

END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN



Facts and Figure...

While reliable national data is scarce, the limited available information that exists consistently indicate that violence against children is high. The following are figures from small scale studies.

- 75% of children experience physical violence.
- 80% of children experience verbal abuse.
- 85% of men who are fathers say they beat their children.
- 55% of children report experience sexual abuse.
- 39% of youth 13 - 24 year grow up witness violence between family members.
- 60% of children who come to House Ruth with their mothers are also been abused.
- 74% of survivors of violence coming FSC in Tari are children below 18 years.
- 49% of survivors of violence coming to FSC in Lae are children below 18 years.

Source: Multi-Media and Community Based Campaign Plan for EVAC



Commitment and determination brings succes...

Hone Sorewec (green T shirt) standing in front of one of his market stalls. He sells wholesale such as plastic shopping bags in wholesale price to other vendors who sell them to customers. Background, the boys Sowec engages to sell goods during the weekly market sitting at the market tables. Photo: Frieda Kana

A succes story...

It does happen in PNG!!

(Continued from July Issue - Youths in Oro get a second chance)

By Frieda Sila Kana

MISSIONARY Training College (MTC) which is a ministry of the Pacific Harvest Ministry based Popondetta gives an alternative to life to the youths in Oro Province, through its technical training programmes.

In our 4th issue of the Wantok Today, we started the wonderful story of an integrated educational institution that is giving a second chance to young people who have been rejected by the current education system through their rigorous selection process.

The Principal of the college, Pastor Henry Newton refers to this education system, the OBE as "an agent of the devil" aimed

at destroying the children and young generation.

Thus in this school the principal and the lecturers tried to instil self-esteem by using the Word of God as the assurance that all were created in the image of God. Therefore every child is born with the ability to conquer and overcome and create a decent life for him or herself.

Well, a story is not complete without the relating of the end result. One might ask, well, 'where are they now?'

We now want to feature three of the many successful young men and women who have benefited from this very essential half-way equipping.

Hone Sorewec is from Kabum District in Morobe Province. He completed grade 10 in 2007 and

was selected to continue to grade 11 but he had no school fees to continue because his subsistent farmer parents couldn't afford a high school tuition fees. In search for answers and opportunities he moved to Popondetta hoping to benefit some from the Oil Palm. He did find his answer and opportunities beyond his dreams.

In 2010 Hone enrolled at the MTC to do a business studies certificate for 6 months. After he graduated he started to market small store goods with a capitol of K300 to buy his smoke, lighter and cigarettes.

He made enough profit to buy some more goods such as dry cell batteries, flex cards, plastics for making ice blocks and for general market shopping and

other convenient items that were on demand at the Guba vegetable market. They buy in bulk from him.

He had four market tables which are manned by four young men who are his relatives that he brought from home. They also were school dropouts. He lets them to trade during the day and on a weekly basis he collects K250 each from them and whatever extra they make they are allowed to keep for themselves.

His strategy was that during the day he sells his products using four market tables at the market, but in the evening he puts out the same products inside his canteen.

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YOUTH SAY... Empowering youths in the 21st Century

with
Issac Liri



This month Wantok Today caught up with Rex, Ben and Eugene...



Name: Rex Kulu
Age: 28
Home Province: Central Province
Dream Job: Entrepreneur
Employment: Senior Advertising Sales Rep
My challenges as a youth today:

Changes bring forth challenges that we youths face today in our everyday lives. An example would be globalization. This concept has transformed us into a new technological era which leads to the different mindset of

youths today.

Values have changed rapidly from time to time, and today, most of us are slaves to money. This economic shift that is going on right in front of us has made us lose interest in our cultural values and heritage.

What youths must do to become better citizens:

Creative activities are good for young people because it will enhance the youthful spirit that young people have. These types of activities educate youths to think beyond their wildest dreams and achieve anything that the naked eye sees as impossible. Examples of such activities are sports, music and theater arts.

Church activities can mould youths to become better in the future. According to previous researchers regarding youths and leaders, young people who engage themselves into church activities become better and successful people.



Name: Ben Agesa
Age: 22
Home Province: Oro
Dream Job: Church Leaders
Current Employment: Security at Starvii Security Service

My challenges as a youth today:

As a young man, family problems have been a major challenge in my life.

There are times when I am rejected by some of my family members but I always pray to Heavenly Father for guidance.

There was a point in my youth life when I broke rules and did bad things in the community. Leaders in the community were often mad about my bad behavior. All these bad habits came about because of the peer pressure from others living in the same environment as me.

What youths must do to become better citizens:

Listening to elders is very important because it will help youths to make good decisions and become better parents and leaders.

Going to church is important for all youths because only through Jesus, young people will be able to see the light.



Name: Eugene Lillie
Age: 30
Home Province: Manus
Dream Job: Network Engineer
Current Employment: PC Technician

My challenges as a youth today:

Peer pressure is a major challenge to me personally because it leads me away from following the right path.

Poor Services and focus towards youth development

is a major from the government. This leads to youths engaging in various illegal activities which results in youths facing a wide range of challenges daily.

What youths must do to become better citizens:

Youths are the future of the country therefore they must be considered in every decision made by leaders.

Youths must be educated well and must learn to uphold good mortal standards in the community.

Respecting elders is a key tool for each and every youth in the country

Say NO to Drugs and Homebrew!



Identical's second album coming soon

By Isaac Liri

IT all started in 2007 after graduating from year 12 at the Port Moresby International School (POMIS).

Identical twin brothers Ray and Vincent Rema developed the passion for music since their childhood, and establishing a music studio was a dream come true for them.

Along with their studio, they released their first album in 2012 calling themselves Identical. The song Haluma in their debut album was regarded as the song of the year for 2012 in the Yumi FM Music Awards. This particular song has a sentimental flow which can really touch one's emotions.

Just by glancing at them from an outside point of view, anybody would say that 2012 was a successful year for Identical.

Other awards received by them during that year were;

1. Collaboration of the year
2. Newest Group of the year
3. People's choice

The brothers were inspired by artists like Twin Tribe, Hausboi and Straky in the early 2000's. Just by listening to these artists, they were motivated to come out of their shell, set up a studio, and enter the music industry.

Inspiration from artists was not



Sound Engineer Vincent Rema sitting in the studio.

the only basis of the setting of up their studio, Twinstar Musical Studio. They wanted to earn some income in the music industry, and recording artists was an alternative which seemed suitable for them.

Being in the music industry for about 7 years, Sound Engineer Vincent Rema mentioned that it is a major challenge to operate a minor studio.

"Running a studio business, one has to record and then sell the product to potential producers that are able to capitalize. If the album

cannot attract a larger fan base, then it is likely to become unsuccessful."

"Overall, the main problem today in the music industry is piracy," says Vincent.

Apart from the challenges faced in operating a studio, the twin brothers are still doing what they're good at, recording music and moving forward time after time.

Since the establishment of the studio up until now, Twinstar Musical Studio has recorded 43 albums all together, 30 groups and 13 solo

artists. Quite a number of groups are gospel groups.

According to Vincent, the successful albums that came out of the studio are Redzone Crew, Kasy Toby, X Vevili Junior, Velegolo, Meitha Gospel and Kings Gospel.

All groups and solo artists who record with TMS benefit from royalties which is arranged in a certain percentage and is divided amongst the producers that affiliate with the studio and the artists.

TMS was affiliated with CHM however, Vincent says that they

have a new agreement with Cover Note Productions and all the new albums they record will be sent to Cover Note for production and marketing.

According to Cover Note's sales percentage, 70 % will go to the artists and 30 % is the fee for production.

Currently TMS has no plan to expand their studio business but to leave it as it is and continue with recording artists and partnering with production companies.

Vincent also mentioned that they are thinking of recording live music rather using music software to do programming.

While looking for a new approach to proceed with their work in the music industry, Identical will release their second album before this year comes to an end.

In this new album the genre will be quite different from their debut album and they will also feature solo artists such as Jay Shorty, Nathan Nakikus, Cocomans Basement (CMB) and Trojan.

Exy Raramani is the album title of the second album and is sung in Aroma dialect. One song from this album has already made its debut on the YUMI FM charts, Eku Raramani.

The launching of this album will take place soon after they officially release the album.

A success story

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Hone opened a savings account with the PNG Microfinance Bank or commonly known as the "Bilum Bank" at Popondetta.

After two years of successful trading he had invested K35,000.00 in the PNG Microfinance Bank. Hone trades under the name "Ning Nep Trading."

He had been going to Lae and purchasing his store goods there and returning to Popondetta for some time but he saw a better business in transporting buai or betelnut from Popondetta, Oro Bay to Lae himself.

Seeing he already got a savings of K35,000 in the PNG Microfinance bank, he visited the PNG Microfinance "Bilum Bank" and requested for a loan to purchase a dinghy and a motor engine.

The bank generously loaned him K27,000.00 against his savings with a lifespan of 24 months to repay. He purchased a 23 foot banana boat and a 75 hp motor engine and started to transport bags of betelnut from Oro Bay to Lae, and on the trip back he brings back his store cargo from Lae.

He started to do this trade in 2012 and 2013 bit with the flourishing business of transporting betelnut and passengers, within 9 months he was able to repay his Microfinance loan.

Despite his success, Mr Sorewec does not forget his humble beginnings. He remembers his relatives who are also going through the same lifestyle of difficulties he went through. So he started on a strategy to engage his relatives to do his market and assist him with his transportation business. In return he sponsors them through training colleges.

So far he had successfully sponsored 2 students to attend Madang Teachers' College, 2 doing health worker training, one at Vudal University and is looking to sponsor more.

They have all graduated successfully and are working. He said he wanted to create employment opportunities for others in his family who also do not get a chance through formal selection. He wants to promote self-reliance and not to rely on their parents all the time.

His boat is usually moored at Sanenda on the coast and he has two boat operators minding the boat. In a month he makes 3 to 4 trips depending on customer demands. The boat fares are usually K200 per head and with only passengers he carries around 13 to 15 but when he takes betelnut and other cargo he usually won't carry passengers.

Hone has got big plans now to go into coffee buying business back home in Kabum and Sialum this year.



Desmond Embahe serving NASFUND clients at the Popondetta Branch office.



Harry Giok - a successful computer business salesman.

He also wants his family in that part to have business success.

Hone was inspired by the training he received from MTC, and would like to continue to do his diploma in business and he will do that because the MTC has already embarked on the diploma course this year.

Desmond Embahe, obtained a Certificate in Computer Studies and Modern Bookkeeping is now working for NASFUND, being in charge of Client's Service for Popondetta Branch.

He had the benefit of having previous working experience in administration with another institution, before taking up further training with MTC. After he completed 6 months training at the MTC, 5 months later he secured a job with NASFUND.

Desmond completed grade 10 at Popondetta Secondary School in 1994 but was not successful in getting a space in grade 11. He thought his chances of being successful will never come.

But he never gave up and kept on finding other ways to excel himself. Thus with a second chance from MTC he is now a successful career man with NASFUND.

Harry Giok, 35 years from Karkar Island in Madang Province is another person who did computer studies with the MTC and after that he didn't have difficulty finding a job.

Harry completed grade 12 at Passam National High School in 1997. He didn't get an offer to go to the university or another higher institution,

so he went back to the village on Karkar Island in Madang. Looking for opportunities, he made his way to Popondetta and got married to a local lady and now calls Popondetta as his new home.

He now has four children, the oldest being 12 years old and doing grade 3 in primary school.

Harry got a job as a security guard at Wingei, a local supermarket in Popondetta town when he met Henry Newton who introduced Missionary Training College to him.

He was so convinced that he resigned from his security officer job and used his finish pay to pay for his school fee. He completed 6 months of training at the MTC in 2012.

He straight away secured a job with the Advanced Computing Company doing graphic designing and administrative assistant for one and half years. After some-time working with the company, he saw that there is a need for computer service in Popondetta so he decided to go on his own.

"Learning how to use a computer from the MTC and the work experience I got from Advance Computing, I think I had learnt enough to do my own thing," Mr. Giok said.

He left the company and started a small company selling computers and peripherals. He registered his business under the name, Manong Computing Technology. He buys computer and accessories from Datec Ltd in Port Moresby and then resells in Popondetta with his own mark-up price. He also does computer servicing and maintenance.

He is also doing other multi-media services such as graphic designing and ID cards as well as designing posters.

He was renting the steamship property, sub-leasing from Earth and Spirit Products. Steamships took back their property from Earth and Spirit Products and since in Popondetta it is hard to find space to rent, Giok has been operating out of his home for a while now.

"There is good market potential but the only problem is office space," he said.

These are few examples of the MTC providing a vital service of educating and training young people to become valuable contributors to the market world.

These people, without training as such, would otherwise be hopeless in their communities because of the form of "caste system" created by the education system that classifies them as drop-outs.

"I have a dream to become one successful entrepreneur in Popondetta!" Mr. Giok said.

Final part from the May Wantok Today edition on risks posed by destructive plant and animal pests resulting from climate change.

Risks posed by climate change to commercial and food crops

...Containment efforts by NAQIA

By Veronica Hatutasi

CLIMATE change as a result of global warming is the single biggest contributing factor to problems affecting traditional plants and cash crops people in PNG have been dependent on for their livelihood for many years.

This has caused a population increase of insects and pests, and a change in the eating habits of these organisms, resulting in the destruction to banana, coconut and sago palm trees as well as cocoa and coffee trees and seedlings.

The movement of people, cargo, plants and animals both locally and internationally is another factor.

The National Quarantine & Inspection Authority (NAQIA), a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament for the administration and delivery of the biosecurity functions of the PNG government has a very important task which continues working towards the containment of the pest and plant disease risks in this country, through research, investigative surveys, monitoring and control mechanisms.

This final edition of the article will focus on plant diseases affecting coconuts, bananas and sago.

Coconut Madang case

The Bogia Coconut Syndrome (BCS) affecting coconuts in some parts of PNG continues to spread, posing a much greater concern for future containment efforts.

BCS is a disease caused by a pytoplasma known as Banana Wilt Associated Phytoplasma (BWAP), first reported killing bananas in Madang.

Evidence is that the problem came to the fore in the 1980's, where the organism was responsible for destroying a number of coconut plantations in the Bogia area of Madang Province in late 1980's. NAQIA was not aware of it until 2008.

It carried out research on this, sent samples overseas and confirmed the organism responsible for damaging the coconut trees.

According to NAQIA's Senior Entomologist's, David Tenakanai, in 2011, Bogia and Sumkar in Madang Province were declared as BCS disease areas where a NAQIA Plant Disease Control site was established to study the development and spread of the

disease in this area. And to also monitor and identify insect species that could be responsible for spreading BCS.

Mr Tenakanai says that since 2010, control measures by NAQIA have been in place at Tapo, Astrolobe Bay local level government area in the Rai Coast District, stopping all movement of plants from the Momase region into the Highlands and other parts of the country.

Banana suckers, buai and coconuts are checked at the Tapo containment checkpoint

Currently, NAQIA is working with partner agencies such as Ramu Agri Industries which is part of the New Britain Oil Palm Company on containment and sanitation issues.

Mr Tenakanai says that as part of the sanitation process, all affected trees are cut, but funds are needed to continue the work.

So far, since 2011, NAQIA has contributed over K500,000 on the containment exercise at the Tapo checkpoint.

According to a BCS Furan Plantation survey report conducted by Lastus Kuniata (RAIL), Titus Kakul (CCI) & Nelson Sar Sausau (NAQIA) in January this year, the BCS incidence has increased outside of its original site in the last 6 months killing more palms, yet relevant provincial government and other authorities are hardly implementing a sanitation program.

"The incidence of Bogia coconut syndrome (BCS) has continued to spread from the initial study site and now affecting palms near houses. A total of 113 palms or more than 70% of palms in the study area have now been killed.

"The BCS incidence has increased in the last six months, now with a total of 29 palms killed. BCS is now well established.

Central Province

In the Central Province, especially in the Kairuku Hiri area where coconut is a major food source as well as a much needed income generator for the rural populace, the rhinoceros beetle is attacking coconut and ornamental palms, thus affecting their very livelihood. This has resulted in a downturn of coconut products and sales mostly in the Hisiu and Mekeo areas.

The beetle eats out the

heart of the coconut causing the palm to die out, thus a loss of revenue and a threat to food security.

It has been 14 years since this problem was first noticed in 2000 in the Central province, and NAQIA is working with relevant partner agencies to control the virus responsible for the disease.

Research is ongoing with NAQIA to produce a PNG virus strain which will control the disease, and the prospect of this is positive.

Banana & sago

Other diseases being monitored on export and food plant crops by NAQIA include bananas, betelnuts and sago.

The banana disease has been identified as affecting the "kalapua" strand of bananas in Madang, the Sepiks, Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARoB), Milne Bay and Central Provinces.

Awareness and advice has been carried out to people in the affected provinces not to move banana suckers to other provinces and to cut out the trunks of the plants as control measures.

In regard to the sago disease which is mostly affecting (sago) palms in the ARoB, NAQIA has been conducting a research in the region and also, doing awareness in conjunction with agriculture authorities in the region.

Due to the climate change, the eating habits of the black weevil insect has changed, thus breeding at a faster rate from the trunk of the sago trees and eating into the heart of the plant and causing it to eventually die.

Because sago trees grow from seed in the ARoB unlike from suckers in the other provinces of PNG, many parts of the region (ARoB) are facing a major problem in building houses as the sago palm leaves constitute 95 % in the total construction of a house since the dawn of time.

The problem in the ARoB is that when the sago palm dies at a faster rate as a result of the black weevil insect attack, there is no replacement since there are no sago seeds for propagation.

Thus, the awareness by NAQIA to control the spread of the black weevil insect population to the people of the ARoB is to clean around the perimeters of the young sago trees, dispose, bury and burn any rubbish, accept and implement the messages given and, for people to change their attitude.

Struggle for water supply is now over

By Yakam Kelo

MORE than 3000 people of Wildlife Erima settlement in Port Moresby will be enjoying better water supply services before the year ends after the member for Moresby North East electorate, Labi Amaiu made a K200,000 payment to the water company Eda Ranu, last Sunday to upgrade and improve the water supply into the community.

Wildlife settlement was jammed with people and vehicles from the main road down to the meeting place to hear from their local MP on Sunday afternoon what he has to save them from their pain and struggle for adequate and reliable water supply services for more than eight years.

Wildlife Erima settlement will benefit from the K500,000 water supply project funding from the MP's electoral fund which he has already spent about K4 million from the K10 million district fund this year.

During the ground breaking ceremony last Sunday, Mr Amaiu told the packed crowd that he has already made payments to Eda Ranu to immediately start the upgrading work so that people can receive water supply right in the community than travelling long Gordons and Morata looking for water everyday.

"I know there are processes to follow but I hope Eda Ranu will get its acts together and start the upgrading work as soon as possible so that my people can get the water supply immediately," said Mr



Sign of no water through the line...

Amaiu.

Mr Amaiu who is a settlement resident himself and knows about the water problem people are faced with every day said he has given water a matter of priority by allocating almost half of his electoral funds to upgrade and improve water supply in the North East electorate this year.

He started with Oro ATS settlement where the water lines have been replaced and upgraded to allow for more water pressure and volume to reach a wider area of the community who has never received water supply before from the Oro community to the Samarai and Goroka communities.

He has also stepped in to address the water disconnection problem at the Morobe and the Makana block of 9 Mile settlement early this year by allocating K800,000 to Eda Ranu to upgrade the lines and improve water pressure into the two settlements. Part of the payment also went to settle their outstanding water bills that

have accumulated over the years prompting Eda Ranu to disconnect the water supply early this year. The issue has been settled and both communities are now enjoying adequate water supply today.

Last week he officially launched the 6 Mile Bodem community water supply project which they will now have proper water taps in the community instead of everyday queuing along the Magi Highway roadside to collect water from the open and broken lines.

In concluding, he appealed to the Wildlife Erima community to take full responsibility and ownership of the service by taking care of the water taps from vandalism and most importantly paying of water bills every month.

"You must pay the bills when the water committee comes around every month to collect the fees because the water supply belongs to Eda Ranu and they need the bills to pay its operations to keep the water supply running for our benefit".

Eda Ranu's General Manager for Business and Commercial Services, Paul Gore in his response said as soon as the technical team is identified and organised, they will get the work done as soon as possible.

However he began by commending Mr Amaiu for his close working relationship with Eda Ranu to address the water problem in his electorate and assured him of the organisation's continued support and cooperation in ensuring people receive better water supply services.

"We are happy to work closely with you and your colleague MPs Justin Tkatchenko of Moresby South and Michael Malabag of the Moresby North West electorates. Since the current Eda Ranu board took office 18 months ago, cooperation with you MPs has been so great that's why settlements are now getting improved water supply and upgraded water lines through their MPs support and funding."

Mr Gore reiterated that the people of Wildlife Erima learn to be responsible to take care of the water supply and ensure they pay their bills every month when the bills are issued to their water committee.

He said the people are lucky to have such a hard working leader who is putting his people's interest first and water is no exception as water is life and Mr Amaiu is rightly putting the money where people needed most.

He commended Mr Amaiu for his leadership and focus in leading and providing for his people in the

Moresby North East electorate.

Meanwhile, the youths in the community have been strongly asked by Mr Amaiu to stop all these business of wandering around aimlessly, taking drugs, drinking alcohol, prostituting and disturbing peace in the community.

He asked them to sit down and form community based youth groups and formally register with Investment Promotional Authority (IPA) and the National Youth Commission (NYC) so that he can assist them with seed capital to start up small cash economy and informal businesses in the community.

"I have allocated K100,000 to support this course so I also urged the women groups to do the same including the church groups so that you can obtain funds from this allocation to help your community activities," said Mr Amaiu.

The community leaders also spoke highly of Mr Amaiu for coming to their aid at this time when they are really struggling for water and gave their full support and undertaking to ensure the upgrading work starts and completes on time.

They assured Eda Ranu of their support in terms of security and safety and the commitment to pay the water bills in future when the water supply is fully supplied and accessed in the community.

They said Wildlife settlement is now a very peaceful place to live in and everyone can feel free to come in and do their work in bringing much needed services such as water and power supply to the community.

Containers lining up for water in the settlement waiting for pressure to build up.



Kids washing after school in open water pipes in the settlement quite unhygienic and health risk to them and others.

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