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Welcome to the Femili PNG Quarterly Newsletter, where we provide you with updates on our work in PNG to support survivors of family and sexual violence.

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Support Femili PNG this holiday season

Like for many NGOs, 2020 has been a challenging year for Femili PNG.

Though much of our work was impacted by COVID-19, Femili PNG maintained its case management services during periods of lockdown in PNG. We reached the milestone of having assisted over 4,000 survivors of family and sexual violence since Femili PNG began operations in 2014.

Looking forward, our case management services continue to grow. Our community outreach and training has remained strong. In 2021, we will expand into new provinces through the support of the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative.

The commitment of our supporters makes our work possible.

Family and gender-based violence is pervasive in PNG, with approximately 68% of women subjected to violence. Femili PNG's case management work is an essential service for survivors of violence, maintained by the generosity and commitment of our supporters.

If you would like to donate to Femili PNG these holidays, please visit our website using the link below.

Donate to Femili PNG

Highlights and achievements in 2019-20

Femili PNG's and Friends of Femili PNG's Annual and Audit Reports have been published and are available online.

Some key achievements from 2019-20 were:

- Femili PNG's Lae case management centre (CMC) assisted 527 survivors of family and sexual violence, which was consistent with previous years despite increased precautionary measures in response to COVID-19.
- As part of the Bel isi PNG Initiative, the Port Moresby CMC had its first full year of operation and saw a sharp increase in demand from 185 clients in 2018-19 to 441 in 2019-20.
- Femili PNG caseworkers in Lae and Port Moresby saw 909 new clients, 59 reopened cases, and conducted 10,660 follow-up consultations.
- In 2019-20, 254 interim protection orders and 125 permanent protection orders were granted to Femili PNG clients.
- Femili PNG supported the repatriation and reintegration of 79 clients, as well as child dependents.

These results could not be achieved without our donors and supporters, including the Australian Government in partnership with the Government of Papua New Guinea as part of the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development Program.

[You can read the annual reports for Femili PNG and Friends of Femili PNG here.](#)



Femili PNG at the National Gender-based Violence Summit

Femili PNG's CEO, Daisy Plana, spoke on case management at the first National Summit on Gender-based Violence (GBV) at APEC House in Port Moresby on 8 November. Ms Plana discussed the role of case management and the work that case workers do with survivors.

Discussions at the Summit considered ways to elevate the status of women in PNG, necessary institutional reform, initiatives to increase women's participation in decision-making bodies, and how to encourage positive change in social attitudes toward women, gender, and empowerment.

The summit brought together representatives from government, Parliament, civil society, private sector, and youth across PNG, as well as representatives from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

The intolerably high levels of GBV was discussed by Summit co-chairs the Hon. Powes Parkop, MP (NCD Governor) and the Hon. Allan Bird, MP (East Sepik Province Governor).

In his opening statement, Prime Minister James Marape reiterated the message: "it was time to stop talking, and time for action."

[You can read our full outline of the event here.](#)

[You can also watch the video of the summit here.](#)

PNG High Commissioner becomes Femili PNG's Inaugural Patron



His Excellency Mr John Ma'o Kali, High Commissioner to Australia for Papua New Guinea at the Australasian Aid Conference earlier this year.

His Excellency Mr John Ma'o Kali, High Commissioner to Australia for Papua New Guinea, has become Femili PNG's inaugural patron. Mr Kali has been a longstanding champion for gender equity and inclusion in PNG, lending strong support to Femili PNG's calls to end gender-based violence.

Professor Stephen Howes, Chair of Femili PNG, described Mr Kali's work as "inspirational and closely aligned with our vision, mission and values".

"It is a pleasure and an honour to be the first patron of Femili PNG", said Mr Kali, "I truly admire Femili PNG's tireless work in combatting family and sexual violence, supporting survivors and changing attitudes. We have seen the recent public outcry in PNG, and I want to add my voice to the campaign to end violence against women in PNG."



UNDP Spotlight Initiative staff meet with Femili PNG staff in December 2020. Image: UNDP in PNG

EU-UN Spotlight Initiative Update

Femili PNG has been funded under the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to conduct activities to support survivors of FSV and partners in Morobe, National Capital District, Eastern Highlands, Southern Highlands, East New Britain, Hela and Enga. Femili PNG is looking forward to working with UNDP and UN Women to roll out these activities in 2021.

The EU-UN Spotlight Initiative is aimed specifically at coordinating mechanisms for responding to gender-based violence.

Stay tuned for further news on Femili PNG and the Spotlight Initiative in 2021.

Partnership with Kokoda Track Foundation

Femili PNG has partnered with Kokoda Track Foundation (KTF) on Project Zero, KTF's newest project to combat gender-based violence. As part of this exciting new project, Femili PNG will work with KTF to deliver outreach and training activities in Oro Province in 2021.

KTF hosted Femili PNG staff earlier this month in preparation for next year's outreach and training activities, which are aimed at schools, colleges, health centres and community groups in Oro Province.

Femili PNG is thrilled to be partnering with KTF on this new initiative. Project Zero is supported by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Femili PNG Operations Director Ms. Denga Ilave handing over donation to Lae FSVU OIC Sgt. Ruth Murup and Snr. Const. Josephine Sipua

Supplying partners with PPE during COVID-19

Through our partnership with the UNDP and their COVID-19 Response funding support, Femili PNG was able to assist some of its partners with PPE to help them while operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Femili PNG has provided PPE to partners in Lae and Port Moresby including the Family and Sexual Violence Units, Family Support Centres, Health Centres, Schools, Welfare, Courts, Morobe Inclusive Education Resource Centre, and the Disability home.

We hope this support can help partners to take care while doing their work and that COVID-19 will not be a barrier in helping survivors of FSV. Femili PNG is grateful for this support from UNDP.



Training at Morobe Provincial Police Headquarters

Training for Change with Digicel Foundation

With the support of [Digicel Foundation](#), Femili PNG has expanded our community training program to community leaders, teachers, and police officers in Morobe Province.

The training sessions supplemented our broad program of training and outreach and was specifically targeted at community leaders, focusing on child protection, trauma-informed care, and providing skills for leaders to work with survivors of FSV and provide them with access to essential resources. Support in the form of building materials was also provided towards the construction of new safe accommodation in Lae.

Outreach into the community is a critical component of Femili PNG's work as addressing family or gender-based violence require cultural change over time. Though our casework remains our primary function, the advocacy that Femili PNG does both directly with communities and contributing to research for policy change is critical.

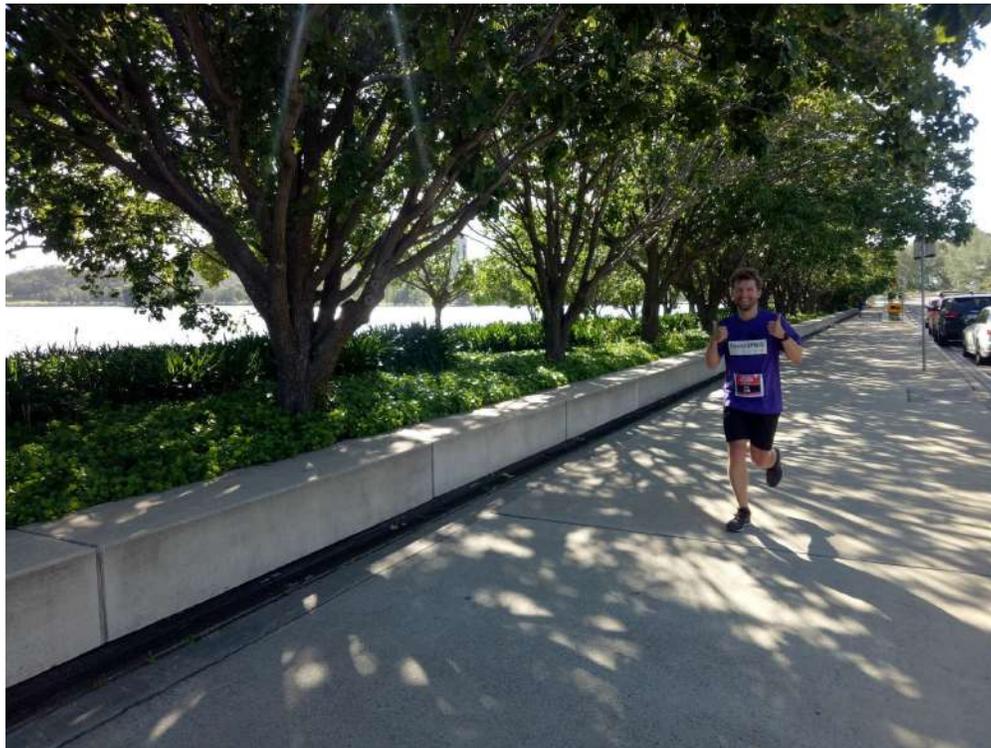
Digicel Foundation partners with organisations to provide funding for key infrastructure projects and social programs with an aim towards sustainable

development.

Without the generous support of organisations such as the Digicel Foundation, Femili PNG would not be able to achieve its training outcomes. We remain grateful for the support.

[Read more about our training program and partnership with Digicel here.](#)

[Read more about Digicel Foundation and their wonderful work in the community here.](#)



Sustineo CEO, Tom Sloan runs to fundraise for Femili PNG

Canberra Times Virtual Marathon Festival

The Canberra Times Virtual Marathon Festival was held in November, with a team of runners fundraising for Femili PNG.

Femili PNG wants to thank everyone who ran or contributed to the fundraiser.

We would also like to thank Tom Sloan from Sustineo, who we interviewed before his 21km run. [You can read about his fundraising efforts and run here](#), or [you can watch our interview with Tom on our Facebook page](#).

Sausage sizzle fundraiser with the Zonta Club



Volunteers at the sausage sizzle in Fyshwick, Canberra

On Saturday 31 October, the Zonta Club of Canberra hosted a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Fyshwick, with all proceeds going to Femili PNG.

Despite being one of the wettest days in 2020, many people braved the rain to support this event. We're very grateful to the wonderful Zonta volunteers who organised it all and manned the barbecue!

[Photos from the day are on the Femili PNG website.](#)



2016-2020 Client Satisfaction Survey of Femili PNG and service providers for Lae operations

Client satisfaction with Femili PNG and service providers

Since 2016, Femili PNG has interviewed clients from the Lae CMC about their satisfaction with our services. This is focused on case management as well as the service providers we refer clients to, such as courts, medical services, safe houses, or legal advice.

Since beginning the satisfaction surveying, 182 randomly selected clients have been interviewed. The Client Satisfaction Survey Report provides key insights into the services that our clients use, how important they considered them to be, and their interactions with service providers.

Overwhelmingly, the feedback on satisfaction for Femili PNG (99%) and the client's referral sector (90%) is positive. However client dissatisfaction also provides key information useful for understanding not only our clients and their needs, but also that of other service providers. Information based on ongoing surveys such as these can provide the basis for further research and advocacy.

The report uses the last four years of client satisfaction data to provide an outline of some of the positive work that Femili PNG has been able to do for our clients, as well as some of the challenges that we continue to face. Clients are interviewed on average nine months after their cases are closed. 143 clients had their cases closed at the time of interview and the remaining 39 were current clients of Femili PNG.

[You can download and read the full report here.](#)

Other News

Femili PNG's Operations Director in Lae, Denga Ilave, was interviewed on ABC's Pacific Beat to discuss challenges in responding to GBV in PNG.

"I have a daughter and I see many beautiful daughters in PNG and I need to do my bit in contribution to make this place a safer place, a safer community and a safer country for all the children in PNG."

(Denga Ilave, Femili PNG Operations Director)

[You can listen to the full report and interview on the ABC Radio website.](#)

Femili PNG's Operations Director in Port Moresby, Konnie Yoifa, was interviewed by the Pixel Project on Femili PNG's work.

The Pixel Project is a virtual, volunteer-led NFP that aims to raise awareness, funds, and volunteer power to end violence against women. They focus on developing a strong and consistent online presence for campaigns and news about gender-based violence around the world to a global online community.

In the interview with the Pixel Project, Konnie speaks about Femili PNG's work and expansion into Goroka, as well as the direction of future campaigns in PNG to address FSV.

[You can read the full interview on The Pixel Project's website.](#)

For other Femili PNG news, click the links below to see our latest Facebook posts.

Updates include information about [our ongoing COVID-19 response](#), our celebrations for [International Day for Persons with Disabilities](#) and [International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women](#), and ongoing outreach activities, such as those at [Wampit Primary School in Morobe Province](#).

Femili Tok

Did you know that we also publish and print a newsletter in PNG?

[You can access copies of Femili Tok here.](#)



Spread the word and keep in touch

Do you know others who may be interested in the work of Femili PNG? If so, please feel free to share this newsletter. Do you want to get involved in the work of Femili PNG through fundraising, volunteering or supporting us?

Contact friends@femilipng.org for further information.

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