

Proposed Research collaboration *with*
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Presentation:

**Urban services for family and sexual violence in
Lae city**

Introduction

- Proposed research on family and sexual violence **(FSV)** with a focus on the policy question: ***What could be done better to allow families to seek help when dealing with violence and keep their children in school?***
- ***Objective:***
 - Presentation aimed at generating feedback from colleague researchers in this forum towards this research.

1. FSV Urban Services

- Provider - Femili PNG (NGO based in Lae):

Vision:

- *To provide effective client services and foster strong partnerships to address family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea.*

Mission:

- To work with clients, partners and communities to improve responses to family and sexual violence through case-management, partnership support, training, monitoring, research and advocacy.

- **Four Priority Areas:**

1. Case Management

2. Strengthening Partnerships and Expansion

3. ***Undertake operations through research for informed advocacy***

4. Governance, staffing and sustainability



FSV urban services and governance are not determined by political boundaries, rather on client location within the city.

2. FSV Urban Services

- *Arranging accommodation*
- *Providing food & basic necessities (where need is)*
- *Transport to accessing support services*
- *Legal remedies – follow up with police for arrest warrants & with courts for protection orders*
- *Assist women prepare police and court statements*
- *Relocation – with relatives or elsewhere*
- *Referrals to service providers – police, hospital, social services, etc.*

3. Issues

- **Issues relating to FSV services for Lae city clients include:**
 - **Accommodation for High-risk Cases (high profile people)**
 - **Financial support for accommodation outside of established safe houses**

4. Challenges

- Any support service(s) given is done with agreement from clients, otherwise none is given to avoid further violence.
- 2 safe houses for Lae city (1 for children/ mothers)
- Full or closed, or police engaged elsewhere when needed, etc.
- Handling of children in violent situations;
 - Rescued if confirmed they are at risk of being abused if not removed,
 - Children treated as adult clients,
 - Including those attending schools, inclusive of time limits at safe houses
(the focus of new research)

Conclusion

