

Annex 1: Coalition Resolution, August 2020



National Parliament,
Port Moresby, Thursday 27th August 2020

Now is the Time to End Gender-based Violence in PNG

Resolutions

As elected leaders of Papua New Guinea, representing our people and in pursuit of our National Constitution and its Goals and Directive Principles:

WE RECOGNIZE that gender-based violence (“GBV”) is the single greatest human rights violation and development impediment for our country;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE all the work done to date to address this crisis but note that we need to do much more to seriously reduce or eliminate GBV and the underlying cause of it: gender inequality;

WE COMMIT ourselves to taking all action necessary to reduce GBV and promote gender equality, respect and partnership; and

WE HEREBY COMMIT ourselves to the following actions:

1. To come together and collectively establish the first ever Coalition of Parliamentarians Against Gender-Based Violence.
2. To pursue this agenda at all levels including to reform our own behaviour and that of the institutions we lead, and to be role models to our colleagues, associates, staff, families, and communities and hold each other accountable.
3. To support the implementation of the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (2016-2025); and to properly resource it and ensure the National Gender-based Violence Secretariat is established and operational.
4. To adopt and implement strategies to seriously address GBV in our provinces and resource them to respond appropriately to the needs of survivors of GBV, and work to prevent GBV from occurring in the first place.
5. Acknowledging the deteriorating situation on GBV in PNG, we call on our fellow parliamentarians and the executive government to bring in international assistance to support our law enforcement agencies as an emergency measure to combat GBV.
6. To share results on what is working and what is not, to be accountable and to inspire and to encourage each other by reporting back in November 2020 our results and progress, and thereafter on an annual basis.
7. To collectively join forces and lobby for the political will at the highest level.