

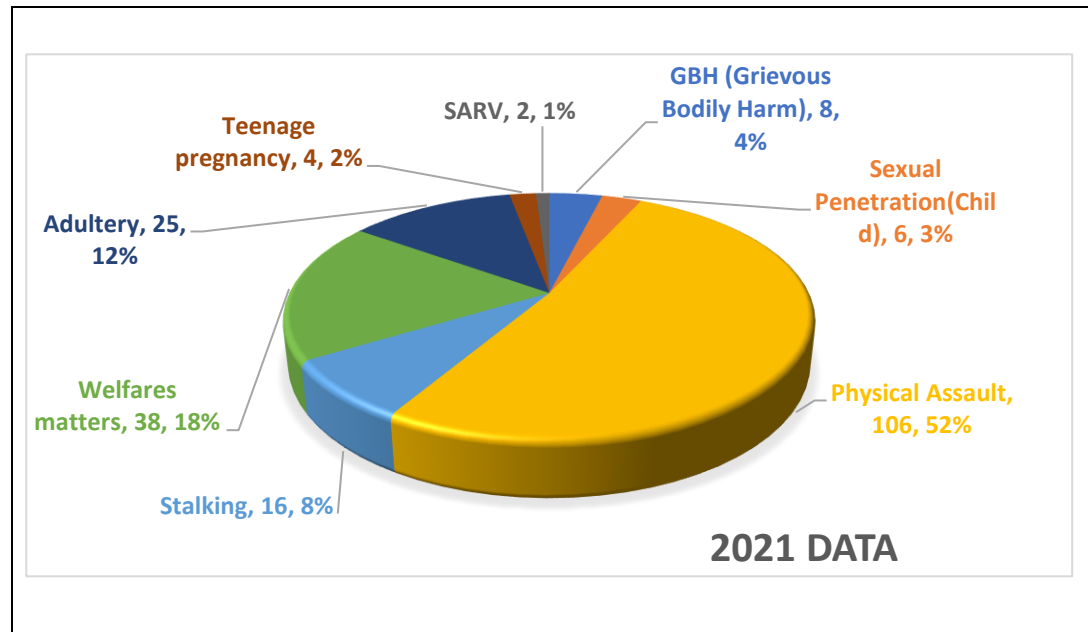
## Submission to the Parliamentary Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

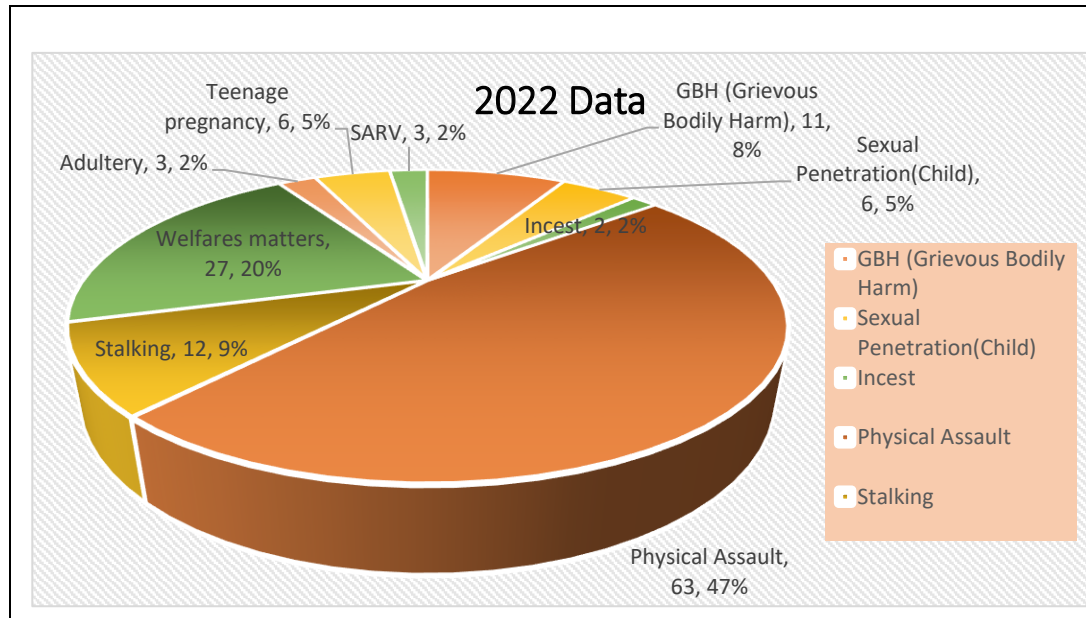
### Status of efforts to address Gender Based Violence and Sorcery Accusation Based Violence in [Insert name of sub-national unit here] [Insert date]

*This is only a template of questions for guidance. You do not need to use this template if you already have other reporting documents that respond to the Committee's request for information. If you do not have information requested, please just indicate that is the case. You can use narrative paragraphs or bullet points, depending on what you think is most appropriate. Please attach any supporting documents that will be of interest to the Committee's inquiries.*

#### **Overview of GBV and SARV in the province**

- Data related to incidence of GBV and SARV in your province
  - How many cases of GBV and SARV are there in your province?





- How many cases are handled by the health service? And by the police service?

There is no data from the Health and Police service provided to the GBV focal Point

- If you are unable to provide data, please indicate what you need to improve data collection.

MOU on Data Sharing Information to be in place to enable stakeholders and partners to share data to capture the level/status of GBV/SARV in the province

- including information about the current system in place to collect such data, any data gaps and needs.

**Provincial GBV Strategy**

- If you have a Provincial GBV Strategy that has been finalised and endorsed:
  - The date it was endorsed by the PEC and how long it lasts

Milne Bay Province have in place current GBV Strategy 2020-2015 endorsed by PEC on the 09<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

- Summary of key activities to be implemented under the strategy

1. Improve the quality-of-service delivery in Milne Bay Province for GBV survivors
2. Prevent GBV through community awareness and trainings
3. Increase the advocacy on GBV through evidence based Data
4. Strengthen the GBV stakeholders' network and coordination

- Summary of annual workplan and annual budget to address GBV / SARV

<b>Name of Agency:</b>	Milne Bay Administration			Year:	2023		IPBS Form 1 AAP				
<b>INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL ACTIVITY PLAN</b>				Division: Community Development							
Budget Type: 200/700	703/Donor Agencies										
<b>Sector Name:</b>	Social Services	<b>Resources</b>		<b>Divisional Committee &amp; JPP&amp;BPC Meeting</b>							
<b>Sector Goal:</b>	Provide efficient & effective social services in MBP	<i>Finance</i>	<i>Kina</i>	<b>Meeting No</b>		<b>Planned Date</b>					
<b>Program Name:</b>	GENDER BASE VIOLENCE	Budget (200 Series)		1		25/03/2023					
<b>Program Objective(s):</b>	Prevent GBV & Promote Gender Equity in MBP	Budget (700 Series)	K100,000.00	2		25/06/2023					
<b>Program KPI/Output:</b>	60% GBV Cases addressed by 2025	Budget (JDP&BPC)		3		25/09/2023					
		Budget (other)	K1,095,000.00	4		25/12/2023					
		<b>Human Resources</b>									
		Current Staff	0								
		Contract officer	1								
<b>Activity Number &amp; Name</b>	<b>High Level Activity Description &lt;Give as much info to itemize the budget process&gt;</b>	<b>Plan Ref:</b>	<b>Annual Expected Completion (%)</b>	<b>Quarterly Completion Target (%)</b>				<b>Expected Activity (Targets)</b>	<b>Est Annual Cost Kina</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Program Manager</b>
8. GENDER BASE VIOLENCE	Training and workshop for frontline workers on case management and MBP GBV Strategy Interpretation	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	25%	25%	25%	25%	1xtraining conducted	30,000	703	D.Mailau
	Establish Professional Counselling Services	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	10%	25%	50%	15%	1xProvince & 2x District Counselling Services established	30,000	Donor Agencies	D.Mailau
	Develop GBV Workplace Policy	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	25%	25%	25%	25%	GESI Policy developed	20,000	Donor Agencies	D.Mailau
	21 Days Activism Program	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	5%	5%	5%	85%	Awareness on GBV, Gender Equity and HR conducted	25,000 25,000	703 and Donor Agencies	D.Mailau
	Establish GBV Focal Points	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	10%	30%	35%	25%	2xDistrict FSVAC established	20,000	703	D.Mailau
	Establish Safe House	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	5%	5%	85%	5%	1x Safe House Established	1,000,000	Donor Agencies	D.Mailau
	Establish GBV Database	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	10%	35%	30%	25%	GBV database established	10,000	703	D.Mailau
	Develop MOU on stakeholder information & data sharing	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	10%	35%	30%	25%	MOU signed by all stakeholders	5,000	703	D.Mailau
	Conduct stakeholder meetings	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	25%	25%	25%	25%	4xmeetings conducted	10,000	703	D.Mailau
	Promoted male advocacy for GBV	GBV Strategy,IPDP	100%	10%	35%	30%	25%	1 male network established	20,000	Donor Agencies	D.Mailau
	Prepared by: Alfred Kidilon	Date: 03/01/2023						Reviewed and approved by:		Date:	
	Position: Principal Advisor							Position:			
<b>N OTE: Series 703 is internal budget, and that the K100,000.00 reflected is the 2023 budget for GBV funded by MBP. Remaining activity budget of K1,095,000.00 reflected will be outsourced from Donor Agencies and Development partners</b>											

- Status of implementation progress – what have you achieved? Have you encountered any challenges that are impeding implementation?

### Indicators from the Strategy Framework

	2021		2022	
<b>1. Improve the quality of service delivery in Milne Bay Province for GBV survivors</b>	1 training conducted for staff working on frontline on attending and delivering GBV service	✓		
	Common referral pathway established and followed by all the GBV stakeholders.	✓		
	FSVAC will have an updated Contact list and map of the FSVAC network partners collectively	✓		
	50 GBV Cases attended by FSC, FSVU, Counselling and Legal services	✓	50 GBV Cases attended by FSC, FSVU, Counselling and Legal services	✓
			1 District FSVAC established	
	1 professional and certified counselling services established at PHQ	✓ A partner service provider	1 District counselling services established	Rolled over
<b>2. Prevent GBV through community awareness and trainings</b>	GESI policy developed	Rolled over		
	1 awareness program/campaign on GBV ,Gender Equality and Human Rights conducted	✓		
			2 training workshops conducted on GBV	✓

	1 training or "recycle" training conducted for HRD/Champions per year	✓		
			1 GBV awareness program conducted by churches or other stakeholders	✓
<b>3. Increase the advocacy on GBV through evidence based Data</b>	Evidence-based provincial guidelines on the causes and contributors to province GBV are in place	✓		
	Provincial data base system is established to preventing and responding to GBV within the FSVAC Secretariat and monitoring and evaluating cases	Rolled Over (currently in progress)		
	MOU on information and data sharing is signed between GBV stakeholders	✓		
<b>4. Strengthen the GBV stakeholders' network and coordination</b>	Provincial FSVAC is strengthen and in operational			
	4 quarterly meetings conducted	✓ Ongoing activity	4 quarterly meetings conducted annually.	✓ Ongoing activity
		Rolled Over	1 male network established	Rolled over

- If you do not have a Provincial GBV Strategy:

- What are your plans for developing a strategy in future? Please include a timeline for producing a Strategy and who will be involved.

N/A

- If you have a draft strategy, please summarise the main activities and budget required. Please also explain what the next steps are to finalise the strategy

N/A

**Provincial GBV Secretariat and Action Committee**

- Do you have a Provincial GBV Secretariat or Focal Point in place? If so, please explain their mandate and how many full time and part-time staff they have. Please advise their annual budget for staffing and for programming. If there is no-one, please indicate what plan your Government has to properly staff up an effective Provincial GBV Secretariat in line with the requirements of the National GBV Strategy.

Milne Bay Province has a Provincial GBV Secretariat parked under Division for Community Development with only one (1) staff mandated to coordinate the work of GBV in the province.

- What budget has been allocated annually to address GBV and SARV by your provincial government and through any other government or non-government sources. Please attach the last budget proposal made to address GBV and SARV at the provincial level.

Milne Bay Provincial Government annually allocates K70, 000.00 to K100, 000.00 from its internal revenue for GBV program implementation alone while the remuneration is paid separately fortnightly through HRM using also internal revenue per the contract for the coordinator at grade 12 salary.

- Do you have any District GBV Secretariats? If so, please explain their mandate and how many full time and part-time staff they have. Please advise their annual budget for staffing and for programming.

Milne Bay Province currently does not have a District GBV Secretariat. However, per the GBV Strategy establishment of focal points or district secretariat was supposed to be implemented in 2021 and 2022. But this did not eventuate due to COVID 19 and National General Election and geographical settings (maritime province)

Samarai Murua District is the first District to be visited in mid - April 2023, and an awareness on the GBV Strategy and establishment of District FSVAC was conducted to respective service providers and potential partners. Mobilisation of these partners for the establishment of District FSVAC will be done in the later date.

- Please advise whether there is a GBV, Family and Sexual Violence or Child Welfare Action Committees operating in the province. Who are the members of those bodies. How often do they meet? Who provides secretariat services? Do they have a budget? If so, how much and who provides the budget? If no, what budget is required?

Milne Bay Province has currently in place Provincial Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee in operation which they meet quarterly as required in the annual activity plan.

Milne Bay Province provides the budget through the GBV secretariat under Division for Community Development as answered in the earlier question.

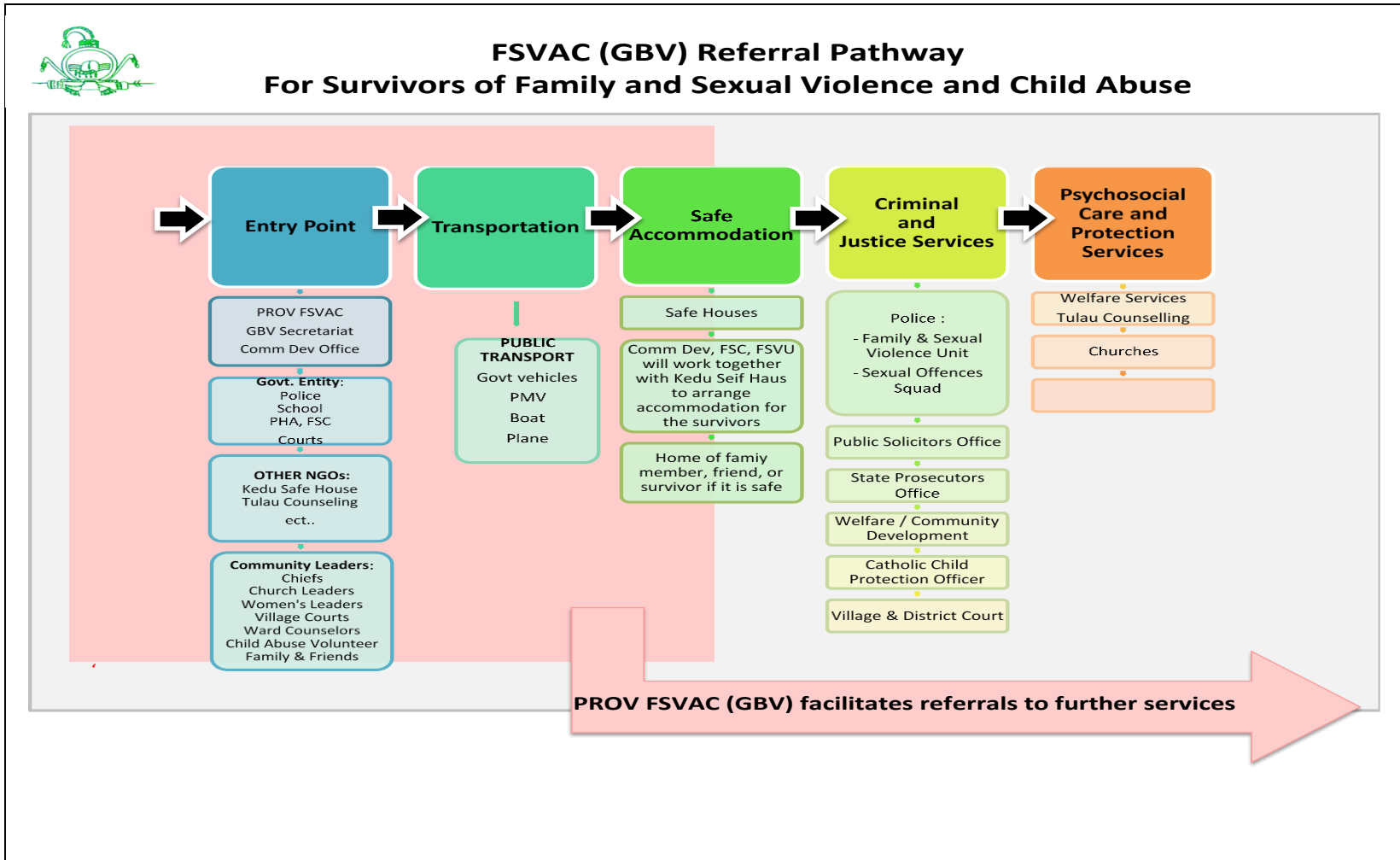
However, the budget needs to be counter funded from the National GBV and other donors as per the Strategy implementation budget.

Please refer to attached document of stakeholders involved in GBV and SARV advocacy in Milne Bay Province.



**Provincial GBV and SARV crisis response and justice services**

- Information regarding GBV crisis support services that are available in your province, including:
  - information about how the GBV/SARV referral pathway works in your province. Are there any government or non-government services that



(ii) Family support centres and other health services, the assistance they provided and number of cases they are handling.

FSC supports in all clinical interventions to survivors referred from other service providers (police, safe house, GBV focal point)

(iii) The number of safe houses and the support they provide (noting that specific details may need to be kept confidential).

Kedu Seif Haus, (only safe house) provides shelter, counselling and rehabilitation programs.

(iv) Any counselling services available through health providers, NGOs or others.

Counselling service providers – Tulau counselling, Kedu Seif Haus, Family Support Centre, GBV Focal Point.

(v) Police services across the province, including number of FSVU officers and the cases they are handling, but also the cases handled by other police in the province.

There is only one FSVU Officer, in Alotau Police Station, who attend to survivors either referred from other referral partners or first entry point. Investigate cases of family and sexual violence reported to the unit, raise Protection or Interim Protection Orders. Liaise and make referrals to the Sexual Offences Squad (SOS) or Crime Investigation Division (CID). Provide information about, and make referrals to, relevant service providers to ensure better support for survivors accessing justice.

Cases they attend to:

- Sexual abuse of a minor
- Rape and Marital rape
- Physical abuse

(vi) Other justice services, including the number of prosecutors and court services that deal with cases in the province;

Milne Bay Province has 4 district courts and village courts

District and village court assists with protection orders (IPO, PPO) and preventative orders.

(vii) The role of the Village Courts in supporting people to access Interim Protection Orders in your province.

**Village Court:** Village Courts (VC) play a vital role in the Papua New Guinea justice system. Village Courts can occur at any time in the village setting, making them open and accessible to all. The VCs are to make decisions in accordance with custom and the principles of restorative justice. The Village Courts have the power to punish a person who commits any of the offences outlined in the Village Courts Regulations 1974. They have the power to hear certain civil and criminal cases, however VCs are NOT allowed to hear cases involving rape, murder, drug use, illegal alcohol selling, incest, arson, armed robbery, gambling, ownership or land, offences that are not prescribed in the Village Court Regulations 1974. These matters are heard in the District Court<sup>1</sup>.

(viii) Any other support services available in the province.

*Refer to document at the end*

Please include an analysis of the gaps in services and the needs of your provinces in order to provide proper services to GBV/SARV survivors.

Please also include information about key services being provided by NGOs, churches and other non-government providers.

**Provincial GBV and SARV prevention and awareness raising activities**

- Please provide information regarding any GBV prevention activities being implemented in your province, whether by government officials or civil society organisations

GBV prevention in Milne Bay is currently implemented by Police, Hospital, Community Development Officers, Ward Development Committee, Self Help Organisations and Churches based on their individual activity plans and budget.

- Does the Government support any education or awareness raising activities to address GBV or SARV? Is anything included in the local curriculum?
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Yes, however not much is done in areas of including GBV or SARV in local curriculum

- Are there any impactful prevention activities being implementing in your region, for example, to build respectful relationships or build a culture of non-violence amongst people?

Milne Bay Province once in 2016 had advocacy on Man taking Action on GBV with the Governor being the patron. However, with leadership changes the concept has been non-existence now.

### **Recommendations for improvement**

- Please provide your ideas on what you think needs to be done to improve the GBV and SARV response in your country. Recommendations can be directed at national or sub-national stakeholders and can deal with law reform, policy, budgeting, programming or anything else. The Committee wants to improve the GBV and SARV response across the country and is looking for concrete, actionable ideas on what needs to be fixed.

1. Directive be given to DPM to fund and direct all Provincial HRM to compulsory advertise under public service all GBV positions per the SOP.
2. Direct Office of Rural Development to capture GBV in SIP and inform provinces and districts to capture and implement the programs and projects.
3. Direct Provinces and District to have at least one safe house built as the hub for work on GBV and SARV advocacy and care for survivors.

If you have any questions, please email us at [ParliamentGBVCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ParliamentGBVCommittee@gmail.com).

## **Milne Bay Province Key Agency Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Division of Community Development**

Lead by an advisor, the Division for Community Development is responsible for the oversight and coordination of the following: welfare, child protection, GBV out of home care, youth, religion and sport. They are also responsible for organizing capacity development programs, lobbying for funding and monitoring the implementation of the Provincial GBV strategy.

Where there is a child in need of protection, a Gazetted Child Protection officer will take carriage of the matter including investigation, compiling a report, obtaining a search warrant to conduct a

search if necessary and facilitate a rescue if required. The CPO assumes responsibility for all matters relating to the management of such cases

### **Provincial Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (PFSVAC)**

The Provincial Family and Sexual Violence Action Committees are set up in each Province to develop and implement provincial FSV strategies and to secure budgetary support from government and development partners to develop FSV services at the provincial and district level. The composition of the PFSVAC must include representatives from government, private sector, non-government service providers, churches, and development partners<sup>2</sup>.

### **Provincial Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (PFSVAC) Secretariat**

Several Provincial FSVAC Secretariats have been established within their respective Provincial Administrations to support provincial FSV programs and projects. The Secretariat's function is to coordinate referrals, training, advocacy work and data collection. It also acts as a facilitator for survivors to access all necessary quality services within the referral pathway and provides secretariat services to the PFSVAC. The coordination role within a Provincial Administration may not always be known as a Secretariat; dependent on available funds. It may be a single officer fulfilling a coordination role.<sup>3</sup>

### **Local Level Government (LLG)**

Elected ward members form ward development committees and oversee matters relating to law and justice, health, education, community development, commerce/economy, infrastructure and disaster and emergency.

Family and Sexual Violence (FSV) incidents are usually reported to ward members, who then support survivors to report to a member of the law and justice committee.

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The Village Court Magistrate under the Village Court Act have the power to grant an interim protection order (IPO). This is for a period of 30 days, to ensure safety of survivors while their cases are being progressed. Should an IPO issued by the Village Court be breached this becomes a District Court matter and must be referred there for prosecution

If the case is complex or high risk or of a serious sexual nature and with the survivor's consent, it should be referred beyond the scope of the LLG. The ward members involved will have responsibility for contacting the PFSVAC Secretariat for relevant support for the survivor.

### **Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) -Police**

Whilst police officers should be sensitive to the needs of survivors and treat them with respect at all times, they are not trained counsellors or mediators and should not attempt to conduct any form of counselling or mediation. They should make a timely referral to an appropriate professional who is able to provide such support.

Key general roles performed by the police include affecting arrest, investigation of alleged crimes, apprehending suspects, bringing defendants before the courts, curbing law and order, maintaining peace and regular reporting.

### **Family & Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU):**

FSVUs of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) were introduced to specifically support survivors by providing a safe and comfortable environment for people to lodge family and sexual violence complaints. FSVU's have the mandate for prevention, protection, and investigation of non-indictable FSV offences.

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If the survivor wishes, FSVU officers will provide assistance in obtaining a protection or interim protection order and will serve it on the relevant person/s. FSVUs will not ordinarily deal with serious assaults or assaults of a sexual nature, including child sexual offences<sup>5</sup>. These should be referred to the Sexual Offences Squad (SOS) or Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

### **Judicial system- Courts**

PNG's judicial system consists of Village Courts, District Courts and the National Court which is the superior trial court. Magisterial Services (established by section 173(1) of Constitution of Papua New Guinea) administers the District Court system within PNG<sup>6</sup>.

The District Court uses formal and informal approaches for settling grievances, particularly in the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Magistrates can also make orders for a community work order to be undertaken by a defendant who has been found guilty. Where mitigating factors outweigh the aggravating factors, the defendant may be placed on probation with conditions for community work and/or payment of compensation<sup>7</sup>.

If an offence under the Criminal Code or Family Protection Act 2013 is alleged to have been committed and the Police have referred the matter for prosecution, it will go to the District Court for summary hearing or to the National Court for committal. Which court it is heard in will depend on a number of factors, but it is mainly determined by the seriousness of the alleged offence

### **Juvenile Justice**

Through the Juvenile Courts Act, Papua New Guinea established a distinct justice system for juvenile offenders, a juvenile being "a person aged not less than seven years and less than 18 years".

Free legal assistance for juveniles is only obtainable from the Office of the Public Solicitor where they face serious charges or seek to appeal a custodial sentence.

Juvenile Courts Act provides for the appointment of juvenile court officers (JCO) who, pursuant to section 13 of the Juvenile Courts Act, should have the power to enter places where children are detained, including police lockups; interview children; be present during interrogation; advise children of their rights; question arresting officers; attend court; and make submissions regarding juvenile cases.

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### **Alotau Urban Youth Development Council (AUYDC)**

The National Urban Youth Development Authority, within the Department of Community Development is made up of different registered and affiliated member groups who are associated with the AUYDC including youth groups, youth associations, church youth groups and ministries, advocacy groups, local artists and craftsman.

The AUYDC provides support registration and certification of youth groups, facilitate youth lead dialogues that amplify youth voices in decision making, advocate, plan and coordinate youth development and empowerment programmes in MBP, provide a forum for youth discussions and create and manage a youth data base. The youth groups support advocacy on FSV issues and strive to create peace and harmonious communities by engaging in community initiatives that are youth-led.

### **Mothers Union-Women's Ministry Anglican Church**

The Mothers Union provides Cristian care for families based on five main principles that teach and uphold the nature of marriage, encourage parents in bringing up their children, maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service, and promotes conditions in society that are favourable to a stable family life. They also advocate for the protection of children and provide support to those whose family life has been met with adversity.]

The Mother's Union operates under the direction of the Anglican Archbishop comprising of a president, executive, deanery coordinators and a Parish president.

### **Kedu Safe House**

Lead by an executive director, the team at Kedu safe house consists of administration and finance, monitoring and evaluation officer, case counsellor, volunteers, driver and security.

Key roles performed by Kedu safe house include counselling and safe accommodation for survivors of violence and their families, supporting survivors to access medical care and legal aid including workshops and trainings, community engagement programmes. Services at Kedu Safe House are non-discriminatory and disability inclusive.

### **Red Cross**



Red Cross offers services and referrals to coordinated networks of specialists/service providers to implement this response. Furthermore, the Red Cross ensures that the risks of sexual and gender-based violence are mitigated in its programming, and aids survivors such as through community-based livelihood programming — including a discussion with relevant service providers to address the prevention of sexual violence.

Sexual violence tends to be a sensitive issue, and despite clear legal and humanitarian imperatives to respond to it, it is often characterised as too 'taboo' to deal with. Red Cross launched its annual Special Appeal on Sexual Violence in 2013 to break the taboo, to support authorities in tackling the issue, and to ensure the provision of care to survivors of sexual violence.

### **Link Milne Bay Inc**

Link Milne Bay Inc. is a non-government organization established purposely to oversee and advocate on gender-based violence issues through the application of workable solutions to identified gaps, constraints and barriers that influence the flow of justice and care for survivors of GBV and People living with HIV. Link Milne Bay Inc are non-discriminatory and disability inclusive.

### **VET SEC SECURITY**

VET SEC Security Services is a security service provider whose staff have been gender sensitized and received training on Access to Justice by FSVAC. has community outreach programs. The firm has community outreach programs that assists young people with SME activities and also supports advocacy work for GBV. They provide logistical support for GBV response and assist in ensuring GBV incidents are reported, and survivors are referred to relevant service providers.

### **Bung na Yumi Senis**

Bung na Yumi Senis is a community organization that was established to purposely oversee and advocate on issues of gender-based violence.

The organisations vision is to see that Youths, Women and Children live in a friendly environment and have access to basic Justice, Health and Education and to rehabilitate/change Youths, Women and Children in both rural and urban communities through community-based advocacy on Human Rights, GBV, Welfare, Health, Disability and Education.

### **Public Solicitors Office**

Provide legal advice to survivors who wants to take further steps to get justice

### **Child Protection Services Catholic Church**

Promote the LUKAUTIM PIKININI ACT, provide counselling services, conduct awareness and refer cases to relevant service providers for further assistance.