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# Papua New Guinea

## April 2017 Newsletter

It's been a quarter of celebration and commemoration to kick start 2017. In March the PNG team celebrated International Women's Day with a bold and colourful gathering with the participants sharing their views on life for women in PNG. We also initiated an awards ceremony for our

implementing partners to commemorate the excellent work that they are doing.

Moving forward we have decided to slim line our newsletter to focus on the key highlights for each quarter, so we hope that you enjoy the high points from the past three months. With the Easter break ahead, the

management and staff of FHI 360 PNG wish you all a joyous and blessed time.

Warm wishes,



Daniel Tesfaye  
FHI 360 PNG  
Country Director



## Be Bold For Change

On March 8, 2017, the FHI 360 team pledged to “Be Bold For Change” for International Women’s Day. The day was celebrated with the women and a few of the men from the country office gathering together to share their views on how they valued themselves in society. This included discussions about how they felt and thought about forced marriage, a common practice in PNG, the challenges that some of them face as working mothers and others shared thoughts on what sacrifices a woman makes the moment she gets engaged to be married. In addition, they also talked about what they enjoy most whilst working with the organisation and how FHI 360 has empowered them both in and outside of the workplace. The celebration ended with the viewing of inspirational short documentary, Pawa Meri, featuring Susil Nelson, a leader of the new generation of PNG professional women. The film focusses on building a strong network for women and supporting educational opportunities for women and girls in PNG | [Bolalava Vaia](#)

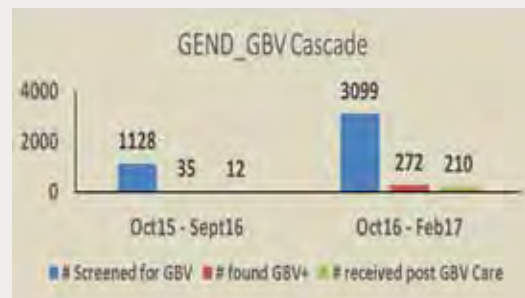
## Best Performance and Special Award

On 23 February 2017, the USAID funded Strengthening HIV/AIDS Services for Key Populations project acknowledged its implementing partners through the presentation of awards. The Salvation Army received Best Performing Implementing Partner for the quarter and a recognition award was presented to Mr Peter Male (far right), the laboratory technician at Koki Clinic in Port Moresby. Mr Male received the Special Recognition Award for his contribution to increasing access to laboratory services at Koki Clinic. | [Matilina Gendua](#)



## Significant Improvement for Gender Based Violence Targets

Increasing the use of facility and community-based gender and gender based violence (GBV) interventions is one of the core objectives under the USAID funded Strengthening HIV/AIDS services for Key Populations in PNG project. Trends from the last fiscal year compared to the first five months of 2017 for individuals receiving post GBV care shows an increase in numbers accessing post GBV care services. Specific activities that contributed to this improvement include the increased number of sensitisation trainings conducted for clinical staff, as well as surrounding communities, the introduction of data tools and continuous mentoring and coaching for clinical staff | [Emelyn Valaun and Bolalava Vaia](#)



## Margie Nobertus | Associate Director for Strengthening HIV/AIDS Services for Key Populations in PNG

“My role involves overall program management, developing and monitoring IA sub agreements, budgeting and human resource management. Learning on the job has been one of my main achievements; this has helped me to make critical and analytical decisions both personally and professionally. My family is so happy that I work for a renowned and dynamic organisation. They are proud of my successes and encourage me to perform to the best of my ability.”



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