

# Femili Tok



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## Teachers adhere to COVID-19 preventive measure during FSV training

Femili PNG conducted a 3-day sensitization training on family and sexual violence (FSV) for 20 teachers from Lae Secondary School. This training was organized upon the request of the Lae Secondary School Principal Mr. Christopher Raymond who saw the need for teachers to be sensitized around FSV and child abuse. Mr. Raymond had participated in a similar training which was previously facilitated by Femili PNG in Salamaua, Morobe Province.

CEDAW, United Nations Convention on the Children’s Rights – UNCRC, Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015, and the Family Protection ACT 2013), and Cycle of Violence. At the end of the training, the participants created and presented their action plans which include assessing, identifying and referring students needing assistance to Femili PNG.

The training was done during the State of Emergency (SOE) period as schools took an early Term One break due to the confirmed COVID-19 case in PNG. During the training, the participants and facilitators took heed of COVID-19 safety measures and practiced social-distancing. The participants were all very thankful for the training. A few admitted this training was an eye opener for them to change some realized abusive behaviour.

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The training was facilitated by Femili PNG Training Coordinator, In-house Lawyer and Case Work Manager from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April at the Lae Secondary School. The topics covered in the training included: Situation of Family and Sexual Violence in PNG, Different kinds of Abuses on Women (girls, boys and men), Different Kinds of Abuse on Children, Related Laws on Children and Women (Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women –



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## FSV awareness in Nawaeb

Since the start of COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown in PNG, it has been challenging for Femili PNG's Outreach team to carry out its awareness activities in Morobe Province. But it's especially during such times that it is vital for information to be shared to the public about the issue of family and sexual violence (FSV) and child abuse, and the services available for survivors.

For that reason, the Outreach team did not allow the COVID-19 pandemic to be a barrier, but organised a week-long awareness trip to Boana in the Wain-Erap LLG in Nawaeb District, Morobe Province. Two Outreach officers travelled to Boana on 21 June 2020 and conducted awareness sessions to the District office, schools, health centre and market places and returned on 27 June 2020. The awareness included information about COVID-19, different forms of FSV, child

abuse, related laws (the Family Protection Act 2013 and the Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015), and available services. The Outreach team conducted its awareness sessions while adhering to COVID-19 preventive measures.



*Awareness to Boana elementary school students on 23 June 2020*

A total population of 2,142 men, women and children attended the awareness sessions conducted by the team. This included Nawaeb District Administration staff, one elementary school, seven primary schools, one high school, Nawaeb health centre staff, and two communities. The district is accessible by road from Lae, however, it was still difficult to reach some rural areas as they do not have road access.

On 21 August 2020, Femili PNG team which included two Outreach officers, Training Coordinator, Communications Officer, Lae Operations Director and CEO had a meeting at the Nawaeb District Administration office at Boana station. The District Administrator Mr. Neapukali, with the Community Development Officer, Education Manager, Village Court Magistrate and Ward Councillor were present at the meeting.

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To formally close the training, Femili PNG's Lae Operations Director Ms. Denga Ilave emphasized the important role that each teacher plays in educating the future generation. She said, "now that you are sensitized, you have the responsibility to educate your students, families and communities on the issue that is affecting our country." The Morobe Provincial Education Program Advisor, Mr Keith Tangui and Primary School Exam Coordinator Mr Michael Gerson attended the final session of the training as well as the closing. Mr Tangui also expressed the need to have this type of training incorporated into the teacher's in-service program so that teachers are informed about FSV and its impact on children, and the related laws.

Another 3-day sensitization training was facilitated from 22-24 June this year to 22 participants from the NARI Rice Field settlements at 10mile in Lae. The participants included church leaders, women and youth representative, and people with disability.

Both trainings were made possible through the funding support from the Digicel Foundation. The funding was given to Femili PNG Training Department early this year.

The Nawaeb District Administrator Mr. James Neapukali acknowledged that the issue of FSV is affecting especially the women and children in the district, and was grateful for the awareness carried out.

Through the meeting, a partnership was formed between the Nawaeb District and Femili PNG. Femili PNG will be partnering with the district to conduct more trainings and awareness programs on FSV and child abuse.

## Supporting partners



*Lae Met. Supt. Insp. Chris Kunyanban receiving the donation from FPNG Lae Operations Director Ms. Denga Ilave*



*Morobe Provincial Police Commander receiving the donation from FPNG Lae Operations Director Ms. Denga Ilave*

# Supporting survivors during COVID-19 pandemic



*Photo illustrates interaction between Case Worker and \*client while adhering to COVID-19 preventive measures. (\*Note: not a real client, Femili PNG does not publish photos of its clients and staff who work directly with clients with security reasons).*

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed a major challenge for many people around the world, including Papua New Guineans since March this year (2020). Regardless of the challenges, service providers including Femili PNG continued to remain operational to assist survivors of family and sexual violence (FSV) and child abuse. Femili PNG continued to provide assistance in Lae and Port Moresby to survivors of FSV, child abuse, survivors of sorcery accusation-related violence (SARV), as well as provide support to its partners. Even being operational, there were certain limitations when providing services to survivors.

This July 2020 marks Femili PNG's sixth year of operations, assisting over 2000 women, children and men who are survivors of FSV, child abuse and SARV. According to its annual report per its fiscal year from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020, Femili PNG has managed 526 cases through its Case Management Centre in Lae. Of these cases, 473 were new and 53 were re-opened. The re-opened cases are clients who were assisted by Femili PNG before but came in again needing further assistance. The 53 re-opened cases consisted of 36 female adult clients and 1 male adult client. In addition were the cases of 12 female adults and 4 male adults who were survivors of sorcery accusations related violence. Out of the 473 new cases, a majority of 397 were female adults, followed by 47 female children, 14 male children and 15 male adults.

From the total recorded this fiscal year, 35 clients recorded a disability during this period. This included 31 female adults, three female child clients, and one male adult. The number of clients with disability has increased slightly from 2018-19, where 31 reported a disability.

The number of open cases has increased in this reporting period (2019-2020). This has caused Femili PNG's management to assess its impact on staff staffing and resourcing. Since its operations in 2014, the number of reopen cases has continued to increase, recording the highest this fiscal year (2019—2020). This indicates more survivors are returning to Femili PNG to seek help. There's also been a continual increase in the number of walk-in clients since 2017, with the highest rate of walk-in clients seen this year.

Service providers and partners such as the health facilities, police, welfare, court, safe houses, business houses and others have played a vital role in referring survivors of FSV, child abuse and SARV to Femili PNG. Health facilities is a second main source of referral which have referred the second highest number of clients, followed by the police, safe house, court and others.

Referral patterns continue to change. Initially, nearly all clients came from ANGAU Family Support Centre (FSC), but this has now diversified. Almost half of our clients are now walk-ins (47%), as Femili PNG's reputation grows and more clients become aware of the Case Management Centre location.

The causes of referral include intimate partner violence (IPV), child abuse, sexual violence and sorcery accusation related violence. IPV cases make up 83% of the total, which is 438 out of 526, with female adults being the highest number of survivors.

It has been reported in earlier years that the main goals of our clients are to obtain protection orders. The clients stating their short-term goal to obtain an IPO has increased compared to last fiscal year. Other long term goals identified include separation, seeking arrest of the perpetrator, welfare intervention, and repatriation.

Case workers also do regular follow up consultations with clients. A total of 6,731 follow-up consultations have been done from July 2019—June 2020 which showed an increase of 674 compared to last year which was 6,057. Also compared to last year, less consultations were carried out to clients in person in July 2019 to June 2020, however more were carried out over the phone, and with service providers in person.

Femili PNG has been assisting its high risk clients with repatriation. From July 2019 to June 2020, Femili PNG repatriated 131 individuals, made up of 34 female adult clients, 25 female child clients, 12 male child clients, 26 female child dependents and 33 male child dependents plus 1 female adult guardian. Femili PNG has also been assisting its clients with other services such as basic needs, transport, legal advice, counselling, family tracing, purchasing of drugs and treatment, and providing information.

Throughout its six years of operations, Femili PNG continues to value the support of its donors, and remains thankful to different service providers, who continue to work together in addressing FSV.



## FSV awareness to Trend Media staff



Femili PNG was invited to conduct an awareness on family and sexual violence (FSV) to the Trend Media staff on 16 June 2020. It was an interactive sessions after the Communications and Fundraising Officer with the Community and Outreach officer provided information about Femili PNG's services, the different forms of FSV and child abuse and available services for survivors to 31 staff.

Trend Media staff were also very generous in supporting Femili PNG's fundraising by purchasing 'stop violence' promo shirts and mugs.



FSV Corner set up by Trend Media with IEC materials provided by Femili PNG.

### How you can support us;

Support a survivor by purchasing a **K30.00** 'stop violence' promotional mug, or a T-shirt for **K35.00** (black and purple).

When you buy a shirt or mug, you are supporting a survivor of FSV.



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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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