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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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## MISSION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



DMI mission in Papua New Guinea, since 2018 has been supporting marginalized women living in the settlement and villages in the National Capital District (NCD), Port Mores by forming their community institution – known as Self-help Group (SHG), saving a small amount, take and repay loan, meet regularly and enhance their capacities. During this year, 350 women SHG members were supported by DMI.

DMI organized Skill training with the support of the Government and other donors to help women gain employable skills. Many of the trained women have either been employed or have started their small businesses. DMI will continue to support members to increase their income and living standards.

I thank the DMI members, staff, and volunteers whose commitment and dedication have supported the realization of the mission and values of DMI Global mission in PNG. Special thanks to all donors and supporters of the PNG mission whose support assisted in implementing the programs and realizing a lasting impact on the lives of women and children.

Thanks to Fr. JE Arulraj, Founder, Sr. Lalitha, Superior General for their guidance and support in strengthening the mission.

May God Bless you all.

**Sr. Vijili Dali, DMI**

**DMI Global Mission Director**



## COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

With the blessings of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI), a catholic women's congregation established its mission in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea in 2018. DMI registered its non-profit organization as 'Help Humanity International PNG Association'. In 2023, DMI continued its collaboration with the Archdiocese of Port Moresby and with the Government of Port Moresby and conducted programs that:



- supported the empowerment of 350 women from 10 settlements by forming them into self-help groups (SHGs),
- organized vocational training to 182 young girls and women in four trades,
- supported 150 children members of 'Child parliament' to learn about Governance and improve their leadership qualities in 6 settlements and
- organized 3 child learning centers that assisted 95 children to acquire foundational concepts and learning methods.

The impact of the vocational training was that many women have started their small businesses and some have taken up employment leading to increased income and self-reliance. We plan to expand our Vocational training program in the next year.

I like to thank His Eminence Sir John Ribat, MSC, DD, KBE Archbishop of Port Moresby whose support and guidance helped DMI to continue its social mission in PNG. I like to thank the Government leaders – the Governor, and others who visited our programs and provided motivation and funding support to our Vocational training program.

My thanks to our Founder Fr. Arulraj JE, Sr. Laitha, Superior-general, Sr. Vijili Dali, Mission Director and members of the DMI global mission whose support and guidance helped us to plan and implement our programs. My special thanks to the DMI sisters – Sr. Lilly Pushpam, Sr. Justin and Sr. Emelda whose support, guidance and hard-work helped the country program to achieve high quality results. I thank our donor – Holy Child

Pontificium opus a Sancta Infantia, International Republican Institute, PNG NCD Government, Caritas Italiana and Peter Claver, whose financial contribution helped us to realize our mission.

I like to thank the Women leaders in our program areas whose dedication to learn and help other members continues to inspire us – DMI sisters to support them to increase their income and become self-reliant.

Thanks and regards,

*Sr. Catherine Devadass, CD*

## Introduction to the Country Program

DMI's programs was implemented in the settlements and villages in the South and North-East of NCD, PNG by four sisters, village volunteers and vocational trainers. The program supported women to save, take loan, start micro-business and increase their income, women and young girls to learn vocational skill (sewing, handicrafts, catering and Tie & dye) and children to learn from the Child parliament and child learning centers.

### Vision

A world where everyone, especially the poor, live with dignity and are empowered to guide their own development to prosperity.

### Mission

To enable underprivileged communities especially women, children, and youth, to become champions of change by providing them with the best opportunities for their education and development.

### Values

Accountability  
Justice  
Integrity  
Collaboration  
Dignity

## Geographical location



## Rationale for implementing following programs

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has a remarkable diversity of geographic and natural resources. PNG has a population of approximately 8.8 million. Over 2 million (27 percent) are poor and face hardship. Around 85% of Papua New Guineans reside in traditional rural localities, and the majority secure their livelihoods from subsistence gardens and small-scale cash cropping for their sustainability. Only 26.7% of its labour force are skilled.

Severe poverty, unemployment, semi-starvation, health issues, poor nutrition, and urbanization affect rural populations. Rural communities experience political fragmentation, social exclusion, and inequalities. The local government system is dominated by men and they always take decision in favour of men and women have no voice. Women face all forms of subjugation in the patriarchal community. The prevalence of culture of silence in male chauvinist society push women and particularly vulnerable women face huge challenges.

Gender-based and sorcery-related violence continued unabated, with women and girls the primary targets. There is also a severe lack of services for people requiring assistance after having suffered family violence, such as skill development, financial support, legal - aid, safe - house, and health services. In education, only 35% of children complete primary education due to low school enrolment levels, low teaching quality and poor availability of inclusive education. Early childhood care and education is not currently part of the PNG national education system and the availability of inclusive education options are very low in the country. Malnutrition is the underlying cause of half of all under-five deaths. Almost half of children aged 6 to 59 months are stunted and approximately 16% of children under five exhibit wasting.

Despite great traditions, violence against women and children and physical and sexual abuse of children are widely prevalent and a major threat to PNG's development. The child protection system in the country is characterized by a lack of accurate information on all aspects of childcare and protection and inadequate monitoring systems to track child protection issues.



## DMI Country Fact-sheet - (2023)

S. No	Description	Coverage in 2023	Coverage in 2022
<b>A</b>	<b>Women Empowerment Program</b>		
1	Number of settlement/villages having Women Empowerment program	10	4
2	Number of women SHGs	10	13
3	Number of members in the SHGs	350	256
4	Annual savings amount of SHG in USD (1 USD -3.70 Kina)	2297	1946
5	Number of women involved in individual business	25	18
6	Number of women trained in Handicrafts	45	0
7	Number of women trained in Catering	28	64
8	Number of women trained in Tailoring & Dress-making	37	80
9	Number of women trained in Tie & Dye	72	97
10	Number of women trained in Soap-making	0	117
<b>B</b>	<b>Children Education (CE) Program</b>		
1	Number of settlements/village having child parliament	6	6
2	Number of Child parliaments	6	8
3	Number of Children in child parliament	150	300
4	Number of settlement/villages having child learning centres	3	0
5	Number of child learning centres	3	0
6	Number of children attending learning centres	95	0
<b>C</b>	<b>Humanitarian and Relief Program</b>		
1	Number of families received clothes donation	1250	213
2	Number of families received food donation	100	0

## Program strategies

### Our program strategies are:

- Facilitate the formation of self-help groups that creates opportunities for marginalized women to form and manage their group, save, take loan, acquire a vocational skill, promote micro-businesses and increase their income and living standard
- Organize SHG members' children to attend child-learning centres to improve their foundational learning skills and participate in children parliament activities to build their leadership skills and Governance knowledge.
- Observe important events for promoting women and child rights

The above strategies helped DMI team to implement the programs for empowering the target women and children in the settlements in PNG.

## Program details

### WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Empowering women is essential to the health and social development of families, communities and countries. Papua New Guinea is a lower middle-income country with 8.8 million people, 49% of them women, according to a United Nations Population Division report. The Asian Development Bank in 2021 estimated that 37.5% of the people live below the poverty line, many of them in the rural areas. Rural women, children and people living with disabilities are the groups most vulnerable to poverty, insecurity, and violence. Gender-based violence remains a challenge for Papua New Guinea. At least 60 percent of the country's women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner at some point in their lives. This is double the global average. Progress towards gender equality has been slow, the number of women in key leadership and decision-making roles remains low as women face cultural and systemic obstacles to participating in political life.

#### **Form and Strengthen Self Help Groups (SHGs)**

We promoted and strengthened 15 women self-help groups (SHGs) for 550 women to achieve social harmony through improvement of their economic and social well-being for a dignified life. Women members learnt the concepts, improved their savings, leadership qualities, aware of their rights and become self-reliant. Group leaders organized 45 SHG meetings for women members in Muniogo, Talai, Gorabe, Vanama, Vanagi, Egthmile, Kogeva, and Erima and Murray Barracks settlements.

We provided training in various technical and income-generation activities for women and young girls and enhanced their knowledge and earning skills. Women members became a source of family



income and able to meet the family expenses. 207 women, young girls and mother trained in tailoring, catering, handicrafts, tie & die and booking.

#### **Activities:**

The following activities were carried out during the year:

- *Promoted three new Self Help Groups*
- *Conducted graduation for 200 mothers*
- *Emergency food support to 200 families, and provided clothes to 1250 families*
- *Training on bookkeeping of sixty group leaders*
- *Employment support was given to 25 members*
- *Observed important events such as Mother's Day, Cultural Day, Women's Day, Independence Day and Children's day*

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

According to the UNICEF report, Children have always held an important place in the culture and traditions of Papua New Guinea. They are the source of group strength, descent, identity, and other kin-related values. In Papua New Guinea, children make up almost half of the country's largely rural population. Despite great traditions, violence against women and children and physical and sexual abuse of children are widely prevalent and a major threat to PNG's development. With 37% of the population living below the international poverty threshold, (US \$1.25/day) in Papua New Guinea, 28% of children are moderately or severely malnourished, and 43% suffer a delay in growth. In education, only 35 percent of children complete primary education due to low school enrollment levels, low teaching quality, and poor availability of inclusive education.

### **Child learning centers for slow learners**

Children of the poor and the rural were mobilized by the DMI team in the tuition program. This program helped slow-learners to learn the foundational learning concepts and increase enrolment, retention, and quality of education. Through this activity, we have promoted socialization, participation, liberation, and equality among the children in our settlements. The DMI team supported over 125 children with educational materials through this program.

### **Promotion of Children's Parliament**

DMI team formed two children parliament groups with school-going children and strengthened its members through regular meetings and training in the settlements. The Children's Parliament groups adopted the local governance system for practicing roles and functions. Members learnt the governance structure, roles and started addressing issues of children. The members performed

entertainment and cultural awareness programs on child rights. Children parliament members monitored the children's performance in schools and community development activities.

**Child development activities:**

- *Follow-up of the enrolled children*
- *Promoted 3 child learning centers for 93 children*
- *Enrolled and supported 75 school going children with educational aids*
- *Distributed food and clothing to needy children for 200 families*
- *Supported children with educational supplies- uniforms, school bag, stationeries and school fees for the orphans*
- *Mainstreamed dropouts in the nearby schools as well as seven students enrolled in FODE Technical school*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

DMI with its women members and children parliament members celebrated the following important days namely International Women's Day, Independence Day, children's Day, Mother's Day, and Cultural Day to maintain and promote peace and security, the promotion of sustainable development, and the protection of human rights through humanitarian action in the settlements of Port Moresby.



# Program Results

## Women empowerment

- DMI team expanded its socio-development programs to another 2 settlements in 2023
- Women members saved the amount of 8,200 PGK in Mama Bank
- 125 women members were facilitated to progress towards Gender equality, adopt leadership qualities, participate in decision making in family, community and political life.
- 190 women, young girls and mother were awarded with the Vocational course completion certificates.
- 75 women initiated micro-business and have a regular income.
- 25 mothers and young girls employed in companies/industries with a decent income.
- Supported 100 families with food materials and 1250 families with clothing.
- Women members provided emergency support for 135 families affected by fire-hazard (Vanama)
- DMI team visited the prison and supported 200 prisoners with food and clothes

## Child development

- 285 children have access to a quality education
- 105 children have successfully completed their primary education
- 112 Children from the two children parliament groups developed leadership skills, confidence, team spirit, analytical skills and maturity.

## Special events

- Women members sensitized to progress gender equity in families and communities.
- Members of children parliaments learnt about child rights.
- Young mothers know the importance of motherhood to nourish their children with proper feeding practices.



# Program Photos

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



# CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



## SPECIAL EVENTS



## Success Story

**Story – 1** Ms. Lorna Kille is living with her bed-ridden mother and four children. She earned small amount from casual labour work and it was not sufficient to cover the basic needs of her family. She faced difficulties to run the life with 5 family members without any regular income. When the sisters visited her village to motivate women to join the sewing course, she enrolled for the course. She learnt to sew various dresses for children, young girls and women and within a short time became an expert tailor. Post training, she got a job in WeCARE Foundation as sewing trainer with a decent income. Now, she is very happy that she has job in a reputed NGO, and a regular income to cover her personal and family needs. She continues to save money in the SHG to meet the future needs of her children. She is proud of herself for having a stable job to look after her family. Community members respect her. She is grateful to DMI sisters for motivating her to join the sewing training that helped her to take up full-time salaried employment and take care of her family needs.



### **Story – 2 Thanks to DMI Team for transforming my earning abilities**



Ms. Ruth Tekokala Hulave, a 21 Years old girl express her gratitude to the DMI team for providing an opportunity to learn and enhance catering skills through short-term vocational training and have a job with a decent income to cover the needs of family members. She said that she struggled a lot without a job and income and now, she is a happy woman because she can contribute and run the family with an elevated lifestyle. Now, she is a role model for other women to come up in their lives.

## DMI PNG Financial Report - 2023

Details	Receipts (PNG Kina)	Payments (Kina)	Balances as of end December 31, 2023
Opening balance as of January 1, 2023	87,690	82,217	5,473
Total Receipts from DMI & Payments from that fund	25,089	5,000	20,089
Total Receipts from all donors and payments from that fund	175,545	Nil	175,545
Total Receipts from in-country donation/fee/sale and other minor incomes	14,640	14,640	Nil
<b>Total (Kina)</b>	<b>302,964</b>	<b>101,857</b>	<b>201,107</b>
<b>Total (USD) 3.70 Kina = 1 \$</b>	<b>81,882</b>	<b>27,528</b>	<b>54,354</b>

### CONCLUSION

DMI has been successful in serving marginalized women and children in PNG by the grace and mercy of God, our father. DMI acknowledges with gratitude the support of Government of PNG, the Diocese of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. We also submit our appreciation to our founder Fr. Dr. J. E Arul Raj the visionary one who translated the vision into action for the deprived and our Mission Director, Sr. Vijili Dali, Sr. Lalitha, Superior-General, Sr. Arockia Mary, Assistant Superior-General and all the supportive hands and prayers for the disadvantaged.

**We are thankful for all our donor organizations for their constant support.**



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## DMI PNG Annual Plan - 2024

### A. Staffing Plan

Category of staff/Numbers in each category	No. of Senior Leadership staff (CD/DCD/Senior Manager and others)	No. of Middle-level staff (Unit/office/program/Project Manager, Coordinator)	No. of Entry-level staff (Officer/Assistant and other support staff)
DMI members	2		2
Paid volunteers			3
Unpaid volunteers			15
Consultant	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>20</b>

### B. Program & Financial Plan

Program Area/Plan details	No. of Settlement /village	No. of direct participants	Annual Projected budget	Funds raised for this program	Balance funds to be raised for this program
Community-based skills program for women	13	500	100,000	0	100,000
Centre based skills program for women	15	300	100,000	100,000	0
Children Parliament and Tuition centers	7	200	30,000	24,000	6,000
<b>Total (Kina)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>106,000</b>
<b>Total (USD)@3.70</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>62,162</b>	<b>33,513</b>	<b>28,649</b>

### C. Capital Investment Plan

Category of Capital Investment	No. of Units to be purchased	Budget (Kina)	Amount of funds raised for this purchase (Kina)	Balance funds to be raised
Land Purchase	3 Hectares	1,000,000	500,000	500,000
Purchase of Four-wheel vehicle	15-seater Bus for skill trainees	75,000	75,000	0
Office equipment – Photo-copier/Binder and others)	Photo-copier	22,000	5,000	17,000

Laptops, desk-top and printers	2 laptops and 1 printer	45,000	13,000	32,000
Office Furniture and fixtures	50 Chairs	4500	0	4,500
<b>Total (Kina)</b>		<b>1,146,500</b>	<b>593,000</b>	<b>553,500</b>
<b>Total (USD) @ 3.70</b>		<b>309,864</b>	<b>160,270</b>	<b>149,594</b>

**D. Other relevant information you like to include in this Annual Country Plan: Humanitarian Service**

S.No	Categories of people	No. of Direct beneficiaries
1	Women Prisoners	56
2	Juvenile Home Children	75
3	Men Prisoners	100
4	Hospital Visit & Support	200





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