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UN Women Country Representative visits Femili PNG Goroka Outpost

During his visit to Goroka in Eastern Highlands Province, UN Women Country Representative, Themba Kalua visited Femili PNG's Case Management Outpost with his team on Wednesday 18 May 2022.

Mr Kalua was interested to learn about how Femili PNG works in assisting survivors of family and sexual violence (FSV) and sorcery accusation related violence (SARV) through its case management centres, and its coordination with partners in Goroka through the case management outpost. Femili PNG team shared that more than a hundred survivors have been assisted through the case management outpost, in which most are intimate partner violence cases referred by partner organisations and service providers.

The establishment of the Case Management Outpost in February 2021 was made possible through the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative, and a direct support under UN Women. The outpost is managed by three staff on the ground, which includes two caseworkers and an Info/Admin officer. Through Friends of Femili PNG, the outpost has received additional support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) to operate for the next five years in Goroka.

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As it was his first time visiting a case management centre, Mr Kalua was grateful and found it very useful for him and his team. He expressed that the issue of GBV paints a very negative picture about PNG as a country, and despite the issue being big and horrendous, there is something being done so that women are not left alone. “It’s people like you, and initiative like yours that give a lot of hope,” Mr Kalua said. He also added that UN Women values its partnership with Femili PNG and will continue to explore where they can support.

On Thursday 19 May 2022, Femili PNG team accompanied UN Women and the Eastern Highlands Family Voice to visit two local safe houses in Lufa District in the province. These are the only two safe houses providing accommodation for FSV and SARV survivors outside of Goroka town. Through the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative, Femili PNG has been able to support both safe houses with necessary items such as food, toiletries, bedding, solar panels, cooking utensils and kitchenware.

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Femili PNG trains 46 in Enga and Southern Highlands Province



Group photo: Femili PNG team with police officers and community leaders who participated in the training from 21-25 March 2022 in Mendi, Southern Highlands Province.

Earlier this year, Femili PNG trained 46 participants in Enga and Southern Highlands Provinces as part of the EU–UN Spotlight Initiative. The training program in Enga Province, which took place from 14-18 March to 26 youth and village court officials, was organised by the Lagaip Porgera Youth in conjunction with the Porgera District Women’s Association. In partnership with the training department of the Southern Highlands Royal PNG Constabulary, Femili PNG facilitated another one-week training session in Mendi town from 21-25 March to 20 police officers and community leaders.

The week-long training program covered topics on: the situation of family and sexual violence (FSV) in PNG; different kinds of abuse of children; UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Children’s Rights); the Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015; different kinds of abuse experienced by women, girls, boys and men; CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Abuse on Women); the Family Protection Act 2013; trauma-informed care; the cycle of violence; and the referral pathways.

Femili PNG training facilitators have always tried to ensure that the topics covered in the training are simplified and can be understood thoroughly by the participants considering different educational backgrounds. In Enga Province, a local representative from the Porgera District Women’s Association was engaged in translating between the sessions for the first three days of the training.

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This encouraged the participants in Porgera to actively take part in discussions and provide insightful feedback. Village Court Magistrate in Porgera District, Eporane Lawaipa said, “I know now where I went wrong.” He added, “I will correct my mistakes and use the information I have learnt today to sensitize my family first, practice within my family before I will use this information in court, and I will also share this information with other village court magistrates and community members.”



The goal of the training is to educate and stimulate interests of the participants on the issues of FSV, and empower them to advocate on the eradication of all forms of violence.

Group photo: Femili PNG team with village court officials and youths from Lagaip Porgera Youth Association who participated in the training from 14—18 March 2022 in Porgera, Enga Province.

The training also aims to enable participants to assist survivors of violence through accessing services using the referral pathway. The discussions on trauma-informed care helps service providers like the police and others to take a trauma-informed approach to their challenging work of assisting survivors.

Those who attended the training were happy and expressed that they were fortunate to participate and learn many new things. Yamba Village Court Clerk, Pexy Pewi, who participated in the training in Mendi said, “I have travelled quite a distance so that I could learn from such trainings.” Working for almost 25 years at the Yamba Village court in Ialibu Southern Highlands Province, Mr Pewi said that majority of the cases heard at the village court are family related, which includes domestic violence and marital separations. The most challenging of these cases are child custody, which he usually refers to welfare or the district court. He said, “I always say that I do not have the power to separate children among their parents because they need the presence of both their mother and father.” Mr Pewi added that the training has helped him a lot, and that he is now able to implement the knowledge gained from the training in his work.

Femili PNG training team and participants in Mendi were privileged to have the Rural Commander for Southern Highlands and Western Command, Inspector Leo Walaget to give the closing remarks. Inspector Walaget said, “It has really touched my heart to be here to close the workshop for all that you have learnt, which are common issues that are affecting our families and communities.” He thanked Femili PNG staff for facilitating the training, and the participants who committed their time in attending. Inspector Walaget addressed the participants saying, “What you have learnt through this training, will help you and put you in a better position to go and implement and to educate our people so that we can have a trouble-free, safe environment for our children.”

Chief Sergeant Naring Bongi also thanked Femili PNG and the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative for reaching out to other provinces in providing trainings to upskill and inform participants with knowledge of the laws and relevant information. He acknowledged the valuable support provided in terms of IT equipment donated in 2021, and that this was the second training conducted in Southern Highlands Province.

The participants at both training sessions have strongly expressed through their action plans to share what they have learnt in means of providing awareness in their communities, as well as implementing the knowledge gained in their respective roles in addressing family and sexual violence.



Rural Commander for Southern Highlands and Western Command, Inspector Leo Walaget presenting the certificate of participation to First Constable Christine Luke—Officer In Charge (OIC) for Family Violence Unit in Pangia, SHP.

PNG High Commissioner to Australia visits Femili PNG

Papua New Guinea's High Commissioner to Australia, His Excellency Mr John Ma'o Kali visited Femili PNG operations in Port Moresby and Lae. A long-time advocate on gender equality, Mr Kali has been providing strong support for Femili PNG as the organisation's patron.

Mr Kali was accompanied by Friends of Femili PNG Philanthropy and Partnership Manager Paul Scott to learn about Femili PNG's work in Port Moresby and Lae. The visit started on the 15th of March 2022 with a meeting at the Bel isi PNG Case Management Centre (operated by Femili PNG) with staff, and representatives from the Australian High Commission (AHC) – Program Strategy & Gender section. Femili PNG CEO Ms. Daisy Plana welcomed the visitors and expressed that it was an honor to have His Excellency, the patron of Femili PNG, here to learn from staff experiences in helping survivors of violence. Femili PNG staff shared how the survivors are assisted, and the challenges they face when dealing with cases.

Mr Kali did not hesitate to take up the role as patron when he was approached in 2020. He said, "there's already an agreement between the two governments from Papua New Guinea and Australia, but it will not be productive if we don't make it work, and if we don't implement it." He explained that the Papua New Guinea -Australia Comprehensive Strategic and Economic Partnership, signed in August 2020, has many pillars. Mr. Kali added, "in order for the pillars to have some foundation, we need people like you to make it work." He is hopeful that his role as Femili PNG's patron will provide some inspiration and link between the two governments. Mr Kali and Mr Scott also shared some of the initiatives planned for 2022 to raise funds for Femili PNG.



From L-R: FPNG CEO Daisy Plana, AHC Program Strategy & Gender – First Secretary Gaye Moore, AHC Program Strategy & Gender – Counsellor Krishni Goonesena, PNG High Commissioner to Australia John Kali, Friends of PNG Philanthropy & Partnership Manager Paul Scott, and AHC Program Strategy & Gender – Program Manager Lorna Maso after meeting at Bel isi PNG Case Management Centre on 15 March 2022.

After the meeting at the Case Management Centre, Mr Kali and Mr Scott visited the Bel isi Safe House and met with the safe house staff. They were very impressed with the management, care, and the commitment that staff showed in assisting survivors.

Mr Kali and Mr Scott, accompanied by Femili PNG's Communications and Public Relations Manager Jonica Jay, travelled to Lae on 16 March 2022 and met with Femili PNG Lae staff and partners. The meeting was attended by the media and key stakeholders in Lae which included partners from the Morobe Provincial Government, the Lae District Court, police department, Morobe Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, Public Solicitor's Office, Family Support Centre, City Mission, and the Australian Consul-General in Lae, Mr Mark Foxe.

It was a very informative meeting as partners discussed their work and the challenges faced when providing services to survivors. Australian Consul-General in Lae Mr Foxe commended Femili PNG and partners for their hard work and contribution

to the overall goal of addressing gender-based violence. He said, "your tireless work and commitment has raised the standards of case management and support for survivors right across PNG." He added that it is challenging but very important work in PNG and abroad.

Mr Kali also thanked the Femili PNG and partners for their continued commitment and encouraged all partners to continue this life-changing work. Mr Kali added that the strong working partnerships as displayed between the Government, the private sector, the churches and NGOs through the Femili PNG networking had lessons for PNG and the region.

After the meeting, Mr Kali and Mr Scott visited the Femili PNG Lae Case Management Centre to meet the leadership team and staff. They also visited the newly-constructed safe house built by Seventh-day Adventist church volunteers before returning to Port Moresby.

Mr Kali was very impressed with the professionalism and services offered by the Femili PNG team and their partners.

Femili PNG team meets Ukuni Women in Coffee



From L-R: PNG High Commissioner to Australia and Femili PNG Patron John Kali, Femili PNG Board member Stephanie Copus Campbell, and Friends of Femili PNG Philanthropy & Partnership Manager Paul Scott.

Women are the backbone of their families and their communities. In one of the remote areas in Mul Baiyer District in Western Highlands Province, a group of women from five different communities formed the Ukuni 1 Women in Coffee & Farmers Association. The Association was established in 2008 with the goal of empowering and supporting women to strengthen their community. These women contribute to producing quality coffee exported to international markets.

Femili PNG, through its sister organisation based in Canberra, Friends of Femili PNG (FoFPNG), has connected with the Association and other partners in the coffee industry as part of its e-commerce initiative. FoFPNG Philanthropy & Partnerships Manager Paul Scott has been working towards releasing Femili PNG coffee, which is now on sale in Australia, using coffee grown by PNG women. The aim is to provide economic opportunities for local women, and raise funds for Femili PNG.

To learn more about the women coffee growers at Ukuni, Mr Scott made a road trip visit with Femili PNG team which included PNG High Commissioner to Australia, His Excellency Mr John Kali, who is also Femili PNG's first patron; Femili PNG board member Stephanie Copus-Campbell, along with other members. The team received a warm welcome from the men, women and children at Ukuni 1 on Friday 18 March 2022. The community were grateful for the visit, as they do not get many visitors to their area.

The Ukuni 1 Women in Coffee & Farmers Association Chairlady, Rachel Joseph, was emotional as she thanked the team for the visit. She shared how the association was

created and talked about the importance of coffee in their community. "We get money from coffee and help our children to be educated so that they can bring services into our community," Ms Joseph said, pointing out their struggles with the poor roads and inaccessibility to basic services. She appreciated the support from Baki Coffee in providing trainings, tools and other assistance in terms of marketing their coffee. The men and community were also acknowledged for backing up the women in their projects.

His Excellency Mr Kali had a taste of the coffee from Ukuni in Canberra and was eager to meet the women responsible. He applauded the collaboration of the community in working together to produce a product for the country. Mr Kali shared his role as the PNG High Commissioner to Australia, and as the patron of Femili PNG. To ensure the implementation of the agreement signed between PNG and Australia in 2020, Mr Kali accepted the offer to be Femili PNG's patron to help promote and strengthen the organisation's work in assisting women and children experiencing violence.

He said, "I am like the eyes, ears and face of Femili PNG to promote interest in its work." Being passionate and a strong advocate for gender equality, Mr Kali is determined to promote Femili PNG's work through partnership, fundraising and economic opportunities for women.

Mr Kali encouraged the men to continue to support their women and work together so that they can all enjoy the profits of their labor. He concluded, "provide good education for your children, because one day, one of your children will become the High Commissioner to Australia."



PNG High Commissioner to Australia and Femili PNG Patron His Excellency John Kali speaking to the community at Ukuni 1, Mul Baiyer District, Western Highlands Province on 18 March 2022.

Client Success stories

*Trisha returns home

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

Life was simple, but a delight for Trisha as she lived with her parents in the village, a small and beautiful place located on the coast in PNG. School was one of Trisha's favorite activities. However, like many village schools, resources were scarce and children did not have access to updated and proper learning materials. Trisha was in grade 3 when her big sister from Port Moresby visited and asked to bring Trisha back with her, promising their parents that she would have a better life and education in the city. For a small village girl to go live in Port Moresby, Trisha was over the moon and could not wait to start her new life.

After living with her sister and family in Port Moresby for a while, Trisha realized that things had not turned out the way she had dreamed of when she first moved to the city. She left school after a year because she couldn't afford her daily lunch and bus fare to school. Trisha received constant beatings from her sister and her sister's husband, and the beatings got worse as time went by. She was told to do house chores like cook, clean, and take care of her sister's children. When she did not perform to their expectations, the couple would viciously beat her up. Trisha returned to school after a few years but was unable to continue with the ongoing abuse she was receiving at home at the hands of her caretakers. Despite Trisha's efforts to do everything she was asked to do, the abuse got worse.

Trisha was assisted to Femili PNG after she was beaten with a power cord by her sister, and then slashed with a kitchen knife. While she was still in pain, she was told to do the dishes and prepare dinner for the family. Trisha was then kicked out of the house, but neighbors came to her rescue and brought her to Femili PNG for help.

Through Bel isi PNG, Trisha was provided temporary safe accommodation and was assigned a caseworker to assist her with the appropriate interventions. As it was

mandatory, Trisha's case was reported to the Office of the Child and Family Services to obtain the authorization letter to keep her at the safe house. The case was also reported to the Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) and the perpetrators (Trisha's big sister and her husband) were brought in for questioning. Upon Trisha's request, the FSVU police officer did not arrest the perpetrators but warned them, and conducted a mediation between her and the perpetrators. The perpetrators admitted to everything they did, and asked Trisha for forgiveness.

Trisha informed her caseworker that she wanted to return home to her parents in the village. Her caseworker conducted family tracing and closely coordinated with partners to ensure Trisha's safe return home to her parents. Trisha's repatriation was delayed as she was isolated at a paid accommodation after testing positive for COVID-19. After her recovery, Trisha was accompanied by Femili PNG caseworker and FSVU Officer to travel home by plane. The client was received by her father, with the Provincial Welfare Coordinator, the FSVU Officer In Charge, and Case Work Manager from Femili PNG present for the handover. Trisha has returned to school to continue her education, and is living with her loving parents.

The Bel isi PNG initiative is an innovative public-private-civil society partnership. It is supported by the Australian Government in partnership with the Government of Papua New Guinea through the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development program, National Capital District Commission, Bank of South Pacific, Steamships Trading Co, BCFW, G4S and Oil Search Foundation. Bel isi PNG Case Management Centre and safe house are managed by Oil Search Foundation and operated by Femili PNG.

** Not her real name*

Femili PNG helps survivors of family and sexual violence to access the services, support and care that they need.

UPDATES IN PICS



NRL legend Jonathan Thurston visited the Belisi PNG Case Management Centre and met Femili PNG staff in Port Moresby on 17 May 2022. He was accompanied by his manager Sam Ayoub and the team from Namba Wan Trophy Limited and Fone Haus.



From L-R: PNG High Commissioner to Australia HE John Kali, Femili PNG Lae Operations Director Denga Ilave, and Friends of Femili PNG Philanthropy & Partnership Manager Paul Scott after visiting the Pilgrim Adventist Care Centre in Lae on 16 March 2022.



Femili PNG Lae Operations Director Denga Ilave speaking to Femili PNG staff and partners at the Pacific Women Close of Program workshop virtual viewing on 15th June 2022 at the Huon Gulf Hotel in Lae.



Femili PNG Community and Outreach officer Paul Kunump conducting awareness on child safety rules to students at Awala Primary School in Oro Province on 26 April 2022.



First batch training participants after receiving their certificate of participation in the 3- day training from 20-22 April 2022 at the Kokoda Hospital, Oro Province



Family Support Centre (FSC) Coordinator Sr. Anastasia Wakon discussing FSC's work and the challenges faced in the meeting at the Lae International Hotel on 16 March 2022 during the visit of the PNG High Commissioner to Australia John Kali.

Case Management training for Goroka partners

Case management has been Femili PNG's core focus since the organisation started operations in Lae in 2014. Through its centres in Lae, Port Moresby and Goroka, Femili PNG has assisted over 5,000 survivors of family and sexual violence (FSV), child abuse, and sorcery accusation-related violence (SARV) by working closely with partners. From learned experience, Femili PNG has seen case management as an effective approach in assisting survivors of abuse and violence. Therefore, it is in the interest of the organisation to share knowledge and methodologies of case management with service provider partners to promote a collaborative response in helping survivors and addressing violence more effectively.

In collaboration with the Eastern Highlands Provincial (EHP) Community Development office, Femili PNG facilitated a four-day Case Management training program from 21 – 24 February 2022 to 17 participants in Goroka. This was the third training provided to partners in Goroka under the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls in all communities. The majority of participants were from the Community Development office, with a few from other stakeholders such as the Family Support Centre, Family & Sexual Violence Unit, Meri safe haus, and local NGO, the Kafe Urban Settlers Women's Association.

The topics discussed in the training included: client privacy and confidentiality, the responsibility of service providers in relation to confidentiality, case management and its different stages, developing plans of action, implementation of action, follow-up and case monitoring, evaluation of outcomes, and case closures.

Participants shared the challenges they face in assisting survivors of violence. Common issues included limited human resources and insufficient funding. The EHP Community Development Advisor Ms Siviri Lalave was present and heard partners share these challenges. She thanked Femili PNG for providing support and organising



Group photo after participants receive certificate of participation after the case management training in Goroka, 24.03.2022.

the training, saying "Femili PNG has come in to fill the gaps, where we did not know where to connect and how to connect." She added, "this training that Femili PNG is helping and equipping us with, and filling the gap that we have, it is a blessing from God."

Femili PNG CEO Ms Daisy Plana expressed appreciation to the participants for attending the training despite their busy schedules, and for embracing the knowledge shared. The discussions and activities in the training helped participants to realise ways they can manage cases, and address some of the challenges they were faced with. One of the key lessons learnt was case conferencing, which helped participants recognise the importance of coordination for positive outcomes. The participants were grateful for the training and are eager to put into practice what they have learnt.

Through its case management outpost in Goroka co-located with the Provincial Community Development office, Femili PNG continues to work in partnership with service providers and organisations who have been committed to addressing FSV and SARV issues in Eastern Highlands Province.

Femili PNG remains grateful to the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative for supporting the case management training in Goroka. Femili PNG Goroka case management outpost is also supported by the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative and the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program.

Reflections



Mr. Teiyo Benaka

Teiyo Benaka works as the Medical Social Worker with the Family Support Centre (FSC) at the Goroka General Hospital, EHP. Currently there are only two officers at the FSC attending to patients from the hospital outpatient, walk-ins and referrals from other partners. Mr Benaka expressed a need for additional staff, especially case managers and clinical counsellors who can assist with the overload of cases.

From the training, Mr Benaka found it interesting and helpful to learn about coordination and case conferencing. He said, "this training is helpful, and it is like a tool for us to use." Mr Benaka is eager to put into practice what he has learnt from the training. He is also optimistic in seeing positive changes, especially for FSC Goroka to have the capacity to see patients and operate similarly to Port Moresby and Lae.

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Femili PNG continue training and outreach in Oro

Jonathan Esiko is a youth representative from Kebara village in Kokoda who participated in one of Femili PNG's sensitization training programs on family and sexual violence (FSV). After participating in the three-day training conducted to the first batch of participants, Jonathan joined the Femili PNG team in conducting awareness-raising sessions to communities at Kebara and Gorari. He actively participated in sharing information during the sessions, speaking in his local language so that the message delivered could be clearly understood by local community members.



Training participant Jonathan Esiko doing awareness on child abuse to men, women and children at Gorari village in Kokoda on 24 April, 2022

Mr. Esiko is also the youth leader in his church, the Anglican Kebara Holy Name Parish. He said it was his first time to attend training in FSV and found it very useful in his leadership, as it was his interest to do advocacy work in his community. Mr. Esiko added, "When I received this training, I really wanted to go out into the communities and educate the people about the information I received from the training, and to help them live a better life and abide by the laws." Mr. Esiko and other participants have already started implementing their action plans that they presented during the training, which is to organize and carry out awareness sessions in their communities and nearby areas.

In partnership with KTF (Kokoda Track Foundation) under Project Zero, Femili PNG facilitated two programs of sensitization training on FSV, child abuse, related laws and the referral pathways to 43 participants in April this year in Kokoda. The participants included village court officials, community leaders, school teachers, church leaders, KTF staff, community-based police and health workers, and women and youth representatives. The outreach team were also present at the training, and scheduled awareness-raising sessions with the participants to organize in their communities.

During Femili PNG's outreach team visits to Oro province in February and April this year, the team reached 1,223 men, women and children, including people living with disabilities, in providing awareness-raising on the different forms of FSV, child abuse, child safety rules, and the referral pathway.

The two outreach officers and Femili PNG's Lae Operations Director Ms. Denga Ilave also facilitated a consultative meeting with core service providers in Popondetta. The meeting included representatives from the Oro Provincial Administration, Anglicare PNG, police, community development, Sohe district office, Red Cross, and KTF. Femili PNG was introduced to the service providers during the meeting, as well as its activities under Project Zero with KTF. Deputy Provincial Administrator (PA) and acting PA at the time Mr. Joseph Mokada chaired the meeting. He appreciated the work done by KTF and Femili PNG, and closed the meeting in saying, "Let me confirm that we have already established a committee in place to address and deal with gender-based violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse in the province and we will carry on from here."

Through funding from KTF, Femili PNG was also able to support Anglicare PNG and the Provincial Community Development Office with office stationery, and donated food to a safe house, which is the only existing safe accommodation in Oro province. The partners thanked KTF and Femili PNG for the assistance and looked forward to working in partnership to address FSV in the province.

KTF is an Australian NGO operating in PNG since 2003, working with communities to deliver programs in equality, education, health and leadership. Project Zero is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

Inspiring stories

Pineapples bring hope and peace to Rum, Kompiam District

Rum is a small village located in the rugged parts of Kompiam District, on the northern edge of Enga Province in Papua New Guinea. Rum village is not as cold as the rest of Enga because it is near the borders of Madang and East Sepik provinces. In spite of the two-hour drive from Wabag town on the deteriorating road, and an hour walk down a steep mountain, the journey was worth it after tasting the pineapples from Rum village. However, this story is not just about pineapples, which I must say, are sweet, juicy, and the best we've had so far.

The trip to Rum village was inspired after hearing the story of the 'Pineapple Lady' who built an elementary school from selling pineapples. Pineapple Lady Pepam Piyu faces many challenges with her journey to sell her pineapples at the town market. The trip to Pepam's pineapple garden gave us a glimpse of her struggles.

Pepam Piyu is a mother of one and a grandmother to four in Rum village. Despite not having the opportunity of a proper education, Pepam strongly believed that education was the way forward. Seeing the desperate need for basic services such as proper roads, schools and health facility in her community, she decided to do something to help.

When asked what inspired her to build a school, Pepam simply responded, *"ol man save skul, em developmen kam, sapos nogat, em nogat developmen nau (if people are educated, there's development, but if not, there's no development)."*

Pepam started her pineapple garden in 2005, and with help from her village, the pineapples were brought to Kompiam station to sell. The process of transporting the pineapples was Pepam's biggest struggle, as it takes about two days to bring her harvest to the station by foot. As the village is in a valley, Pepam pays K10 for a bag of pineapple to be carried up a steep mountain to the main road, which are then brought to the station. Unfortunately, most of the pineapples do not make it to the market.



Pepam Piyu (the Pineapple Lady) in her pineapple garden at Rum village, Kompiam District, Enga Province.

Regardless of the painful journey, Pepam pushed on, using the funds raised to build the Pineapple Elementary School in 2006, and a small church, which serves as an adult literacy hub. She has also supported the school with stationary supplies when she can. These establishments have brought hope to Rum village, and this has encouraged the community to live in peace. The community do not want tribal fighting, and want to live in a peaceful community.

Pepam has expanded her pineapple garden and now her pineapples are sold in Wabag town with support from Margaret Potane and the network of women from the Kompiam Women's Agri in Business. There is no network coverage in the area, but Pepam doesn't let anything stop her. She climbs a particular tree on the mountain top to get mobile reception, and sends a 'please call me' message to Margaret. Margaret knows the pineapples are ready for pickup when she receives the message, and sends drivers to assist Pepam with transportation to Wabag town market.

Margaret was emotional when sharing Pepam's struggles of bringing her pineapples to market. In addition to the K10 a bag that Pepam pays the young men to carry the load up the mountain, a seat on a PMV (bus) for the pineapple bags costs K20, and a seat for herself is another K20.

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“So really, what will she gain from her labor? It’s useless and pointless, and most times a lot of pineapples get rotten and are wasted,” said Margaret.



Margaret Potane sharing the challenges of transporting the pineapples to town, showing how half of the harvest are wasted..



Pineapple Elementary School in Rum village, Kompiam District, Enga Province.

Margaret and the community at Rum village were very grateful for the visit. It was the first time they have had outsiders visit their village to see and experience the challenges, and hopefully find ways to help. The team accompanied by Margaret to visit Rum village included BSP Head of Support Services Alicia Sahib, Bel isi Program Manager Danielle Winfrey, Femili PNG CEO Daisy Plana with Communications Officer Jonica Jay.

Alicia thanked the community for the warm welcome. She had learnt about Pepam and her work from Margaret, and shared with the team to visit and see how she and others can help. Alicia said, *“hopefully we all women can come and help you. But we need women and men, boys and girls to work together, because you’re one family.”* She concluded, *“if you fight, nothing will work. We can only help you, if you help yourself.”*

Pepam shares the same sentiments as many of the parents in her village. They hope to see basic services reaching their community, and a better future for their children. For now, the school needs basic materials such as tables, chairs, books and stationaries. Margaret, who is the Provincial Director for Commerce, Culture and Tourism, and leads in a number of other responsibilities, continues to help Pepam and the women associations in Enga province. Under the leadership of Governor Peter Ipatas, she has been able to assist many women in the five districts under the Enga Women Micro Finance in the province. Like Pepam, many of these women are faced with their own challenges.

Femili PNG’s presence in Enga province was through the support of the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to provide training to service providers on family and sexual violence and its related laws.

K92 Mining continues support to Femili PNG



K92 team handing over a cheque of K100,000 to Femili PNG on 30 July 2021. L-R: K92 Mining VP Government & Community Affairs Philip Samar, FPNG Communications Officer Jonica Jay, K92 Community, Access & Sustainable Development Manager Jim Kia, and FPNG Outreach officer Paul Kunump.

K92 Mining has donated another K100,000.00 in June this year to support Femili PNG in helping survivors of violence in PNG.

Femili PNG was delighted to receive the first K100,000.00 donation from K92 Mining in July last year, with their visit to Femili PNG’s Case Management Centre in Lae. The donation was followed by a meeting with the K92 Mining Gender Officer in Goroka on 24th February 2022 to discuss the work of Femili PNG, and potential training and outreach to K92 Mining staff.

This support demonstrates the commitment that K92 Mining has in doing its part in addressing one of the most pressing social issues in the country.

Femili PNG is grateful for the continued support and looks forward to working in collaboration with K92 Mining in helping many more people who are affected by family and sexual violence.

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Const.. Joylyn Yariyari
Goroka FSVU

Constable Joylyn Yariyari works with the Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) in Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province.

Apart from following her father's footsteps in joining the force, she was motivated to join because she saw how women did not have a voice and were not treated equally, especially in the highlands. She decided to become a police officer so she can help vulnerable women.

Const. Yariyari was grateful for the training, stating that the police station is the first place that people go to when they face problems. "This training is very helpful to me as a young constable who just joined the force," she said. She expressed that it's not easy working as a young female police officer, but she continues despite the challenges. One of the things that Const. Yariyari will try to work on after the training is to have a filing system in place. She also realised the importance of gaining the client's trust and case conferencing, which are helpful practices that will add value to her work.

Getting help; 7150 8000

Call the free hotline for help!

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

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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.

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