**TO: CHAIRMAN SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON GBV**

**FROM: JIWAKA VOCAL POINT GBV SECRETARIAT**

**DATE: 19TH NOVEMBER, 2022.**

**THROUGH: JOSEPH KARAP – DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR JIWAKA PROVINCE**

**SUBJECT: BRIEF STATEMENT ON THE IMPACT OF GBV IN JIWAKA AND PREVENTION IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES, CHALLENGES/GAPS AND WAY FORWARD TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF JIWAKA GBV SECRETARIAT.**

* **IMPACT OF GBV & SARV (Sorcery Accusation Related Violence) ON PEOPLE OF JIWAKA**

GBV Rate in Jiwaka is very high as about 80% of the population mainly girls women and vulnerables are experiencing GBV and SARVA violence in a year. The Gender Based Violence in Jiwaka is getting worse. While we are in the midst of addressing the GBV, women and girls are being murdered mercilessly. Many cases of sexual and physical assault of children and young adults by parents and close relatives are being reported at police stations but no proper justice are served and referred to community mediation, which should not be as the cases are criminal in nature. Couple of murderers of women and girls were sent to prison but are set free by National Court due to insufficient evidences from police. There is no current effective referral path ways systems for proper over all coordination in place in Jiwaka Provincial Administration to collect data, however, through the initiative of the Spotlight UNDP Provincial Roll out Plan, a focal point, Ms. Mary Tol Gender Officer was appointed to coordinate GBV issues in the Province. Through her coordination a Gender Based Violence Committee was formed and had two meetings and the meeting minutes are attached.

* **ACHIEVEMENTS /STRENGTH**
1. **Jiwaka GBV Vocal Point**

Jiwaka GBV Vocal Point Ms Mary Tol was appointed during the UNDP-DFCDR spotlight Provincial Roll Plan at Jiwaka Mission Resort purposely to coordinate ground work activities towards establishment of Jiwaka GBV Secretariat. She is also the current Provincial Gender Officer of Jiwaka Division of Community Development and has facilitated GBV activities with assistance from other relevant officers within the Division

1. **Existing GBV Crisis Support Services available in Jiwaka**
* The Provincial Administration does not have a crisis support services at the mean time but has been planned for implementation in 2022.
* Jiwaka Provincial Government in Partnership with Jiwaka Division of Community Development through office of Women Representative (Jiwaka Provincial Ecumenical Council of Women ) has built three (x3) Women Resources Centres in each respective District for development of gender programs.
* Voice for Change has been proactive in addressing GBV issues in Jiwaka Province for quite a while now and also has safe house and provide counselling and referrals services as well. Recently in the month of October Voice for Change has its own GBV Lawyer a young female Practitioner currently representing victims of GBV case especially illiterate local Jiwaka women at Minj District Court.
* Kudjip Nazarene Hospital with all other rural Health Centres and Aid posts receiving the biggest number of GBV cases each day for treatment, care and referrals.
* A FSVU building was built recently in Minj Police station and serves GBV cases with assistance from District Police at Minj and Banz Police Stations.
* The Family Support Centre at Minj Health Centre daily receives more than 5 GBV victims for counselling, treatment, care and referrals.
* List of Existing relevant Government Agencies and Non-Government Organisations in the province who are currently working toward addressing GBV and SARV who are yet to be coordinated effectively by Jiwaka GBV Secretariat are;
1. Family & Sexual Violence Unit (Minj Police)
2. Minj, Banz & Jimi Police Stations Voice for Change
3. Minj District Court House
4. Barawaghi and Baisu CIS
5. Jiwaka Division of Community Development-JPA
6. Jiwaka Division of Law& Order –JPA (all Village courts in Jiwaka)
7. Jiwaka Division of Education
8. Jiwaka Provincial Health Authority
9. Voice for Change
10. Jiwaka SME
11. Jiwaka Ecumenical Council of Women
12. Kudjip Nazarene Hospital and all other x3 main District Health Centres with their Aid posts
13. Banz Maria Queen
14. Kup Woman Association
15. Anglicare –Jiwaka
16. Baptist Union- Jiwaka
17. Mt. Hagen FAMILY LIFE (CATHCHOLIC diesoese for WHP and Jiwaka.

18. Minj FSV Safe House

1. **Jiwaka GBV five Year Development Plan( 2022-2026)**
* Jiwaka GBV Strategic Plan(2016- 2025) has been drafted in 2016 through assistance from UN Consultant and collective inputs from all Gender Development Partners in the province mainly Voice for Change and Jiwaka Division of Community development.
* Voice for Change has contributed so much effort in providing consultancy, logistics and funding in development of Jiwaka GBV five year Development Plan (2016-2022)
* The draft plan has been edited recently after workshop facilitated by UNDP & DFCDR regarding ‘Provincial Meeting on Strategy Development and Budget’ in Port Moresby on the 2nd to 4th of August, 2021.
* The final draft of Jiwaka Strategic Plan (2022-2025) will be a stand-alone plan acts as an arm to Jiwaka Division of Community Development.
* The 5 year (2022-2025) GBV Strategy Plan was developed and is now ready to be launched and will be submitted to the PEC for endorsement and funds allocation according to the yearly activity plan. Copy of the plan is attached.
1. **Jiwaka Family & Sexual Violence Action Committee (Jiwaka GBV & Child Welfare Committee)**
* Jiwaka GBV Committee officially formed and facilitated by GBV Vocal Point and Voice for Change at AMB GAR Resource Centre of Voice for Change at Minj. Venue hire, meals and sitting allowance for committee members has been catered using K4 000.00 funding assistance received from Jiwaka Provincial Health Authority Office of the Director (Sr. Kolly Bang) for Public Health and Social Mobilisation.
* The Provincial GBV Committee is made up of seventeen (17) members each representing respective relevant government agencies and existing Gender Development Partners in the province, the committee already had two meetings. Refer to attached meeting minutes.
* Below is the list of Jiwaka GBV Committee Members names and their contact details.

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| **NO.** | **NAME** | **ORGANISATION** | **POSITION/DESIGNATION** | **Phone No.** |
| 1 | Mary Tol | JPA Comm Dev | Gender officer/ Vocal Point | 72519856 |
| 2. | Stanley Wantakson | JPA | Director P/A Corp | 72228481 |
| 3. | Sr. Kolly Bang | JPHA | Director Pub Health | 74264470 |
| 4. | Nancy Kakaboi | JPA Comm Dev | Mgr. Comm Dev. | 73305708 |
| 5. | Insp Gideon Kauke | Police | PPC | 79510836 |
| 6 | Josephine Kilage | District Court | SPM |  |
| 7. | Lily Be’soer | VFC | Director | 79528794 |
| 8. | Samson Kapak | JPA | Mgr. Environment & Conservation  | 70309103 |
| 9. | Joyce Tai | JPA Comm Dev | Snr.Project Officer | 74404001 |
| 10 | Rosen Kiap | JPG | Women’s Rep. | 73744071 |
| 11 | Maria Mek | NCOW | President | 73907629 |
| 12. | St. Mary Gele | Police/FSVU | Police | 76463112 |
| 13. | Henry Kolts | JPA | Prov. Peace Coordinator |  |
| 14. | Augustine Misik | JPA | Prov. Youth Coordinator | 79756822 |
| 15. | Cathy Wally | JPA | Economist/Planner | 72197424 |
| 16. | Rose Kants | Catholic Women’s Ass | President | 72238558 |
| 17. | Sr. Agnes Kerry | JPHA | Dist Health Prom Officer | 73192995 |

1. **Budget Allocation to Address GBV (Funding Source)**
* The Jiwaka Provincial Health Authority has allocated K4000, 00 for two GBV Committee meetings. Voice for Change has made a commitment to fund the third meeting.
* The GBV budget plan will be launched and endorsed by PEC and submitted for funding allocation through Jiwaka Provincial Government.
* During the last GBV Budget and Strategy workshop in Port Moresby on 2nd to the 4th August attended by Mary Tol and Lily Be’soer, they were asked to develop a budget and according to the activity plan an amount of K300, 000.00 was submitted according to the budget plan for 2021 to 2022 and submitted to UNDP and DfCDR.
1. **GBV Prevention Activities Implemented in the Province**
* Jiwaka Ecumenical Council of Women in Partnership with Jiwaka Division of Community Development has received funding of K1 Million from Jiwaka Provincial Government through Office of Women Representative in 2013, 2014 and 2015 and has built 3 x District Women Resource Centers and has conducted following activities on GBV Prevention;
1. Conducting Women Empowerment Aware nesses throughout all parts of the province and established the biggest umbrella network of women in 2014 registered under office of Women Representative and Division of Community Development as Jiwaka Ecumenical Council of Women.(JECOW)
2. Jiwaka Women Economic Empowerment Program through Rolled out of Micro-Scheme Project in 2014, 2015.and 2016 with a total funding of 700 thousand Kina funded by Jiwaka Provincial Government in partnership with Community Development & PML Micro – Bank (Mi-Bank) to 500 CBOs, & FBOs members of JECOW.
3. Conducting Leadership Training for Jiwaka Women Leader.
4. Regular Training are being conducted at three Women Resource Centers on all kinds of contemporary issues affecting women and girls esp. family, (gutpela sindaun) health and other capacity building for women in the communities.
5. Meetings and Conference for Provincial District Executives of Jiwaka Ecumenical Council of Women are held once in a month to strengthen gender development programs in the province.
6. Current Covid 19 Awareness, Previous National Election Awareness, Health and Nutrition Awareness, Child Protection Awareness, Positive Parenting, etc... Are done by JECOW.
* Voice for Change is the most active Non- Government organization in Jiwaka which implemented most GBV prevention activities such as farming, economic boosting, leadership and peace trainings and human rights trainings etc.
* Jiwaka SME contribute a lot in women economic empowerment trainings especially on how to avoid financial violence from their husband and having accesses to financial freedom.
* Faith Based Organizations like Banz Maria Queen (Catholic Mission) trained GBV survivors, PLW Hiv/Aids and PLWD on home economic, basics house, keeping, farming and financial management.
* CLTC (FBO) at Bunuwo, Banz the biggest Christian Leaders Training College which produce most of Christian ethical leaders in the province, country and other pacific countries.
* All Church Denominations in Jiwaka are contributing effectively in their own respective women programs in Prevention of GBV.
* **CHALLENGES/ WEAKNESS(GAPS)**
1. **Lack of Police Law enforcement in most GBV Cases**
* Police officers compromising with corrupt practices of nepotism and receiving bribes results in GBV perpetrators not being dealt correctly according to law( Referral System breakdown)
* Police lacks logistics support and capacity building.
1. **No Establishment of Data Base Management System**
* Exact data on GBV and SARVR related violence are with GBV Development Partners in the province and yet to be collected by Jiwaka GBV Vocal Point as Data Base management System is not created by IT Specialist due to lack of funding
1. **No Office space for GBV Vocal Point**
* Currently GBV Vocal Point is using Community Development Office as temporary office for GBV Programs
1. **No Funding (GBV Budget Allocation)and Logistic Support for Establishment of Jiwaka Provincial GBV Secretariat**
* GBV Vocal Point Ms. Mary Tol currently the Provincial Gender Office for Jiwaka Community Development but no fund for gender programs as the Division is a least priority not included in National Government Budget Priorities.
* There is no budget allocation from Jiwaka Provincial Government and x 3 MPs from the three main, districts, therefore PEC submission towards Establishment of Jiwaka GBV Secretariat has been prepared already yet to be submitted to PEC for endorsement.
1. **No recognised support Staff on the ground to assist Jiwaka GBV Vocal Point**
* Most officers within the Division of Community Development are utilised to assist GBV Vocal Point in implementing ground work activities towards establishment of Jiwaka GBV Secretariat.
1. **Jiwaka GBV Vocal Point urgently need Desktop/laptop, printer and photocopier and office furniture to do work**
* **RECOMMENDATIONS**
1. Jiwaka GBV Vocal Point Capacity Building
* All respective GBV stakeholders required to go for trainings for capacity building before establishment of Jiwaka GBV Secretariat for effective coordination of its secretariat.
1. One Stop Shop Office Complex Building for Jiwaka GBV Secretariat Office, Community Development Office and Provincial Safe House
2. Need full staffing for Jiwaka GBV Secretariat
3. Recommended for consistent Funding to Jiwaka GBV Secretariat Operational Account from responsible funding source
4. Jiwaka GBV Budget & Strategic Plan 2022-2025 must be implemented accordingly starting January 2022.