

**Briefs**

- On the 18th of September 2018 Vfc Extension workers Roselyn and Amanda conducted a compost training for a primary school
- Oxfam team visited Vfc for second quarter report on the 11th of October 2018. Brenda and Sina submitted the second quarter report with receipt to Kelly and Vincent
- A team from the University of Technology visited Vfc on the 14th of December 2018 to see the roles Vfc plays in Jiwaka and how it works.



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



VFC Young Women leading the  
2018-16 Days of  
Activism

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**MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK**



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

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.

Enjoy Reading and God Bless!

**Lilly BeSoer**



**South Whagi Peace Team attending workshop in Port Moresby**

Voice for Change supported 5 prominent leaders from Jiwaka including Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Chief Inspector Horim Piamia and the provincial peace Chairman Mr Henry Kolts to Port Moresby to attend a weeks workshop on Sorcery on the 29th October to 2nd November 2018.

It is to share their stories on how they are addressing the issues and learn what others are dealing with sorcery related issues.



South Waghi Peace Team taking a group photo with MS. Brenda Samson (left) after receiving their airline ticket from VfC.

**MESSAGE FROM EDITOR'S DESK**



I believe in the following statement made the Former UN Secretary -General .

**“There is no tool for development effective than the empowerment of women” .By Kofi Annan**

Therefore ,Lets unite and work hand in hand to empower our women an girls and promote Peace and unity in Jiwaka, Papua New Guinea and the world .Make our home a better place to live peacefully.

The Editor wish to thank those who have contributed towards the publication of this Fourth Issue 2018 Hope you enjoying reading this newsletter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

**Angela Mong**



**ACRONYM**

- CEDAW - Convention on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women.*
- DKA- DreiKonigAktion*
- FOCS - Feminist Organisation Capacity Strengthening*
- EVAW - Ending Violence Against Women*
- FSVAC - Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee*
- FSVU - Family and Sexual Violence Unit*
- GBV - Gender Based Violence*
- GBVAW-Gender Base Violence Against Women*
- HR - Human Rights*
- IWDA-International Women's Development Agency*
- PPC-Provincial Police Commander*

- PSC-Police Station Commander*
- SIYB - Start & Improve Your Business*
- TOT- Trainer Of Trainings*
- WAVE - Women's Action for Voice and Empowerment*
- WEEP - Women Economic Empowerment Program*
- WHRD - Women Human Right Defender*
- VAW - Violence Against Women*
- VCE - Village Community Educators*
- VFC-Voice For Change*
- YWLEP-Young Women Leaders Empowerment Program*

## Voice For Changes New Strategic Plan

### Vision

Peace and Gender Equality For All

### Purpose/Mission

VFC is a Provincial Women's Organisation based in Jiwaka , PNG ) working to End All Forms of Violence.

The Organisation is Building a Society that

Promotes Women's Human Rights and Equal Participation

### Principles

- Equality
- Women's Rights
- Accountability
- Transparency

### Values

- ◆ Commitment
- ◆ Fairness
- ◆ Trust
- ◆ Partnership

## North Waghi Women Leaders Meeting

On the 27th of November 2018, Lilly and Brenda from Voice For Change met with the North Waghi Women Leaders at Maria Queen Banz as part of the 16 days of Activism. There were about ? Number of women leaders attended the meeting.

The meeting was to discuss on the issues on:

- Temporary Special Measures (TSM)
- Polygamy
- Lack of Women Leadership
- Rise of Sorcery cases in Jiwaka

During the meeting the women leaders were really concern and they raised their hands to fight for what is right. Most of them thanked voice for change for taking the incentives to organise such meetings where they can come together to talk on the issues affecting women.



North Waghi Women Leaders at the meeting.

## Mid Term Review in Kokopo

IWDA-WAVE programs partners Mid-Term review was held in Kokopo on the 2nd to 4th of October 2018 at the Bungalow Resort. The workshop was to assess the work of IWDA Partners benefiting from the WAVE (Women's Action for Voice and Empowerment) program. Three partners including VFC was involved in the Mid-term review. A total of 12 participants (10 female and 2male) participated.

It was facilitated by IWDA and conducted by consultant engaged by IWDA for its WAVE partners.

At the end of the mid term review participants were excited and they explore the WAVE journey. This give them an opportunity to see, feel and understand the partners journey.



Team Voice For Change at the Mid term review in Kokopo

## ACIAR Final Conference

Final Conference for ACIAR was held at the NARI conference hall in Lae , Morobe Province on the 21st to 22nd of November 2018 with Professors Barbra Pamphilon and Katja Mikhailovish.

A total of 39 participants ( 19 male and 20female ) from all ACIAR partners including VFC were at the conference. Team VFC was made up of 2 male and 2 female who are the project implementers in VFC under the ACIAR Project.

The purpose of the conference was to

- \* Invite partner agencies in partnership with ACIAR to meet
- \* Partners to present their feedback
- \* Impacts of Family Team training project across Papua New Guinea

The ACIAR project in VFC ended earlier this year.



## Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights Training

On the 9th to 12th of October 2018 VfC facilitated a weeks workshop on Sexual Rights on Health and Reproductive System and was conducted by Ms. Naomi Woyangue, Executive Director for YWCA Papua New Guinea. A total of 18 young women participants in the workshop.

The training was on

- Health and well being
- Human body and Development
- Sexual Reproductive Health
- Sex, Sexuality and Sexual Rights

The participants were able to know their sexual rights clearly after the workshop.



Young girls taking group photo after the workshop with their facilitator Naomi (front from left) Lilly (first from second row)

## Young Women Team to Buka

Voice For Change support four Young Women to Buka to attend a weeks Forum For Young women in Buka on the 19 to 26th of October 2018. This is the third team of Young women from VfC to Buka. The trip was funded by International Womens Development Agency (IWDA) under the Women Action for Voice and Empowerment (WAVE) program through the Young Women Leadership Empowerment Program (YWLEP).

The trip was for Young Women to learn new skills, experiences and gain some knowledge on what other young women



Young women team taking group photo with Lilly before departing for Buka via Port Moresby.

are doing. Its a pleasure to meet and make new friends.

## Project Management Training at Eka Community

For this Quarter under the Women Economic Empowerment program (WEEP) VfC rolled out a two days Project Management Training at Eka community on the 16 to 17 of October 2018. It was conducted by Gideon and Rex.

A total of 34 participants (18 female and 16 male most youths were students). The total participants were most who have received other livelihoods trainings and are practically implementing their skills and knowledge.



Participants at the group discussion during the training.

## Mass Graduation at Eka Community

Voice For Change work with Eka community in Anglimp South Waghi District for a year and conducted a total of 8 livelihoods skills trainings plus Gender Human Rights and Peace Building training under the Women's Economic Empowerment Program (WEEP) through the funding from DreiKonigAktion (DKA) an Australian Donor. Mass graduation was held in the community on the 16th of November 2018 and total of 118 (54 females and 64 males) Participants including their Community Counsellor and Magistrate graduated.

The DKA project help support the community to learn the skills of raising village poultry and piggery, improvement in livestock production & consumption, increase knowledge in growing & management practices, decrease poverty, give them space to share skills/ knowledge and experiences within themselves, increase self reliant and give opportunity to earn income and increase savings.



Group Photo taken after the graduation with their certificate

The community Councillor thanked VfC and DKA for the wonderful opportunity given to his community and he said that he saw many changes through the trainings. The very important thing is put all the trainings into practise.



## IWDA Partnership Annual WHRDs Forum in Buka

Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation organised the Annual Bougainville Women Human Rights Defenders Forum on the 15th to 19th of October 2018 in partnership with International Women’s Development Agency (IWDA) Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs), Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), Pacific Women and PNG-Australia partnership. VFC Women Human Rights Defenders were also part of the team in the forum.

During the forum they talked and discussed on the topics on

- ◆ IWDA-GBV
- ◆ Peace Building
- ◆ Safety and Security at community level
- ◆ Climate Change

- ◆ Gender Equality
- ◆ Access SRHR
- ◆ International Day of Rural Women
- ◆ World Food Day
- ◆ Other International Days

Partners learned a lot of new ideas from each other, meet new friends and enjoyed their stay at the forum.



Team Vfc in Buka, Bougainville

## North Waghi Committee Setup

Ms Sopie Kilipi and Ms Georglyn Marmar hosted a meeting at the VFC GBV office at Banz on the 9th of November 2018. A total of 22 participants made up of 15 female and 7 male including special participants from Anglicare and I.O.M at the meeting.

The meeting was to set up a committee in North Waghi District to work together with our new office in Banz to support and strengthen the referral pathways for survivors to access the needed services. The committees made up of all the locals around the North Waghi area.

After the meeting the committee and everyone



Team VFC with the new committees taking a group photo after the meeting

around that area were really excited to work together with VFCs and willing to support. They said that it’s a privilege to have a branch of your office in our area.

## YOUNG WOMEN LEADERSHIP EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

### 2018-16 Days of Activism

2018 Sixteen Days of Activism was lead by Young Women Leaders who are under the Young Women Leadership Program in VfC and Women leaders under the WAVE project. Total of 16 young women take lead to carry out the 16 Days of Activism with the help and support from VfC, Mentors, Youths, Jiwaka Police and the surrounding community. The activism was done through Awareness campaign on the 30th of November to 5th of December 2018 in selected locations of Minj, Kudjip, Kindeng, Nondgul, Kunzmun, Banz town, KNK village and Kinabulga in Western Highlands Province. A total of 54 young women, youths and volunteers participated reaching 6967 people were reached (2083 male, 3268 female and 1616 children).

Activism is taking action to affect social change, which can occur in many ways. Most often it entails action to change the world - socially, politically, economically - or by addressing human rights and/or environmental issues. Activism can be led by individuals, but is mostly done through social movements.

Voice for change has selected the following four themes with the main theme for 2018. Orange the World # Hear me Too # Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

The theme has further broken down into; Orange the World ,Orange my Province ,Orange my Country# Ending Violence Against Women and girls # Hear Me Too # Harim Mi Too # NaPil # Na Pile # Na Pil Wah

Given the increasing issues, most of the activism message were around:

1. Polygamy
2. Drug and Alcohol
3. Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)
4. Girls Rights

During the Awareness the young girls themselves took up the opportunity to address the issues affecting our women and girls. They spoke and gave speech in public with confident. Some young women with the youths take part in making dramas based on the four themes above. Some perform creative dancers while some summarise everything and gave the final remarks and others help and support each other.

As annual event, VfC is part of the global campaign team that celebrate and participate to commemorate those dates for fellow colleague that are and is facing all forms of violence within homes and communities.





2018-16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM IN PICTURES



#HearMeToo  
END VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN  
AND GIRLS

THEME: ORANGE THE WORLD, ORANGE MY PROVINCE, JIWAKA, ORANGE MY COUNTRY

Team Voice For Change made up of VFC staffs, young women's, Women Human Rights Defenders, Youths, volunteers and surrounding community carrying out the Awareness campaign in 8 different locations in Jiwaka and one in Western Highlands Province.



Australian Seasonal Workers Recruitment team visit

A team from the Australian seasonal workers recruitment team visited VFC on the 17th of October 2018.

the roles VFC plays in Jiwaka and how the organisation is helping the women.

The visit was to discuss on the

- ◆ Referral Pathways for women returning from the farm in Australia
- ◆ Safety for PNG women returning from Australia
- ◆ Empowering local women
- ◆ Exploring Opportunities

While at VFC, team leader Lilly BeSoer explained all

Advocacy Trip in Port Moresby

Voice for Change team made up of 4 female including Lilly Be'Soer director at Port Moresby on the 8th to 10th of October 2018 for and Advocacy.

of parliament  
3. To improve the conditions of the local markets for our women."

The visit was to meet the Community Development Officer, the Local Level Government, Constitution Law Reform Commission and the National Family Sexual Violent unit in Port Moresby to share about VFCs work and as well as learnt of their work. And also to see the Jiwaka Political Leaders to seek support and funding:

The number of people contacted were more than 40 individuals to get contacts and make appointments. Officers reached were PNG CIMC office, Constitutional Law Reform Commission and the PNGNRI.

1. In Implementing the Jiwaka Provincial GBV Action Plan
2. Advocate for our leaders to support the Temporary Special Measures if it gets to the floor

Pacific Women End of Review workshop Plan in Goroka

Ms Cathy Wamil from VFC under the EVAW/GBV desk attended the Pacific Women Reviewed Workshop plan in Goroka on the 7th November 2018.

At the workshop each participants have changes to share their organisations roles and they learn from each other.

Cathy share VFCs roles in Jiwaka and most of the participants were interested to hear from her.

It was an excited opportunity to meet and make new



Cathy (first left) with other participants at the workshop

friends, explore new places and also learn new skills and knowledge.



### VfC Organization Reflection in Goroka

Voice For Change facilitated its organisational Reflection on the 21st to 22nd of November 2018 at Bird of Paradise Hotel, Goroka. It was conducted by Soni Sallie Hitzetille from Hitzetille Associates Community Development Consultant. A total of 27 (20 female and 4 male plus 3 babies) VfC staffs from the three offices in Minj, Banz and Kukpa main office attended.

The reflection was to

- Reflect on what we have done
- Evaluate and see the achievements



Team VfC at the Reflection Workshop

- Discuss the challenges
- Review on the stakeholders Map
- Give feedback, move forward and plan for the new year

It was an enjoyable, excited and joyful reflection where everyone enjoyed their staying.

### Oxfam Harvest Partners Mid Term Review

On the 19th to 21st of October 2018 Oxfam team visited VfC for Harvest Partners Mid term review with the Women's Economic Empowerment Program team (WEEP) and the clients who receive live skills training from VfC under the HARVEST Program. The visit was to

- ◆ Assess the work against expected outcome for donor and partner
- ◆ Assess effectiveness of the work results
- ◆ Consult Oxfam VfC team on the number of

terms contacted.

The project has come to a half year of four years operations since it started in 2016. The review team met all the farmers from Jiwaka that benefitted from the project and interviewed them on how it has helped change their living.

### Start & Improve Your Business (SIYB) Training

Two weeks training on Start & Improve Your Business (SIYB) was conducted by VfC on the 29th October to 9th November 2018 funded under Oxfam International.

A total of 15 participants consisting of 10 females and 5 males of micro entrepreneurs from Jiwaka received this intensive training.

The training was to learn how to start and improve their business as micro Entrepreneurs.



Participants at the Graduation

After the training, participants were issued certificates

### Start and Improve Your Business TOT Training in Goroka

Oxfam International has facilitated a two weeks TOT workshop on Start & Improve Your Business Small (SIYB) for all its partners in Goroka on the 27th August to 7th September 2018. Gideon Bare and Rex Joseph have attended on behalf on Voice For Change.

Conducted by Small & Medium Enterprise Corporation (SMEC), the workshop was on:

- Skills to start up own business
- Keeping Business records
- How to do costings
- Write up of Marketing & Business Plan

The participants will conduct similar trainings to micro entrepreneurs back in their respective



VfC team Rex (first Right, seated) Gideon (fourth left standing) with other participants

communities.

At the end of the training, participants were awarded certificates of attainment.

### Food Security Training

A three days food security training was facilitated by Voice For Change on the 13th to 15th of November 2018 at Kilbang VfC resources centre. The training was conducted by local Trainer Mr Mathew Ten. There were 37 people comprising of 21 female and 16 male participated in the training.

The training was to empower men and women economically and help them learn different types of food crops that are continuity, preservative and long lasting for life sustainability over a period of time during the events of natural disasters. They learn how to:

- ⇒ Roast coffee
- ⇒ Make Cassava Flour
- ⇒ Make Kaukau Flour
- ⇒ Make Skin Tapiok Flour

⇒ Make Action etc.

All the participants were really interested during the training, they gave all positive feedbacks and requested for more training.



Participants taking a group photo with their Facilitator at the end of the training.



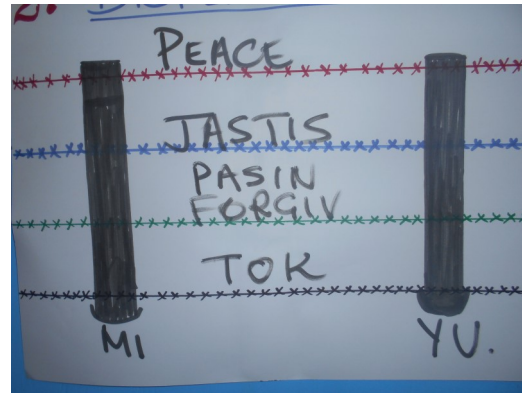
## Peace Building Training

For this quarter under the Women Human Rights Defenders desk, three peace building trainings have been facilitated by VfC and conducted by Mr. Paul Petrus. The participants were from South Waghi Peace Mediators, Manda and Kuli Boys. A total of 76 participants, 69 male and 6 female with a male disability.

The peace building training was on the four pillars of Peace Building

- Peace
- Justice
- Forgiveness
- Truth

All participants receive certificate of participation, made their personal commitment



The four pillars of Peace Building

and the action plan after the training. They made some positive feedback on the training and most of them wants to become a change person in their homes, village and community.



Manda (left) and Kuli Boys ( Right) taking group photos with Lilly ( left photo) Brenda (Right photo) after the Peace Building Training on the 15th to 18th October 2018 and 22nd to 26th October 2018.

## A rugby team Official visit

Junior Nori with two other boys visited Voice For Change on the 7th of November 2018 to thank VfC for doing a great job to train his rugby boys. His team of rugby boys playing under the Late Noris Cup attended a weeks training on Peace Building at VfC.

After the training most of the young man has become changed person. They no longer take drugs and alcohol and they are showing some good respectful manners in the rugby tournament. Therefor as the sponsor of the game he was pleased with VfC for all the great effort to change the mindset of young men and women of this nation. His visit was to appreciate and



Photo taken after the visitation. (From left to right) Brenda, Balla, John , Junior Nori and Lilly )

thank VfC for the contribution of support to groomed youths to be a better future individuals.

## Lilly in Goroka for a Days Meeting

Ms Lilly BeSoer attended a two day meeting in Goroka with all the networking partners of Highlands Women Human Rights Defenders on the 17th to 18th of October 2018.

The meeting was to familiarise Voice for Changes work with other teams and the operation of HWHRD. At the meeting, Ms Lilly was appointed the Chairlady of the network. It was a recognition and believing of confident of VfC capability and the organisation to manage such institution.