

Briefs

• A field visit to communities checking on the implementation of the training that were given. The training on Compost and kaukau mountain.



A day training on fish in pond and local feed making conducted by Mathew Ten one of the extension worker for VfC in Eka Community



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



Ending Gender Based Violence and Human Rights Training

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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK



Welcome to Voice for Change's (VfC) second quarter edition of its newsletter for 2018.

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

Two highlights are:

1. VfC has secured a new office space in Banz, North Waghi District and has 3 staff stationed there, 1 project officer and 2

counsellors.

2. VfC facilitated 'Ending Gender Based Violence and Human Rights' training to 4 communities.

Enjoy Reading and God Bless!

Lilly Be'Soer .



Recruitment of new staff

In May this year 2018, two new staff were taken on board. Ms Angela Mong supports the production of the newsletter and Mr. Rex Joseph provides general support to the organisation.



Miss Angela Mong (left) and Mr Rex Joseph

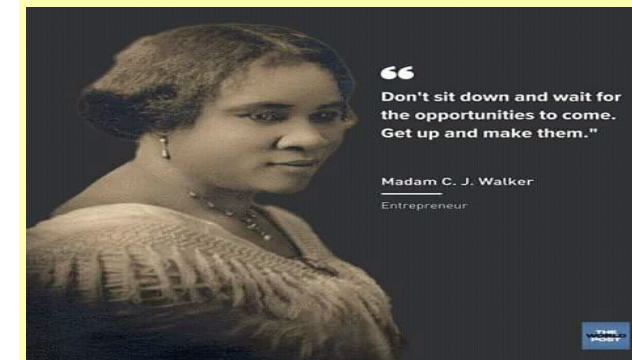
Capacity Building on Livelihood Skills -DKA Projects

Under the Women's Economic Empowerment Program (WEPP), a total of 60 people from Eka community in Anglimb community participated in four trainings including: Pig farm management, fish and duck production, and local feed making. The trainings were well received by the recipients and among the training were the community leaders and VfC staff.



Group photo after the Pig Raising training at Eka .

MESSAGE FROM EDITOR'S DESK



The Editor wish to thank those who have contributed towards the publication of this second Issue 2018.

Hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter.

Angela Mong

A Visit from the President of the Pacific Area Associated Country Women of the World Country Women of the World

The team visited VfC on the 28th of June to learn about its work. They acknowledged the role of VfC is creating a safer home for women and girls in Jiwaka Province.



Lilly introduce VfC to the visitors while others look on.

Vision

A society free from 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, political-ly, economically and spiritually.

Our Values

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

Who We Are

Voice For Change (VfC) comprise of individuals who are committed to serving the organisation through various capacities with community institution involved in developments in Jiwaka to collectively addressing the issues of violence against women and girls in Jiwaka Province.

ACRONYMS



- 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*
- WEPP - Women Economic Empowerment Program*
- WHRD - Women Human Right Defender*
- VAW - Violence Against Women*
- VCE - Village Community Educators*

VfC Change Counsellors Reflection

A reflection hosted for the community based counsellors on the 26th of April 2018, at the VfC Resource Centre. The meeting was scheduled to give space for counselors to come together and share their data and experiences and to receive updates in preparation for group counselling sessions.

Family Team training reflection

On the 13th of June 2018 VfC conducted Family Team trainings final reflection under the ACIAR project. The project ended in May this year 2018.

A total of 33 participants attended the reflection meeting to share their life changing stories from the training. Some of them presented their written success stories while others chose to verbally present their stories.



Group photo taken after the reflection meeting

Peace Building training reflection

In this quarter VfC conducted four reflections with participants on Peace Building and Social Mapping training under the Women Human Rights Defenders desk. This activity was funded by IWDA.

A total of 65 participants comprising of 21 females and 44 males received the peace building and social mapping training. Participants presented their success stories and their personal commitments that they made after the training. The participants were from Eka, Manda, Warakar and Malbanga.

Mentorship Training

On the 28th of May to 1st of June 2018, VfC facilitated a Mentorship training for 31 potential women leaders to become Mentors for the Young girls in Jiwaka who are currently under the pilot Young Women Leadership and Mentoring program. On the last day of training 16 young girls were paired with mentors. The training was delivered by Ms Barbara Tanne, former Executive Director for Bougainville Women Federation with support from IWDA under its WAVE Program. WAVE is funded by the government of the Netherlands.



The young girls and their mentors taking a group photo after training

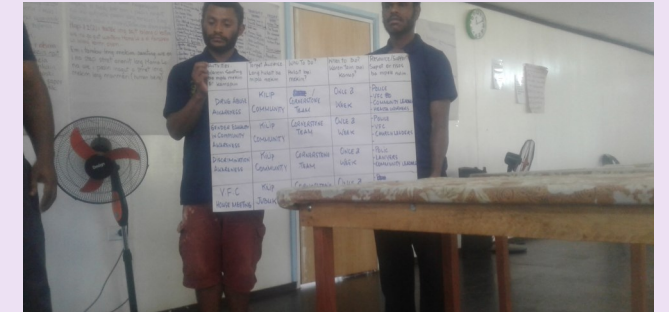
Gender Base Violence and Human Rights training

Over the month of June trainings on Ending Gender Base Violence and Human Rights were facilitated by VfC and delivered by Ms Lucy Berak:

- 4th - 8th of June 2018 for Eka Community
- 11th - 15th of June 2018 for Kinska Community
- 18th - 22nd of June 2018 for Manda Community
- 25th - 29th of June 2018 for Kilip Community.

A total of 95 participants including 45 women and 50 men received the training across the four communities. The participants expressed their understanding, appreciation and developed an action plan, making personal

commitments to change their behaviours and attitudes and promote gender equality and uphold human rights. It was supported by DKA and IWDA under the WAVE program.



Two participants from Kilip Community presenting their action plans

Active Citizen Training

On the 21st to 25th of May 2018, a week long training on Active Citizenship was facilitated by Ms Lilly BeSoer and Ms Sina Joe.

A total of 26 participants including 9 men and 17 women received the training. The training was to empower people to engage peacefully and effectively with others in the sustainable development of the communities



Ms Lilly BeSoer speaking to the participants

Police Officers Training in Fiji

In May 2018, two police officers, Constable Issac Tep Kauli and Constable Nasmi Sota from the Family and Sexual Violence Unit at Minj Police Station attended a month long regional training in Fiji on Ending Violence Against Women.

The trip was sponsored by Vfc and funded by IWDA under its WAVE program through the Netherlands Government.



Constable Issac Tep Kauli & Constable Nasmi Sota standing with one of the participants in Fiji

Oxfam Partner's Learning Tour to Philippines

On the 30th of April to 12th of May 2018, two of the Vfc staff were part of a Learning Tour in the Philippines, sponsored by Oxfam in PNG. Ms Lilly BeSoer and Ms Sina Joe were part of the trip.

The tour was to learn how Oxfam partners are working with the farmers in other countries.

The highlight of this tour—a lesson learnt was the Filipino's are hardworking people and they are into organic farming.



Ms Sina Joe, middle, with the other Oxfam partners at one of the sites

Start Your Own Business Training in Goroka

A team from Vfc attended a training on 'Start Your Own Business' (SYOB) in Goroka from 25th of June to 6th of July 2018 organised by Oxfam for all of their livelihood partners.

The training focused on the life-cycle of business, from creating a concept, developing a business plan to starting a business with attention to the sustainability of a business or organisation.



Team Vfc with their certificates after the training.

Women's Economic Empowerment Program

Vfc Women's Economic Empowerment Program (WEEP) empowers women to improve their livelihoods.

Vfc, through WEEP has been engaged with the following partners:

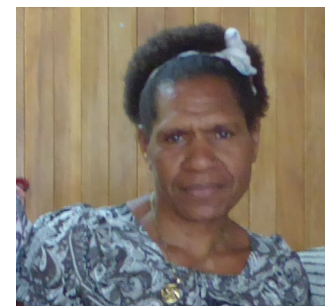
- Oxfam International
- DreiKonigAktion (DKA), an Austrian Donor
- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

These partners supported with livelihood skills trainings, covering:

- Vegetable Production
- Soil Compost
- Livestock Raising (Pig, Chicken, Fish, Duck and Honey Bee)
- Cooking and Nutrition
- Sewing
- Goal-setting for families
- Financial Literacy

Members of the WEEP team are below.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM TEAM



Ms Sina Joe
Program Coordinator



Ms Haitha Alex
Project Support Staff Under DKA



Ms Marylou Bernard
Support Staff Under Oxfam International



Mr Gideon Bare
Vfc MiBank Agent Officer Under Oxfam International



Group Photos of Capacity Building for Livelihoods training (pg:2)

There are networks of community based extension workers who support other fellow farmers / community members with livelihood skills training. This program has benefited numerous communities across Jiwaka with new knowledge and skills which has greatly improved farmers ability to sustain an income.