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- Highlands Catholic Women leaders convened for a one night meeting at Voice for Change Resources Centre on the 19th of May, 2016.
- VfC facilitated a Market Project Planning meeting between Project Leader Ms Elizabeth Cox and representatives from Women and the Provincial Government in Jiwaka on 23rd May 2016.
- On the 2nd of March 2016, the US Embassy organised a forum in Port Moresby on violence related to sorcery and how it is affecting women and girls in the highlands. The Director for VfC, Ms Lilly BeSoer, was on the panel at that forum.



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



Voice for Change and its Partners from the Asia Pacific at the Inception



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Welcome to Voice's for Change (VfC) second quarter newsletter for 2016.

It is a pleasure to update our people of Jiwaka on our their associated activities.

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ing a five year Partnership with tional Women's Development (WDA) as of 2016.

g three of its staff attending the c Inception Workshop for 2 Melbourne, Australia

g with consultants from who are exploring vegetables markets in Jiwaka.

al of our partnership with ernational PNG for four years.

g of VfC new Resource Centre

6. The partnership of VfC with the Baptist Union, the Agriculture Department of the University of Technology, the University of Canberra and the six communities in the ACIAR project and its progress.

7. The DKA, an Austrian Organization has extended its support for livelihood programs from July to December 2016

I wish to acknowledge the contributions from the Jiwaka Women Human Rights Defenders, the stakeholders and the VfC staff towards creating a Safer Home for our women and children in Jiwaka.

Enjoy Reading and God Bless!

Lilly BeSoer

The new VfC resource centre is opened for business.

The Resources Centre caters for trainings, workshop, meetings and women - centred activities.

It is located in the vicinity of the VfC Office.



The Editor wis contributed to newsletter.

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Readers' view are welcomed

Hope you hav newsletter.

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ACRONYMS

- ACIAR - Austr Agriculture
- EVAW - Endin
- FSVAC - Fam Action
- FSVU - Family
- GBV - Gender
- HR - Human R
- NARI - Nation Institut
- PNGUoT - PN
- WAVE - Wome Empow
- WHRD - Wome

VfC Vision/Mission Statement

Vision

A society free of all forms of Violence against women and girls.

Mission

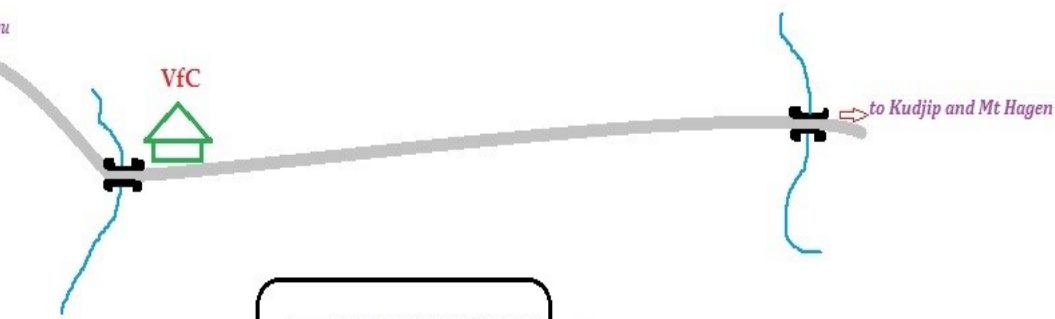
Voice for Change is promoting Equal participation of women and men through all aspects of development - socially, politically, economically and spiritually.

Our Values

We strive for equal participation at all levels and of development for transparency and accountability. We want communities to take ownership of its own development.

Who We Are

Voice for Change comprises of individuals who are committed to serving the organization through various capacities with community institutions involved in developments to collectively addressing



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community, Kudjip in
South Waghi and married
with 3 children. Her elder
daughter is married.

Anna joined VfC in 2015 as
an Extension Worker with
the village-based farmer to
farmer extension program
where skilled women farmers share their
experiences and knowledge in farming with
other members of the community. This program
is funded by the Oxfam International PNG
through VfC. The program builds the capacities
of the Extension Workers covering on all aspects
of vegetable production and marketing.

Anna as an extension worker is providing
support to approximately 30 farmers in
vegetable growing and marketing.

She has a vegetable farm of chinese cabbages,
beans, spring onions, cucumbers and carrots
which she sells at Kudjip market. She also has a
piggery.

She further attended trainings on gender,
cooking, fish and pig farming.

She is an active member of the Kugar Women
Farmers Group and has been instrumental in
building the Community Training Centre.

Her role as an Extension Worker has benefited
herself, her family and her community.



Date: 27th June to 1st of July 2016.

No of Beneficiaries: 32 people

Recipients: Jima (Kondika Tribe)

Funded by: IWDA

Topics covered were: gender &
gender roles, discrimination and
stereotypes, gender base violence
and the Laws.

Through the trainings they
identified five deterrents to creating
Safer Homes for women and

- Date: 26-29th May
1. Overloading women with work
 2. Women denied of economic benefits
 3. Polygamy
 4. Harassment & intimidation of women
 5. Wife beating

The training prompted the recipients
the need to change and they
proceeded with an action plan. They
also made commitments to change
their attitudes and behaviours to
promote gender equality in families.

ACIAR Project Training



Professor Barbara Pamphilon from University of Canberra making a point.

Date: 26-29th May

No of Beneficiaries: 36

A team from University of
Canberra, Baptist Union of PNG,
National Agriculture Research
Institute and VfC conducted the
second training for Village
Community Educators on setting
family and farming goals.

The leaders and community
educators are waiting for the third
training in August 2016.

ACIAR Project Rollout Trainings by VCE

On the 9th and 10th June 2016, the
Village Community Educators (VCE)
conducted two days ACIAR rollout
training in six communities and are
Jima, Nol and Kugar from Minj, Banz
Catholic Women Group and
Bunumwoo, both from Banz in North

family and farming goals. They also
discussed and looked at the family
strengths, challenges and the ways
forward in doing farming as
business within families.



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Right; Village courts and WHRDs Debrief



the leaders in group
05/16 to 27/05/16



Jiwaka Women Human Rights Defenders - 20/05/16



Banz 2 community
community - 10/06/16



Village Courts and WHRDs listening to Lilly (VfC) - 20/05/16



VfC has four programs:

1. GBV Response and Prevention
2. Women Leadership
3. Women's Economical Empowerment (WEEP)
4. Women's Peace and Security.

The WEEP Program has four sub components.

- Skills Training
- Extension Program
- Savings Club
- Linkage & Sharing of information

The program aims to empower rural women economically to improve their lives, their status and the ability to overcome financial burdens within their families .

The focus of the training is on family team building through financial literacy, improve savings, banking skills and agricultural planning techniques and implementation.

The WEEP program has two (2) staff who are working with the Extension Workers, VCE and WHRD to implement the activities of the program.

There are 8 Extension Workers currently under



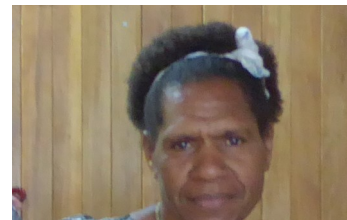
A farmer, attached with ACIAR

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WEEP TEAM



"Our focus is to empower rural communities to be economically independent and self-reliant", Sina.

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Mr Jim Umin, South Waghi Peace Mediation Chairman speaking during the meeting

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 April to discuss further and
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their mandated duties and responsibilities.
 VfC pledge to collaborate with South Waghi
 Peace team in ways possible to enable an
 effective working environment in the Province.

ers to attend Gender training in Fiji

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 The training was hosted
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how other colleagues in similar fields are
 addressing gender issues in their workplaces.



Ms Sina Joe from VfC presenting the airlines tickets to Inspector Horim and Henry (obscured) witnessed by police personnel from Minj Police.

g and Women Human Rights Defender's Meeting

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 age Court situational reports
 n Human from their court areas
 from and the communities.



Three officers, Jacob Weiser and Philip from DreiKonigsAktion (DKA) Austria accompanied by Waibo Bosia, a support program officer based in Madang visited VfC on 22nd and 23rd April 2016.

The visit was to monitor the progress of

trainings.
 They visited the farm sites and talked to the beneficiaries.
 The recipients applauded DKA and VfC for the changes they are bringing to them.

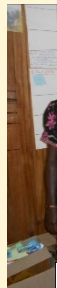


No Harm Research by the Australian National University with IWDA and VfC

A research team from Australian National University in collaboration with IWDA carried out a 'No Harm' research from the 4th to 18th April 2016.

The research was led by Professor Richard Eves and his team. The study

was to collect information through interviews with men and women who benefitted from VfC Women Economic Empowerment Program. The study also collected information about their experiences with cash economy, how people obtain money and how money



Research Team Visit Farms

From the 30th - 31st of May 2016, a team of researchers from the PNG University of Technology and NARI visited and conducted site trainings in collaboration with the six communities who are beneficiaries of

the ACIAR project. The research team had the opportunity to learn the different ways people farm their land.



Jessie from NARI visiting

IWDA Program Manager visit

IWDA PNG Program Manager to PNG, Ms Elena Leddra was at VfC to:

1. Launch the pilot Urgent Action Fund
2. To train Women Human

in times of casualties. The recipients of this training were Kafe Urban Settlers Women's Association (KUSWA) and Kup Women for Peace (KWP) and VfC.





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drug plants and warned the communities against
 involving in these illegal activities.

The community leaders responded positively by making
 commitments to change.



A team from VfC attended a WAVE Inception
 Workshop in Melbourne, Australia from
 31st May – 8th June 2016.

The workshop was organised by the
 International Women's Development Agency
 (IWDA) for its partners from Asia - Pacific.

It was an avenue to share and discuss with each
 other achievements and challenges.

The Inception Workshop was also to deepen the
 understanding of their place in the regional
 women's movement and their contributions
 towards the regional women's movement.



VfC team at the Inception

The participants were from 10
 from the region including VfC
 PNG engaged under the WAVE

Market Planning workshop in Melbourne

On the 13th — 15th of June 2016, the
 VfC team attended a Market
 Planning Project workshop in Melbourne,
 Australia.

The workshop was to explore ways in
 which a Women led Market can be



established in Jiwaka and VfC was
 key partner in this initiative.

Oxfam and VfC Partnership Workshops

Oxfam International in PNG has renewed its
 partnership with VfC for another 4 years. The
 partnership is to empower rural women with
 farming skills .

The engagement following this partnership saw two
 officers from VfC attended a workshop in Goroka
 facilitated by Oxfam in PNG

