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UPDATE ON EAST SEPIK GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Special Parliamentary Committee on Gender Based Violence on the progress of activities being conducted in implementing the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender Based Violence/Family Sexual Violence in East Sepik Province.

BACKGROUND.

East Sepik has seen NGOs, FBOs and CBOs coordinating and active in GBV Prevention and Response well before the National Strategy was written with East Sepik Council of Women being the focal point. HELP Resources, Family for Change, Nana Kundi Crisis Centre, Welkam na Bel Isi Centre, Saint Anna Crisis Centre, Catholic Diocese of Wewak, Wewak District Council of Women are few of the active service provider's in relation to GBV.

Government agencies inclusive of Family Sexual Violence Unit of the Police Department, Community Development Division, Family Support Centre (Provincial Health), Magisterial Services, Correctional Services, Community Based Correction (Probation) and the Village Courts were the main stakeholders that partnered with the NGOs in East Sepik to implement program/activities relating to GBV/FSV prior to the National GBV Strategy being developed.

Great efforts put in by NGOs in the province to prevent and respond to GBV/FSV lacked support from the government in

terms of funding support. With the Government now taking ownership of GBV program it is hoped that adequate resources and funding will be allocated by the National Government to implement the Strategy to Prevent and Respond to GBV in East Sepik Province.

IMPACT OF GENDER BASED/FAMILY SEXUAL VIOLENCE

All over East Sepik Province, Gender Based Violence/ Family Sexual Violence is widespread in our societies and also becoming a norm. Family moral values, love and respect for themselves and others have deteriorated to non-existent today. Family homes which were once a safe haven for all the family members especially the marginalized (women, men, disabled, youths, children, aged) are now violent and hostile making it unsafe and insecure. Increase in violence has also led to other cross cutting issues including HIV/AIDs, Poverty and other cross cutting issues.

From recent consultations with our GBV service provider's it is quite evident that:

- GBV/FSV is experienced by both genders including women, men, children, the elderly including people with special needs (persons living with disability and widows).
- Gender Based Violence is experienced by both genders at place of work (Both government and private sectors)
- Wife bashing and other violent acts inflicted is contributing to other family issues resulting in children being the main victims.
- Polygamous relationships and extramarital affairs is contributing to increase GBV/FSV.

In its pursuit to implement the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender Based Violence in East Sepik Province, following are the four (4) main activities identified and being implemented this year.

1. Formation of the Provincial Committee

Provincial Gender Based Violence Action Committee (PGBVAC) established in June of 2021 with Division of Community Development performing the Secretariat role to this committee. Membership of this committee (PGBVAC) comprises of representatives from key Government agencies, NGOs, CBOs, CSOs, FBOs, including our Development partners based in our province that are involved in conducting and supporting programs relating to family and gender based violence.

Deputy Provincial Administrator responsible for Social Services chairs this committee.

2. Creation of Secretariat Desk

Provincial GBV Secretariat is yet to be fully established. Manpower and sufficient resources is required to effectively coordinate GBV work in East Sepik Province. In the meantime, temporary internal arrangement was made within Division of Community Development and Executive Manager for Community Development Division coordinates the GBV program apart from performing Executive Managers responsibility. Focal points at the districts are yet to be established.

3. Develop Provincial GBV Strategic Plan.

Provincial Gender Based Violence Secretariat with technical support from our Planning & Monitoring Division and in consultation with all stakeholders is currently working on developing the Provincial Strategy which will hopefully be finalized and launched at the end of this year.

Key priority areas are:

- Establishing Provincial GBV Secretariat and having it operational
- Setting up Provincial GBV Database
- GBV Sensitizing Trainings for all stakeholders

- Grand funding support to NGOs to build their capacity in responding and preventing GBV in the province
- Coordination of Case Management activities

4. Referral Pathway Guideline

Having in place our provincial GBV referral pathway guideline is also one of the priority tasks for this year.

A two (2) day workshop was facilitated by CIMC/FSVAC and NCDC GBV Secretariat last month to assist PGBVAC to develop its referral pathway. Development partner Water AID PNG through its GESI Program funded the two (2) day workshop. Following on from the workshop conducted, GBV Secretariat is currently working on the draft referral pathway prior to it being endorsed by the PGBVAC and circulated for use.

GBV RESPONSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES.

Provided below are all the partners we have in East Sepik Province that are involved in conducting programs/activities relating to GBV/FSV

NO	ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	TYPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED	LOCATION	CONTACT PERSON	POSITION	CONTACT
1	Division for Community Development	Government	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Casework & Counselling - Awareness workshops/trainings - Paralegal Services - IPOs/POs <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare statements for survivors - Home Visits - Maintenance cases (LPA) - Correspondences for Police assistance - Referrals 	Wewak PHQ (BMS, Kreer Heights)	Sam Wangi Member – PGBVAC)	Child Protection Officer (CPO)	4563004

2	Magisterial Services (Family Court)	Government	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuing of Interim and Permanent Protection Orders - Maintenance orders pursuant to LPA - Issuing of orders on cases relating to family/gender based violence (Family Court) 	Wewak Hill, PHQ	Senior Provincial Magistrate, Schola Mapat (PGBVAC Committee member) (District Court Clerk)	71316780
3	Welkam na Belisi Centre	FBO	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness programs - Male Advocacy - Upskill/Empowerment trainings <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shelter (Safe House) - Counselling/Spiritual Direction - Mediation - Repatriation 	NBC Rd Wewak	Sr. Scholastica Banik (Member of PGBVAC)	70633267

4	Family for Change	CBO	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools/Community Awareness - Community Healing & Building Program - Trainings/Awareness <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crisis Support Services - Safe House - Repatriation & Reintegration - Counselling - Mediation - Client Casework - Paralegal Aid - Male Advocacy Programs - Referrals 	Kreer Compound Wewak	Veronica Simogun (Member of PGBVAC)	Director/Founder	71418913
5	Family Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU)	Govern-ment	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness - Counselling/mediation <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arresting offenders/perpetrators and bringing them to 	Wewak Town Police Station	Albert Beli John Hasimani Lynne Sailan (PGBVAC member)	PPC PSC – Wewak 71030345 4562222	73009051 72845271

6	PHA	Government				Wewak General Hospital Wewak Town	Cynthia Huafofo (PGBVAC Member) Tina Manjor	Social Worker V/C Magistrate	71531068
7	Wewak Urban Village Court	Government							
8	East Sepik Council of Women (ESCOW)	NGO				Wewak Hill	Sophie Mangai Member – PGBVAC)	President	72361363
9	Correctional Services	Government				Boram CS	Alex Lala (Member)	Welfare &	79226928

							Rehabilitation Officer CO	70192823 73872910		
10	Public Solicitors Office	Government				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling - Awareness Programs <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referrals - Provide Legal Aid to people including GBV survivors who cannot afford legal fees charged by private lawyers - Assist survivors to file summons in District Court - Refer survivor with advice to appropriate service providers - Conduct Awareness in schools 	Wewak Town, More Stationery Building	Leslie Mamu	Officer In Charge	4561610
11	Juvenile Justice/CBC	Government				<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide counselling to offenders & survivors of GBV/FSV - Conduct Awareness programs - Probation Supervision 	Wewak Town	Mr. J. Maindu Moses Galus	OIC Juvenile Justice Senior Probation Officer	4561013 72369809 71994643

			<p>Mediation & Diversion counselling</p> <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rehabilitate offenders/ Perpetrators - Pre-sentence reports - Community Based Rehabilitation - Referrals 				
12	<p>Inclusive Education Resource Centre (IERC, Callan Services for Disabled Persons))</p>	<p>NGO</p>	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness & Trainings on Child Protection - Provide Counselling - Organizing children's activities - Spiritual Gatherings <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Out of home care (Feeding /clothing children - Referrals 	<p>Divine Word University, Kaindi Campus</p>	<p>Vero Kave (Member PGBVAC)</p> <p>Carol Kianga</p>	<p>Principal</p> <p>Senior Coordinator</p>	<p>4562237 72700827 73534883</p> <p>71217849</p>
13	<p>Wewak District Council of Women</p>	<p>CBO</p>	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling - Awareness - Mediations 	<p>Yawasoro, Wewak</p>	<p>Florence Parinjo</p>	<p>President</p>	<p>70399094</p>

14	VCT - HIVAIDS		NGO	<p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe House - Referrals <p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HIVAIDS Counselling & Testing - Treatment (Basic health care services including ART/PEP) - Awareness <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referrals 	Sepik Centre of Hope – Wirui (Joe Yalopa PGBVAC Member)	Pius Norman Koolimar	Manager	4562553
15	HELP Resource		NGO	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings/Workshops - Awareness/Advocacy Programs <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referrals 	Mao Cheng Building Wewak	Jill Bosro (Member PGBVAC)	Director	
16	Catholic Diocese of Wewak		FBO	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness - Trainings/Workshops - Counselling/Care - Male Advocacy Programs <p>Response</p>	Catholic Mission, Wirui	Clement Paimé	Project Coordinator (Free Lance)	72508258

17	East Sepik Disable Persons Agency	CBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling & Care - Referrals <p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness Programs - Trainings/Workshops 			Max Sengi	Chairperson	72960367
18	United Christian Broadcasters 98.3 Laif FM	FBO	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide information/awareness through radio programs, news, promos, jingles etc 	Kreer Heights Wewak		Issac Fingu	Station Manager	71083973 78279085
19	NBC Wewak	Government	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides all information on GBV/FSV through radio programs, News, Promos, Jingle etc. 	Wewak Town		Johanna Sidney	Announcer/Journalist	72662839
20	ES Provincial Ministers f Fraternal	FBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide Spiritual Counselling to those impacted/affected with family/ Gender Based Violence - Awareness on Social Issues - Referrals 	Wewak Town		Ps. Leslie Minduwa	Deputy Chairperson	78184827
21	Maprik District Family Support Centre	Government	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medication to prevent (STIs, HIVAIDS Unplanned pregnancies 	Maprik Hospital		Elizabeth Baga	Sister in Charge	79950676

22	Nana Kundi Crisis Centre	CBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vaccination to prevent tetanus & hepatitis B - Community/school outreach and education programs <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crisis Counselling & support - Individual counselling - STIs & HIVAIDS treatments - Medical First Aid (Immediate treatment to prevent bleeding, incision drip etc.) - Psychosocial Support/First Aid (To reduce traumatic experience and stress) - Referrals 	Maprik Town	Lawrence Igiam	Director	72988037
			<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community/Radio Awareness on issues relating to GBV/FSV - Trainings/workshops on behaviour change <p>Response</p>				

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling - Mediation - Temporary shelter for survivors - Referrals 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention - Awareness/ Training/workshops on Social Inclusion - Community Based rehabilitation - Delivery of devices for PLWD Community/ School 	<p>Maprik Town</p> <p>Channel Luwe</p> <p>Program Coordinator</p> <p>73020996</p>	
23	IERC Callan Services	Catholic Health Agency			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response - Screening - Centre Based Ear & Eye clinic - Referrals 		
24	Angoram District Council of Women	CBO	Angoram Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention - Life Skills trainings - Awareness on issues affecting women and girls including children - Counselling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response - Counselling - Referral 	<p>Eva Waramapi</p> <p>President</p> <p>74851812</p> <p>78072187</p>	

25	Saint Anna Crisis Centre	CBO	<p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling - Paralegal Support to clients - Village Court Mediation - Support to clients - Community outreach programs - Paralegal and court support for those affected by violence, and other rights issues such as adultery, polygamy, child abuse, - Child maintenance and customary marriage rights issues - Repatriation and reintegration support <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency refuge accommodation - Referrals to other service providers 	North Wosera LLG	Anna Kinbange	Director	71325060
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SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT AND STAKEHOLDERS

Over so many years a lot of work was done by all stakeholders in addressing GBV issues in East Sepik Province. However, due to lack of coordination and reporting, government support in terms of resources and funding was quite minimal. Now that East Sepik Provincial Government and its Administration is acknowledging the impacts GBV/FSV has in the province, K100,000.00 was allocated this (2021) to support work o GBV in the province. Gender Base Violence Secretariat through Community Development is utilizing these funding to develop the Provincial GBV Strategy. Our international partners, Water Aid PNG and UNDP (through its Spotlight Initiative program), CIMC/FSVAC had also been quite supportive in terms of providing technical support and guidance in implementing the National GBV Strategy.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY

- ✓ East Sepik Provincial Administration lacks capacity in terms of manpower to effectively coordinate and implement the National GBV Strategy
- ✓ Lack of GBV/FSV Data
- ✓ Geographical settings.
Survivors of GBV at the remotest parts of the province are unable to access assistance due to non-existent of GBV services right down to the LLG/Ward levels.
- ✓ Lack of government support for GBV programs
- ✓ GBV crisis support services (Safe Houses) is lacking
- ✓ Lengthy delays in GBV/FSV/Family Court cases
- ✓ In some Districts GBV programs non-existent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Department of Personnel Management to fast track selection process on East Sepik Provincial Administration

structure in order to address problem with lack of manpower

- Department for Community Development through the National GBV Secretariat desk supports the establishment of Provincial GBV database
- National Government to prioritize GBV program as one of the priority programs and allocate sufficient funding to all agencies involved in addressing GBV in the province
- Family Court Magistrates to be based at the Provincial level.
- East Sepik Provincial Government endorses the Five (5) Provincial GBV Strategy (currently being developed) and annual funding made available for GBV program.

CONCLUSION

Despite the challenges, Gender Based/Family Sexual Violence response and prevention programs had been and is ongoing in East Sepik Province. It is hoped that issues/recommendations as raised are considered by the National Government and allocate sufficient funding for effective coordination and implementation of the National Gender Based Violence Strategy.

Thank you.



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