

**Briefs**

- Oxfam team made a first and second quarter progress visit under the Harvest Program on the 19th of January 2017
- An initial meeting was conducted by Vfc with Village Leaders and Community Educators under the DKA Project on the 28th March 2017
- On the 3rd of March 2017, Vfc officially launched the MiBank Agent Office at Vfc Resource Centre and start providing banking services to rural communities.



\*Watch out for the next Issue and more stories of change.



# Training for Manda people on Peace Building and Social Mapping.

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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK



Welcome to Voice for Change (VfC) first quarter edition of its newsletter for 2017.

In this edition, VfC is pleased to share with its partners and the people of Jiwaka on various activities carried out in the first quarter of the year.

This is the second year of our 5 year partnership with International Women Development Agency (IWDA) under the Women Action and Voice Empowerment Program (WAVE).

VfC start off the new year with IWDA as a main partner followed by DreiKonigAktion (DKA), an Austrian Organisation and Oxfam International in PNG.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Lilly Be'Soer**



**Farewell for two VfC staff**

On the 30th of March 2017, VfC farewell two of its staff Ms Kiungui BeSoer and Ms Marie Freka who will return to continue their studies at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG).

VfC acknowledged their contribution and commitment to the organisation and wished them well in their studies.

Both were engaged in different programs and have enjoyed working with the organisation and departing with a lot of experiences gained.



Ms Kiungui and Ms Marie, seated from left, with their colleague during the gathering

"When I dream alone, it is just a dream. When we dream together, its the beginning of reality, when we work together following our dreams, it is the creation of heaven". adopt-ed Brazilian Proverb

**Financial Literacy Rollout Training**

On the 6th to 17th of March 2017, VfC conducted Financial Literacy Rollout trainings in 14 communities from Jiwaka. It focused on Budgeting and Savings from their daily income. Each trainers conducted two trainings in their respective communities.



VfC trainer Mr Junior Samson conducting the training in his community

**Solar Agent training in Lae**

On the 8th - 10th March 2017, Gideon Bare from VfC attended a Solar Agent training in Lae.

It was to learn:

- How to use the solar kit
- The buying process of these kits
- Using the MiCash accounts with MiBank.

These solar kits comprises of:

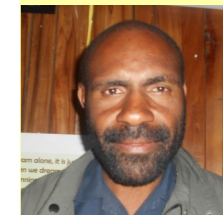
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| 1. A Solar Panel                | 4. A torch |
| 2. Device                       | 5. A radio |
| 3. Three Light bulbs and cables |            |

VfC will be selling these kits targeting rural communities from Jiwaka.



Mr Gideon (seated front) from VfC with other MiBank Agents attending the Solar training in Lae

MESSAGE FROM EDITOR'S DESK



"The value of both Men and Women are EQUAL-  
LY important".

VfC warmly welcomes readers to this first quarter edition for 2017 to learn and share its work within its communities in Jiwaka.

VfC sincerely thank those who have contributed to this Issue.

Hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter.

**Gideon Bare**



**ACRONYMS**

**ACIAR** - Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

**DKA** - DreiKonigAktion

**EVAW** - Ending Violence Against Women

**FSVAC** - Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee

**FSVU** - Family and Sexual Violence Unit

**GBV** - Gender Based Violence

**HR** - Human Rights

**WAVE** - Women's Action for Voice and Empowerment

**JWHRD** - Jiwaka Women Human Rights Defenders

**WHRD** - Women Human Right Defender

**TOT** - Training of Trainers

**SASA** - Start Awareness Support Action

**UHR** - Universal Human Rights

**VAW** - Violence Against Women

### Extension Workers Base Line Survey

On the 1st of March 2017, VfC and Oxfam conducted a Baseline Survey and to update new farmers through their contact in their respective communities and a follow up on the progress of these extension workers who attended the second training under the Harvest Program.



Ms Sina Joe from VfC conducting the survey with the Extension Workers

### Oxfam team visit

Ms Lynn Ibu, Acting Harvest Program Manager from Oxfam Goroka accompanied by her team visited VfC on the 26th to 27th of January 2017.

The team conducted a Baseline Survey with VfC extension workers and contact farmers for the purpose of Monitoring and Evaluation on the progress of the project.



Mr E'a Toby from Oxfam conducting the survey

### JWHRDs Debrief

On the 15th - 16th of March 2017, VfC conducted a first quarter Debrief for Jiwaka Women Human Rights Defenders (JWHRD). Some of the topics covered were:

1. Universal Human Rights (UHR) using pidgin version
  2. Social Mapping
  3. Views of the efforts of the JWHRDs
- They further discussed UHR using Pidgin language.



A group discussion session for JWHRDs

### ACIAR Project Graduation

Graduation Ceremony for Community Leaders and Village Community Educators under the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) Project on the 31st of March 2017.

A total of 30 participants graduated with Certificates of Attendants for successfully completing of the one year project Modules.



The Community Leaders and VCEs during the graduation

### Training on Peace Building and Social Mapping

Two weeks Peace Building and Social Mapping training was conducted by VfC on the 20th to 31st of March 2017.

A total of 24 participants comprised of Manda tribe of South Waghi and a CBO from Western Highlands Province, received the training with the theme: **Positive Parenting**; creating PEACE for children leading to PEACE for family.

Through the training they mapped out issues deterrents to peace, justice and



Participants receiving Certificates after successful completion of the training

security in families and homes. The training concluded with participants making commitments to:

- Change people's attitudes and behaviours
- Promote PEACE

### Financial Literacy TOT Training

On the 20th - 24th February 2017, the Bank of Papua New Guinea

(BPNG) conducted a one week Financial Literacy "Training of Trainers (TOT)" Training for 14 selected communities from Jiwaka.



Mr Sebastine from BPNG conducting the training with VfC Network partners

The training focused on Savings and Budgeting. At the end of the training participants were issued with Certificates of Participation as trainers.

### Gender Based Violence & Human Rights Training in Kundiawa

The Evangelical Lutheran Church PNG engage VfC to conduct a GBV/HR training in Kundiawa from the 20th to 24th of February 2017.

A total of 33 male Senior Pastors received the training.

The training was well received by the church members.



Mr Pokil from VfC conducting the training



Ms Doreen from UNRE speaking to VCEs during the training

### ACIAR Project Final Training

A one year ACIAR Project final training was conducted by Papua New Guinea University of Natural Resources and Environment (UNRE) with VfC VCEs and Leaders on the 6th to 10th of February 2017.

The training was on:

- Sustainable Livelihoods and Decision Making
- Basic Record & Book Keeping

**Partners Workshop & Conference in New York, USA**

Ms Lilly BeSoer from VfC attended the 61st Status of Commission of Women Workshop and Conference in New York with IWDA WAVE Partners on the 10th to 19th of March 2017.

The events explored major obstacle for women's involvement in politics from limited economic empowerment. It focused on how increasing women involvement in leadership spaces that can support improved access and control over resources.

VfC presented on how economic empowerment are connected to prevention of violence to women leadership.

It also had the opportunity to speak on the organisation's work and how it is supporting the Jiwaka Government in facilitating the development of the Jiwaka Provincial GBV Strategy plan.



Ms Lilly, left, with partners in New York

**SASA training in Port Moresby**

Ms Lilly BeSoer from VfC attended a training on Start Awareness Support Action (SASA) training in Port Moresby on the 27th of February to 1st of March 2017.

It was an ongoing training on:

- Violence against women and girls
- HIV and AIDS
- Community Education and prevention approaches



Ms Lilly speaking to a participant during the training

**Highlands Regional Women's Forum in Goroka**

VfC was invited to be a panel speaker at the Highlands Regional Forum in Goroka On the 6th to 9th of February 2017.

It focused on sharing of Challenges and Success encountered by women at all levels of developments.

The participants were women leaders representing businesses, organisations and government entities.



The forum panellists

**Workshop in Kokopo**

On the 22nd to 27th of January 2017, a team from VfC attended a Partners Workshop in Kokopo, East New Britain.

The workshop focused on connecting, sharing of experiences and working together for the cause of Ending Violence Against Women.

It was also part of monitoring and evaluation of partners organisation work.



The VfC team at the Workshop in Kokopo  
From left to right: Ms Brenda, Ms Sina, Ms Lilly and Mr Mark

**GBV Response and Prevention Program**

**GBV Prevention**

VfC focuses on trainings, advocacy and coordination of awareness through its Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) network.

**GBV Response**

The program has a staff of 6 and a network of 30 Women Human Right Defenders in the Province.

The main focus of the Response Unit is to help survivors with the following services;

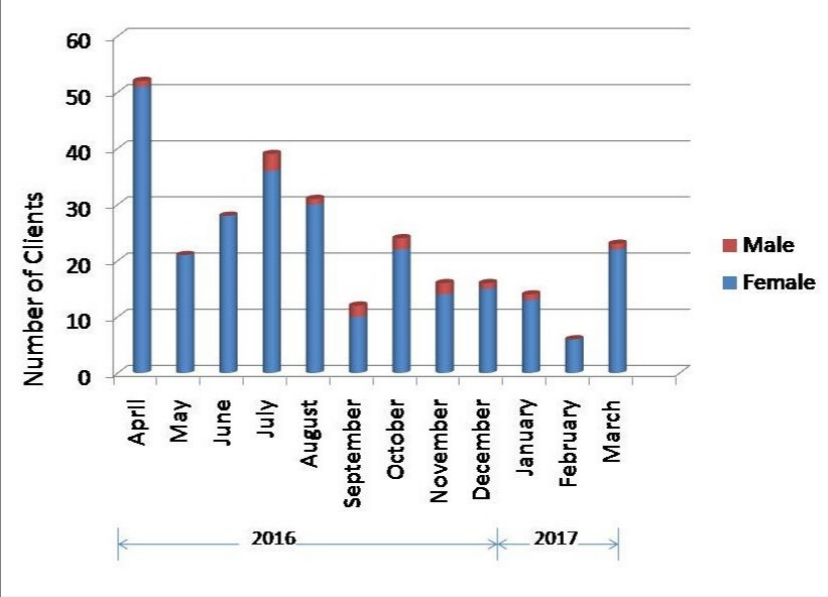
- Counselling.
- Referrals and escorting women to hospital, village



Response & Prevention desk team conducted awareness with Police and Village Court Officials in rural communities of South Waghi

courts and police stations.

- Paralegal Support.
- Rehabilitation and Support for reintegration.
- Repatriation



In 2016, VfC has helped setup Family Sexual & Violence Desk at Minj Police Station and is directly working with the Response Desk.

**GBV Response Desk received 282 clients during 12 months (April 2016 - March 2017) who were survivors of both physical and sexual violence who sought various support from VfC. They were:**

- ♦ 269 women
- ♦ 13 Men

**Note that within these total number of clients, there is a large number of children and dependents who are directly affected.**

The column graph above shows the number of survivors visiting VfC per month and its total for the period of April 2016 to March 2017.

**RESPONSE TEAM**

The team comprise of:

- Program Coordinator
- Support Staff
- Counsellors

**Back right:** Sophie Kilipi - Program Coordinator, Cathy Wamil - Counsellor, Wendy Kosi - Counsellor  
**Front left:** Grace Kupil - Counsellor, Regina Imange - Counsellor

