

Grow Healthy, Grow Strong

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Photo: Matupit Ward 1 and 3 Community Nutrition Advocacy Group meeting on the 17th of March



COMING NEXT MONTH

In April, we have a number of parent group discussions planned in the communities around Matupit and Raniolo. Our aim is to conduct as many of these as we can before the election activities get underway between April - July.

We will also finalise copies of the Health Worker Training Guide and the Community Worker Training Manuals in time for a Training of Trainers workshop planned for end of May. In the meantime, we will be requesting official endorsement from the CEO of the Provincial Health Authority of East New Britain who has kindly agreed to compose a forward to both these manuals. The manuals are a way to ensure project sustainability into the future.

GROW PROJECT LATEST NEWS

March has been an eventful month for our team in East New Britain. We were able to conduct numerous parent group discussions, as well as a health care worker training workshop on Family Planning, in collaboration with Marie Stopes PNG.

Despite some security issues that have disrupted our team's travel plans, Onawuta and Mary still managed to reach several groups in both Raniolo and Matupit. We also held our regular Community Nutrition Advocacy Group meetings with local stakeholders to keep them in the loop regarding progress and request their assistance in mobilising the local community. This is a key component of our engagement in this community element of our work, involving local governance in the decision-making process is essential for ensuring we are doing right by them and their people. Our project staff are the facilitators but the local level government are the drivers of our activities.

The health care worker training workshop was hosted at the Burnet Institute office but conducted by the staff from Marie Stopes PNG. We are thankful for their leadership in area and the participatory learning activities were enjoyed by all. Each participant reported taking away new learnings for their practice. Thank you Marie Stopes for your collaboration with the Grow project.

PHOTO ESSAY - FAMILY PLANNING TRAINING

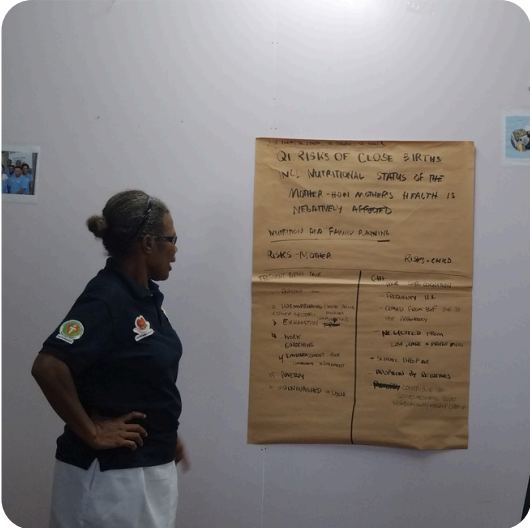


Photo left: Sister Tirupia presenting her small group activity finding



Photo right: Active discussion among participants

Photo below: Group photo of all the participants from the workshop



Photo left: group listening to Marie Stopes presenting



Photo right: Sister Elizabeth Noah and her group braingstorming