support Centre (FSC). FSC referred Clare to Bel is PNG Case Management Centre (CMC), operated by Femili PNG, to get help.

After a few weeks working with Clare, the Case Worker assigned to assist her helped Clare obtain an Interim Protection Order (IPO), which was later successfully converted to a Permanent Order (PO).

Clare is grateful for the case management support to access other available services. She said, "I was always scared, but now feel free, and dress confidently."

Femili PNG's Case Worker will continue to support Clare in accessing assistance from the Welfare and Public Solicitor's office to get custody and maintenance support for her child.

## Updates in pictures



*Some partners from the police relaxing with Femili PNG staff during their staff debrief.*



*Pilgrim SDA church in Lae continues to support FSVU survivors at the safe accommodations with their quarterly donations.*



*Trukai Industries continues to support Femili PNG with three bales of rice to assist its clients*



*Zenag continues to support Femili PNG clients with a carton of eggs fortnightly.*

# Zero Tolerance to all forms of Violence



*Femili PNG staff with one of the pledgers in support of the Zero Tolerance to all forms of violence campaign.*

The Morobe Show is the most exciting annual event in Lae. As usual, the showground was jammed pack as people flooded in from all over Morobe Province, including many from the highlands region.

Femili PNG participated again at the Morobe Show Health Expo this year, including other organisations such as World Vision, Angau

Memorial Hospital, Marie Stopes, Save the Children, Susu Mamas, Morobe Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC), Harmony, and others.

Femili PNG staff showcased through a short skit how survivors of family and sexual violence are assisted through its Case Management Centre with support from the service providers. The staff also highlighted the partnership and close coordination between Femili PNG and its partners in helping survivors.

During the two days (27-28 October 2018) of the Health Expo, Femili PNG staff provided information about the services offered by the organisation, the issue of family and sexual violence, and the referral pathway.

A small section was assigned for children, where they sat and watched videos about child safety rules.

Adults were given a pledge form to support the Zero Tolerance to all forms of violence campaign and say no to violence. They pledged by putting an imprint of their hand on the

paper. It was great to see a lot of men showing support and taking a stand against violence.

Femili PNG staff spoke to more than 600 people who visited our stall during the two days.



*Femili PNG Operations Director speaking to young adults who visited our stall.*

**Thank you  
Consort for  
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our  
'Stop  
Violence'  
promotional  
shirts and  
mugs.**



*Pictured:  
Sakare Kenda  
Consort HR Supervisor*



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**Call the free hotline for help!**

Toll-free confidential phone counselling service providing information and support for anyone experiencing family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea.

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### About us:

Femili PNG is a local NGO that operates Case Management Centres in Lae and Port Moresby 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 (FSCs), safe houses, the government and other NGOs to ensure that survivors access the available services and positive outcomes are achieved.

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