

Briefs

- WEEP team from Vfc visited EBC Sunday School Teachers at Kugark to inform them on Livelihood trainings on the 4th of August 2017.
- A fundraising meeting for Vfc staff and interested women from Jiwaka to attend ACWW conference in Melbourne 2019.
- Vfc conducted a day Network training on WiFi sharing and connection on internet for its staff on the 9th of August 2017



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



Vfc extending its Network into Kurumul communities with more trainings

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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK



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

Enjoy Reading and God Bless!

Lilly Be'Soer

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



Capacity Building on Livelihood Skills

In this quarter under the Women Economic Empowerment Program (WEEM), 91 participants (61 females and 30 males) benefited from the following trainings; Piggery, Cooking & Nutrition, Kaukau (Sweet potato) and Soil Compost trainings.



Nukmar and Milang communities with their Certificates

The communities benefited were from Nukmar and Milang of Kurumul and EBC Sunday School Teachers from Minj, South Waghi. Among the participants were community leaders and church

bearers. VfC is continuing to provide integrated trainings to rural communities to improve their livelihoods.

Training on Family Teams and Family Goals

For this quarter under the ACIAR Project, five trainings on Family Teams and Family Goals were conducted by VfC for 174 participants (108 female and 66 male).

The beneficiaries were from Banz 1 & 2 and Bung 1 & 2 communities from North Waghi, and Nukmar and Milang communities from South Waghi. Among the participants were District Administrator, village councilors, teachers and office bearers.



The trainers conducting training for Bung 1 community

IWDA PNG Program Manager's Visit

Ms Elena Leddra, PNG Program Manager, from IWDA made a Monitoring and Evaluation visit at VfC from the 18th to 22nd of September 2017.

Her visit was to:

- ◆ Review of 2017 Activities for the last 9 months and the remaining months
- ◆ Make planning & budget for 2018
- ◆ Follow up on Jiwaka Women's Forum progress
- ◆ Develop TOR and plans for safe house pilot
- ◆ Prepare WAVE project baseline for VfC
- ◆ Get the report on the progress of Young Women's Program



Ms Elena (left), Clara and Brenda (standing) from VfC

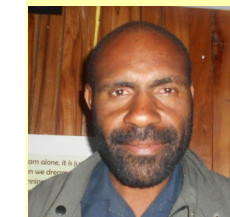
Baptist Union Team Visit

A team from Baptist Union PNG made a visit to VfC and interviewed all the VCEs and Leaders from six communities engaged under the ACIAR Project from the 21st to 24th of August 2017.

It was to assess the communities situation before and after the training. How the communities are responding, reacting and behaving to the VCEs and leaders under their leadership.

They also made visits to the communities to witness the present situation and their living standard in homes

MESSAGE FROM EDITOR'S DESK



"Educate a man, you educate a man. Educate a women, you educate a GENERATION" First lady Michelle Obama.

The Editor wish to thank those who have contributed towards the publication of this third Issue 2017.

Hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter.

Gideon Bare



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

WEEM - Women Economic Empowerment Program

WHRD - Women Human Right Defender

VAW - Violence Against Women

VCE - Village Community Educators



Lalleen Simeon (left) from Baptist Union interviewing Michael Kumie from Jima community

Training on Basic Peace Building

Eka Community from Anglimp South Waghi District received a Basic Peace Building Training conducted by VfC on the 4th to 8th of September 2017.

A total of 32 participants consisting of 6 women and 26 men received the one week training on Peace Building and Conflicts in homes.

At the end of the training, participants planned their ways to reduce and eradicate the social issues that exist within their families and the community.



The participants gathering for graduation

First Jiwaka Women's Forum Second Meeting

A second meeting on First Jiwaka Women's Forum was facilitated by VfC on the 29th of September 2017.

The meeting was to identify Women Leaders representing different LLGs from Jiwaka who will be participating at the forum. It was also to update on the progress and preparation of the forum.



The women participants at the meeting

GBV Response Debrief

A Debrief was conducted by VfC GBV Response Desk on the 13th of September 2017.

The Debrief was to:

- Provide Quarterly Report from Counsellors
- Give out Activity Plan for group counselling

New supplies were also distributed to each



Ms Sophie (VfC) speaking during the meeting

counsellors for their work.

Jiwaka Women Human Rights Defender's Reflection Workshop

On the 13th of September 2017, VfC conducted a Reflection workshop for Jiwaka Women Human Rights Defenders from Jiwaka.

It was a quarterly event in which the women human right defenders from across Jiwaka come together to reflect on its network updates and

progress.

This quarter workshop was on identifying factors that are considered as obstacles in upholding women human rights role.

The participants discussed the types of factors and suggested ways on how to overcome them.



JWHRDs at the workshop

Training on Gender Based Violence and Human Rights

A one week training on Gender Based Violence and Human Rights was conducted by VfC for Eka Community of Anglimp South Waghi District on the 14th to 18th of August 2017.

A total of 22 participants including a woman and 21 men received the training. The topics discussed were; gender & gender roles, discrimination and stereotypes, gender base violence and the Laws.

The participants expressed their understanding and appreciation and developed an action plan and made commitments to change their attitudes and behaviours to promote equality and stop violence



The participants with their Certificates during the graduation

against women and girls.

At the end of the training participants received Certificates of Attainment.

Leadership Training for Young Women and Girls

A Second Module Training for Young Women and Girls under the Young Women Leadership and Empowerment Program was facilitated by VfC and conducted by Bougainville Women's Federation on the 28th of August to 1st of September 2017.

Nineteen young women from across Jiwaka received the training on Leadership and the importance of good governance

They also learnt how to identify the type of leadership styles displayed in their communities.



A participant receiving the Certificate from Ms Clara while Ms Lilly (Left), Sr Colly and the trainer looks on

Paralegal Training

From the 25th to 29th of September 2017, a Paralegal Training was facilitated by VfC for its network partners from 3 LLG of Jiwaka.

The one week training was grouped into sessions for the various trainers from:

- Minj District Court
- A Paralegal
- Ombudsman Commission
- Minj Health Centre
- Minj Police Station



Mr Bill Kapen, Highlands Regional Manager - Ombudsman Commission, speaking to the participants

A total of 40 participants received the training on the Basic Human Rights Law and the Referral Pathways for survivors.

Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop

On the 20th to 21st of September 2017 Ms Elena Leddra, PNG Program Manager, from IWDA conducted a two days Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop for VfC staff.

The staff learnt the importance of M&E and its process. They also broaden their knowledge on report writing skills applicable to their work of the organisation.



Ms Elena speaking to the participants

Oxfam Reflection Workshop in Lae

Ms Sina Joe and Ms Marylou Bernard from VfC attended a Reflection Workshop in Lae for Oxfam partners from the 14th to 18th of August 2017.

The issues discussed were:

- Success and challenges faced by farmers
- Disability Inclusion
- Child Protection
- Media
- Farmers Market
- Gender Based Violence



Ms Sina making a presentation during the workshop

VfC team presented the organisation's work under its Women's Economic Empowerment Program

Lilly to Fiji

On the 31st of July to 4th of August 2017, Ms Lilly BeSoer attended a Workshop in Fiji on Election Assessment and Issues for Papua New Guinea and around Pacific.

Young Women Leadership Program

Young Women's Leadership and Empowerment Program (YWLEP) is one of the VfC newly introduced program.

It is a 2 year pilot project that has commenced at the beginning of this year 2017 and will end in 2018. The project is funded by International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) under its Women's Action for Voice and Empowerment (WAVE) Program, supported by the Government of the Netherlands.

The program is to empower young women to become leaders to advocate, educate, raise awareness, influence change and lead by example to promote equality and women's rights.

Specifically, the program outcomes are that:

- ♦ Young women feel empowered and confident to take action, influence and lead by example
- ♦ Young women feel supported, respected and motivated to exercise their leadership value

So far, under the program, there are some of the activities that have been undertaken and are:

1. Identifying and Recruiting of Young Women and Girls throughout Jiwaka
2. Registration of the Young Women and Girls into the program
3. Conducted first Gender Based Violence/Human Rights (GBV/HR) training



First GBV/HR Training from the 15th to 19th May 2017

4. Conducted second training on Leadership

There is one more training yet to be conducted for this year and a few more activities next year.

VfC is working in collaboration with churches and community based organisations to set up a network of young women.

Through this program, VfC hopes to engage leaders and influential matured women at all levels to mentor and nurtured the young women.

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TEAM



Ms Clara Opur - Program Coordinator



The first registered Young Women and Girls from Jiwaka