

Annex 3: Committee Terms of Reference

Updated Terms of Reference for the Special Parliamentary Committee on Gender Based Violence

The Committee shall comprise of the following Members of Parliament:

Chairman	Hon. Charles Abel	Alotau MP
Deputy Chairman	Hon. Allan Bird	Governor East Sepik
Members	Hon. Michael Dua	Governor Chimbu
	Hon. Powes Parkop	Governor NCD
	Hon. Aiye Tambua	Goroka MP
	Hon. Ginson Saonu	Governor Morobe
	Hon. Allan Marat	Rabaul MP

The Committee shall have the following functions:

1. Inquire into the connections between GBV and broader issues and root causes regarding gender equality and women's empowerment, including women's economic empowerment, women's political participation, the impact of early family planning, cultural, traditional and religious beliefs and broader social norms
2. Identify the forms of gender-based violence, specifically violence against women and girls including, but not limited to coercive control and technology facilitated abuse.
3. Identify the immediate and long-term measures to prevent gender-based violence, with the focus on behavioural change for future generations.
4. Inquire into the level and impact of coordination and accountability for services and policy responses across the government departments, the Royal PNG Constabulary and related enforcement and prosecution services, the courts, provincial and local level governments, non-government and community-based organisations and private sector.
5. Inquire into the adequacy of the evidence and prevalence data of gender-based violence and how to overcome limitations in the collection of nationally consistent and timely data including, but not limited to, court, police, and hospitals.
6. Identify the perpetrator intervention programs and support services to help them change their behaviour.
7. Consider the views and experiences of frontline services, advocacy groups and others working to address gender-based violence.

- 8.** Inquire into the gendered impacts of COVID-19, with a particular focus on the differential experience of GBV on PNG women and men, identify how the Government and other stakeholders can ensure more effective responses in the context of the ongoing threat of COVID-19.
- 9.** Inquire into how women's leadership can be more proactively supported to ensure that women can help lead the response to GBV, including by examining options for implementing temporary special measures for women in Parliament.