

PLANIM SAVE, KAMAP STRONGPELA (PLANT KNOWLEDGE, GROW STRONG)



Location: South Bougainville, Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea

Time Frame: 2014 – 2016

Participating Agencies: UN Women, UNICEF and Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation, with technical assistance from Partners for Prevention Joint Programme (P4P)

INTERVENTION TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG) IN BOUGAINVILLE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

UN Women, UNICEF and the Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation, with support from Partners for Prevention are implementing the Planim Save, Kamap Strongpela project (Plant Knowledge, Grow Strong) in Bougainville. Plant Knowledge, Grow Strong focuses on preventing VAWG and transforming negative gender norms, community peace-building, and trauma healing activities.

Using a “community conversation” model, the locally developed intervention is designed to:

- Increase the level of awareness, information and conversation on VAWG, trauma and healing, and peace-building; and
- Increase positive relationship skills.

The community-based education project is used in two Council of Elder areas in South Bougainville, reaching 2,800 people within different target groups (e.g., women, men, youth and community leaders).

In addition, 20 community counsellors are trained and supported in providing basic counselling on VAWG and trauma support to victims to increase access to services in remote areas.

Capacity for emergency medical care, psychosocial support and referral services for VAWG is also strengthened within the health and justice sector.



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KEY FINDINGS FROM THE UN MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY ON MEN & VIOLENCE, BOUGAINVILLE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA (2013)

- **High prevalence of intimate partner violence:** 80% of men reported using physical and/or sexual violence against an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- **High prevalence of non-partner rape:** 41% of men reported having perpetrated non-partner rape.
- **Risk factors for perpetrating intimate partner violence:** Childhood emotional abuse, including witnessing violence against a mother; childhood sexual abuse; and post-traumatic stress disorder.
- **Intimate partner violence negatively impacts the health of survivors:** Women who experienced intimate partner violence were more likely to report negative health outcomes, including physical injuries, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide and miscarriage.

Stanley
Planim Save Kamap Strongpela facilitator

"I am an ex-combatant. In the past, I quarreled with my wife every week. After I returned from Planim Save Kamap Strongpela facilitator training, I shared with my wife what I learned and we agreed to change our behavior.

Our first priority is now to educate our children. My son now respects my wife and I. My wife listens to me and is not worried when I go out with friends since I no longer drink. I show her my money and we save together. I am trying hard to contribute to my community in preparation for the Bougainville referendum on independence in 2019."



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Francis, a participant, reflecting on positive changes in his community.




PROJECT OUTCOMES & OUTPUTS

- **Outcome 1:** Community-wide support for and commitment to women’s and girls’ human rights and ending VAWG.
 - Output 1.1:** Widespread understanding of the relationship between human rights, peace-building, trauma and VAWG in target communities.
 - Output 1.2:** Improved access to community level support services for VAWG and trauma.
 - Output 1.3:** Strengthened local governance structure and responsibility for peace-building and VAWG.
- **Outcome 2:** Improved institutional mechanisms to support women and girls who experience VAWG.
 - Output 2.1:** Improved coordination between support services for women and girls who experience VAWG.
 - Output 2.2:** Increased capacity to provide support services to women who experience VAWG.

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