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Hon. Charles Abel, MP
Chairman
PNG Special Parliamentary Committee on Gender-Based Violence

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Dear Chairman Hon. Charles Abel,

Re: Gender Based Violence Database Application

We commend you and your colleague MPs to address Gender Based Violence at this very high level, particularly hosting the public hearings held on the 24th and 25th of May 2021. We look forward to your leadership and direction in dealing with this issue that has been persisting in our communities for a while now.

As you are aware, addressing GBV is a multifaceted approach including a variety of stakeholders. Sometimes with a lot going on, it's difficult to identify if interventions are actually achieving the desired results or not. But in order to make an assessment, we need data. One thing we have noticed from all the actions taking place to address GBV is that, there is truly no national GBV database to collect institutionalised, comprehensive and consistent GBV data in a unified manner. The current data that exists is too little, disparate and unreported. Most of the data collected comes from the cities of Port Moresby and Lae. There is no data coming in from all the rural districts of Papua New Guinea. Key government agencies, development partners and NGOs who are involved in actions to end violence against women, all agree that such a system is needed.

The *Papua New Guinea National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender Based Violence 2016-2025* acknowledges the need collect GBV data that is comprehensive and compatible. It forms Objective 2 of the policy.

As such, we are pleased to inform you that we have developed and deployed a GBV database application in line with Objective 2 of the policy since March 2020. The application can be accessed anywhere in Papua New Guinea and is

compatible with a desktop, laptop, mobile phone and tablet. Features of the application are innovative taking into consideration the context of PNG.

We hope, the need to have this unified GBV database for Papua New Guinea is also reflected in your discussion and action plans for 2021. In response to your call for papers, we have submitted an Action Document for your perusal on the roll-out of the PNG National GBV Database Management System. We have designed and deployed the application and it is already online.

We would be grateful to make a presentation to you and the esteemed members of this high level committee on the features of this GBV database application. We hope, greater understanding of its use and its alignment to development priorities of Papua New Guinea, will lead to its integration into GBV data collection and management, by all stakeholders.

See the video of the application on this link: [GBV Application - YouTube](#)

We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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