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Femili PNG Celebrates Women's Day

In the spirit of this year's International Women's Day theme—Rights. Justice. Action. For All Women and Girls—staff from Femili PNG's National Office and Lae Case Management Centre (CMC) gathered at Lae Secondary Hall on March 6 to honour and celebrate female colleagues whose tireless commitment continues to transform lives across Morobe Province and Papua New Guinea.

The Femili PNG Outreach Team led the program, paying tribute to the women who embody justice, leadership, and hope. From management and project heads to case managers, outreach and communications officers, finance, administration, and support staff, these women carry out their roles with courage and compassion, driving the organisation's mission forward every day.

The event opened with remarks from Executive Officer Elly Toimbo, who welcome importance of recognising women's contributions in

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both communities and workplaces. Her message set the tone for a celebration that highlighted the strength, resilience, and leadership of women across the organisation.

Following the opening remarks, Communications Manager Renat Muruket gave a brief introduction to Femili PNG's work and the significance of International Women's Day. She emphasised not the organisation's journey or history, but the brave and courageous women who have been the driving force behind Femili PNG's growth and impact. Renat expressed special gratitude to Femili PNG's CEO and senior female staff, acknowledging them as the backbone of the organisation.

"Let us take heart, reflect and acknowledge our strength, contributions, and commitment. Let us celebrate knowing that our service to survivors of family and sexual violence—both behind the scenes and as frontliners—has truly helped them gain the support, care, and change they deserve," Renat said.

In his keynote address, the Australian Consul-General in Lae, Mr Brenton Kanowski, spoke on the importance of partnerships and sustained support for gender equality initiatives. He emphasised: "Empowering women and girls strengthens communities. When women thrive, societies thrive, and we must all work together to ensure opportunities, protection, and equality for all. We are proud to support Femili PNG through the PNG-Australia partnership."



Australian Consul-General in Lae, Mr Brenton Kanowski delivering his key note address during the event.

Femili PNG male staff and IT Manager, Joash Emmanuel, took the opportunity during this year's International Women's Day celebration to deliver a special presentation acknowledging his female colleagues for their outstanding leadership and performance despite challenges.

Reflecting on his experience at Femili PNG, Joash shared:

"One of the significant things I experience being with FPNG is the true potential of women. Having an organization where the top management is female, down the line we have females—women make decisions, women set up policies, women call the shots. It just proves me wrong, and I truly appreciate my female colleagues."

He further challenged fellow male staff to embrace inclusivity, saying:

"Why don't we men give some space to women, listen to their views and opinions, and value what they contribute to the table, rather than putting our ego first and seeing them as less important?"

The program concluded with light refreshments, providing staff and guests an opportunity to network, celebrate, and share insights on continuing the organisation's mission of empowering women and girls throughout Papua New Guinea.

Though modest in scale, this year's International Women's Day event was a meaningful one, successfully highlighting Femili PNG's ongoing commitment to empowering women, raising awareness about family and sexual violence, and promoting gender equality across the country.

Empowering Community through Women's Day

As part of the pioneer project “Wok Bung Wantaim: Building Respectful Relationship between Men and Women for Safer Community in Phoaba Ward 14, Femili PNG Outreach team celebrated this year’s International Women’s Day (IWD) with women and girls of Phoaba on 8th March 2026. It was a time to empower and use the opportunity to educate them on the issue of family and sexual violence affecting women and girls and encourage men and boys to value and treat their mothers, sisters and wife with respect and care they deserve.

It was a first ever women’s day event organized by an NGO that saw women and girls including men coming together to observe and celebrate the day with pride, honoring women for who they are in all aspect of life. Present at the event were Marie Stopes PNG, team from Kotex, Women’s representatives, youth leaders and the Morobe Provincial Child and Family Services Coordinator.

During the event, selected student and mothers presented poems and drama depicting strength of women and the value they have that are gone unnoticed

and forgotten. Elaborating on these presentations, the keynote speaker, Ms Emely Boski – Provincial Child and Family Services Coordinator took the opportunity educate mothers and girls on their rights under the IWD theme: Rights. Justice and Action.

“You have a right to shelter, food, education, freedom of movement. We have rights to help us live on this earth,” Emely said. She urged women and girls to know their rights, know about justice, where to seek help and the law for protection and safety.

In support of Emely, a male youth representative challenged women and girls to make good use of such opportunities at given at doorstep to ask questions, establish contact and get help when experience violence or in need of help.

Representing Femili PNG, Communications and PR Manager, Renat Muruket thanked Phoaba community leaders, women’s group, teachers and students and the invited guests for making this event a successful one.



Mothers at Phoaba Community dancing and welcoming the guests. 08.03.2026



Key note speaker Ms Emely Boski , Provincial Child and Family Services Coordinator giving her speech during he event.

Celebrating our female staff this IWD

This International Women's Day we highlighted significance and resilience of female staff behind the scenes who work tirelessly to support survivors of family and sexual violence.

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Women who dedicate their lives working behind the scenes for healing and hope is the heartbeat of change.

At Femli PNG, we honour and celebrate women who have been a true champions and beacon of hope to women and girls who are survivors of FSV.

We are honored to highlight the work of Joyce Maru - who have served more than 5 years in responding to FSV.

Joyce works as the Finance Coordinator - overseeing admin/finance duties across FPNG projects.




Joyce Maru
Finance Coordinator
Femili PNG


 International Women's Day 2026

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“ One of the remarkable things about my journey working with Femili PNG is seeing women and girls after achieving their objective leaving with renewed strength, hope and confidence. They cry and express their gratitude for receiving services they need. That, to me is an unforgettable experience. At Femili PNG, when we give support, women gain safety.



Joannah Seng
Administrator -FPNG Head Office

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Femili PNG male staff joined the celebration and shared their experience, something significant about female colleagues, mothers, wives and sisters. Here is our IT Manager, Joash Emmanuel sharing his experience working in an organization dominated by female. He also challenged men to honour and respect women.

“One thing I've learned and practice while working with women is that not all talks/arguments are resolved in a fist-to-face match or a physical fight. Off course my colleague and bosses are female, and when having an argument with them, I cannot just physically assault them, despite of my physical state or my emotions. And that is where critical thinking comes in, and I somehow develop critical thinking and not just doing things out of frustrations and emotions. This also helps me to be matured in my mindset.

The most important thing I experience is the true potential of women. Having an organization where the top management is female, down the line we have females, women make decisions, women setting up policies, women call the shots. It just proves me wrong! Why don't we men give some space to our women, listening to their views, opinions, what they can contribute to the table, instead of putting out our ego first and seeing them less important.

We men can be proud that we are dominant mostly in life. But if we pay attention to the paths of our dominancy, achievements and success, there is still a woman somewhere along the path. You can be a leader of the day but at the end of the day you go home to your wife, mother or daughter who is going to cook for you, and have everything in order and ready for yourso that you can be supported well to continue your dominance and manhood.”

Project Two Mile Donates to Femili PNG: Fueling Real Change

Project Two Mile raised funds during the recent International Women’s Day event in Sydney on the 9th of March and donated the proceeds collected to Femili PNG to help the organisation continue supporting women and children who are survivors of family and sexual violence across Papua New Guinea (PNG).

The event was hosted in collaboration with Paloma Salon, purposely to share and learn about women in Papua New Guinea – strongly advocating that their stories must be honoured and celebrated. Participants who joined the celebration purchased PNG bilum that were on display, while some donated in kind for the cause.

Project Two Mile Founder, Maggie Timbi said:

“We hosted the event and wanted to donate the fees collected from the event to a charity organisation in PNG and came across Femili PNG’s page. Femili PNG’s mission resonated deeply with the values we uphold at Project Two Mile, and we hope this donation contributes meaningfully to the programs and initiatives.”

Femili PNG CEO, Daisy Plana, expressed gratitude for the support, saying:

“This generous donation from Project Two Mile will help us continue providing critical services to survivors of family and sexual violence. Partnerships like this remind survivors that they are not alone and that communities near and far stand with them.”

Project Two Mile is a social enterprise working with women who live in the informal settlements in Port Moresby, creating income opportunities through the sale of bilum weaving. Their work centres on women’s economic independence. Project Two Mile had raised funds during recent International Women’s Day event in Sydney on the 9th of March and donated proceedings collected to Femili PNG to help the organisation continue supporting women and children who are survivors of family and sexual violence across Papua New Guinea (PNG).

How your donation will help

Your donation will help us continue to support survivors of family and sexual violence in PNG.

Here are some ways that your donation can help:

- Provide case management services to survivors of family and sexual violence.
- Fund business start-up kits that financially empower survivors to make a living and escape the cycle of violence.
- Run outreach and awareness sessions, helping more people understand that they too can escape violence
- Support service providers, to ensure survivors receive the best help possible.

Build the long-term organisational sustainability of Femili PNG, to ensure that this local PNG NGO can continue operations into the future..

To make a donation directly to Femili PNG in Papua New Guinea, please contact us at info@femilipng.org

Morobe Strengthens Case Management for GBV Response

Femili PNG, in partnership with UNFPA, successfully hosted the Morobe 2nd Consultation Meeting from 23-24 February 2026 in Lae. The meeting brought together key stakeholders from Bulolo and Huon Gulf districts, including representatives from health, police and community development sectors.

The consultation focused on improving services for survivors of Gender – Based violence, Sexual Assault, and Sorcery Accusation Related Violence through the development of standardized case management and reporting tools. Participants worked collaboratively to identify gaps in current systems and propose practical solutions.

Key outcomes included the development of standardised case management forms such as intake, consent, referral, and reporting tools, such as intake, consent, referral, and reporting tools, which will support a more coordinated and efficient response across districts.

Despite progress, challenges such as limited training, weak referral systems, and lack of resources were highlighted. Participants recommended stronger collaboration, regular data reporting, and increased support for service providers.

The consultation marks an important step toward building a stronger, more coordinated system to support survivors and improve service delivery across Morobe Province.



Training participants during a group activity.



Group presentation during the training.

This training is funded and supported by the United Nations Populations Fund in partnership with Femili PNG to extend the knowledge of holistic approach of standardized case management to civil organisations importantly to the government institutions with aim for them to take lead and responsibility.

In Morobe Province, services providers in Huon Gulf and Bulolo Districts are first to undergo this training as well as development of case management forms.

FSV awareness vital to PNG workers in Aus and New Zealand



From L-R: WINGS Education Executive Manager, Rachael Konaka, Femili PNG Communications Officer, Pius Ronny and Operations Director, Rose Walen

On 13 February 2026, the Bel isi Case Management (CMC) team delivered a Family and Sexual Violence (FSV) awareness session to Papua New Guinean workers preparing to take up employment opportunities in Australia and New Zealand.

The session was conducted as part of the Worker and Family Preparedness Program, led by WINGS Education in partnership with the Labour Mobility Unit of the National Department of Treasury, at the Dream Inn Hotel. It focused on case management services, processes for accessing support, and referral pathways available to survivors of FSV.

During the awareness, Bel isi CMC Communications Officer, Pius Ronny and Operations Director, Rose Walen

highlighted Femili PNG's broader work in strengthening service coordination, conducting community awareness, and providing training on trauma-informed care, child protection, and referral systems.

Participants expressed appreciation for the vital information shared, with several noting they had previously been unaware of the comprehensive support services available in PNG. Their feedback underscored the importance of awareness initiatives in strengthening protection and ensuring access to support for survivors.

The Bel isi PNG Case Management Centre in Port Moresby is proudly supported by the Australian Government through PNGAus Partnership and is operated by Femili PNG Inc. The case management centre assists employees of Business Houses who subscribe to Bel isi PNG as well as serving the general public in the Nations Capital District who are survivors of family and sexual violence.

Contact Bel isi PNG Case Management Centre on: 70554401 or contact Femili PNG on: info@femilipng.org for more information.

Official operation hours: Monday to Friday from 9am –4pm.



Client Success stories

From Fear to Freedom: Melvina's Journey of Courage

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

For most of her young life, Melvina*, endured more fear than freedom. Her childhood was cut short when she was married while still in Grade 6 at a primary school in Port Moresby.

From 2023, Melvina* experienced ongoing Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) forcing her to move between provinces and homes as decisions about her life were made without her consent. In early 2024, she was brought to Port Moresby with the promise of a better future. Instead, she found herself isolated, abandoned, and vulnerable.

In October 2025, the violence escalated. Melvina was physically assaulted by a family member, leaving her frightened, injured, and unsure how she could protect herself and her child.

Everything began to change when Melvina was referred to Femili PNG by the Hohola Family and Sexual Violence Unit. For the first time, she was not asked to endure in silence. She and her child were taken to safety at a Safe House, where they received shelter, care, and dignity at a time when they needed it most.

With support of Femili PNG, Melvina found the courage to step forward. An Interim Protection Order (IPO) was successfully granted and served, something she never believed was possible. For years, the law had felt distant and unreachable. Now, it stood beside her.

Reflecting on the support she received, Melvina said:

"Mi pilim hamamas. Bipo mi no bin pilim law. Nau mi pilim tru. Tenkyu tumas Femili PNG." (I am happy. I can truly see the impact of law on my case. Thank you Femili PNG).

Melvina's journey is a powerful reminder that behind every case is a human life, a mother, a daughter, a survivor. Her story shows that with the right support, fear can be transformed into strength and silence into hope.

Thank you, Australian Government, for its continued support through PNG-Australia Partnership, enabling Bel isi Case Management to stand alongside survivors like Melvina.

**Not her real name*

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Child Survivor Finds Safety and Hope Through Community Support

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Sam*, a 13 year old boy from an Highlands Province is now living in safety and continuing his education after escaping years of abuse from his father.

His Story

Sam* and his younger brother reportedly endured ongoing verbal and physical abuse in their home. The children had grown up in an environment marked by violence and fear.

According to a Femili PNG case officer, their father frequently threatened the boys with chilling words in Tok Pisin: *“Ba mi putim busnaip go insait long bel bilong yutupela na kilim yutupela. (“I will murder you both.”)*

The situation escalated on 12 February 2025, when Sam returned home after spending the night with relatives. His father reportedly came out holding a bush knife and physically attacked him. Sam managed to escape, grabbing his school bag and fleeing to his grandmother’s village. His grandmother refused to send him back and agreed to care for him.

Femili PNG’s Intervention

The matter was reported to Femili PNG, which provides support for survivors of family and sexual violence. A caseworker assisted the family in applying for an Interim Protection Order (IPO), with Femili PNG’s in-house lawyer authorising Sam’s grandmother to apply on his behalf. The IPO was granted, followed by a Permanent Protection Order (PPO).

As part of the support provided, Sam was enrolled in primary school, where he continues his education. Femili PNG also assisted his grandmother with a small business start-up kit, enabling her to establish a retail business that now generates income to support Sam’s daily needs and schooling.

While Sam lives safely with his grandmother, arrangements have been made for him to occasionally visit his younger brother, who remains with their father.

This case study highlights the importance of community support systems and organisations like Femil PNG in protecting vulnerable children and helping survivors rebuild their lives through safety, education and economic empowerment.

The care, love and support provided to Sam through Femili PNG in coordination with service providers was made possible by the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and FemiliPNG Australia.



**Not her real name*

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Australia Consul-General in Lae Mr Brenton Kanowski and Femili PNG Operations Director for Lae Project, Judith Simeon had the honor to cut the IWD cake after the celebration at Lae Secondary School Hall.



L-R: Femili PNG Finance Coordinator, Joyce Maru represented the organization and presented a certificate of recognition to FemiliPNG Australia Finance Advisor, Fiona Brown who officially marked her 5 years of service.

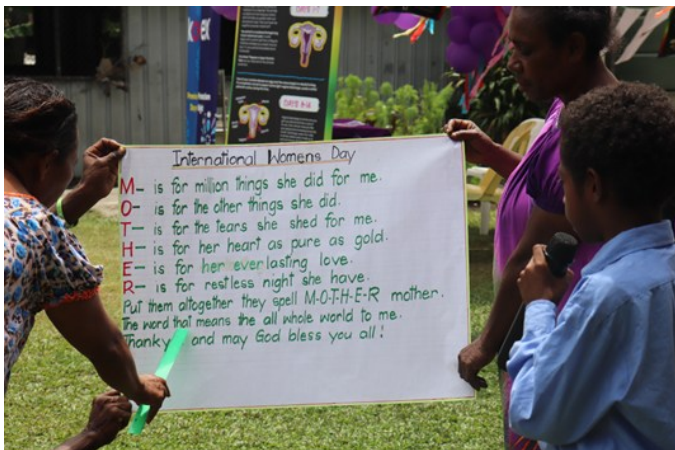
From the team at Femili PNG, congratulations Fiona. Happy Anniversary and thank you for your time and commitment toward FPNG.



Femili PNG Finance team with Fiona Brown after a small recognition gathering at FPNG head office in Lae, Morobe Province.



IWD celebration at Phoaba Community Ward 14 in Lae, Morobe Province. Pictured: Mothers preparing to welcome invited guests. 08.03.2026



A primary student accompanied by his teachers presenting a poem about mothers during IWD at Phoaba Community.



UNICEF has donated this vehicle to Femili PNG in mid February in Port Moresby. FPNG is grateful for the kind support to help assist FSV survivors

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Femili PNG delivering community awareness at Tubusereia village, promoting safety, support services, and collective action against family and sexual violence.



Bel isi CMC team delivering an awareness session to the PNG Basketball Federation at Taurama Aquatic Centre, engaging all coaches in creating safer spaces and promoting gender equality.



Bel isi CMC outreach team attending the National Consultancy Workshop on internally displaced people at Lamana Hotel, contributing to discussions on protection and support for vulnerable communities.

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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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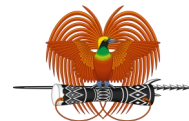
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