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DJAG rolls out training for GEDSI focal points supported by the European Union and United Nations Population Fund



DJAG GEDSI Focal Points who attended the MHPSS and PSEAH training facilitated by UNFPA. Pictured also is UNFPA's Country Rep, Ms. Saira Shameem (seated, 3rd from left) and DJAG Deputy Secretary Corporate Affairs Ms. Michelle Taumpson (seated, 3rd from right) at the closing.

MORE than 20 Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG) officers working as Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) Focal Points recently received certificates after completing a week-long training on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) in September. The training is part of efforts taken by DJAG to align the department with the PNG Government's National Public Service Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy.

The training was funded by the European Union under the Partnership for Good Governance (P4GG) project and facilitated by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). It was aimed at enhancing the capacity of the GEDSI Focal Points to respond to emergencies and crisis situations, build good communication skills, help them to manage stress levels, administer self-care, and be able to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse.

Under Secretary Kwa's leadership, DJAG is the first government agency to train its staff in these critical areas. The Secretary has also emphasized the importance of extending this training to branch heads and middle management, with plans to deliver it at the sub-national level, broadening its reach and impact across the country.



Topics covered during the training focused on Psychological First Aid (PFA), Basic Emotional Support, Stress management, Self-care, Establishment of a peer support system and the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH).

Police workshop focuses on improving procedures and operation

OVER 50 senior police personnel keen to improve approaches and standards within the Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) attended a week-long workshop on the Police Act Review and the Constabulary Standing Orders (CSO) last week in Port Moresby.

The workshop is part of efforts to consult officers about two important documents that govern the operation and administration of the police force. It aims to establish a clear and standardized framework of guidelines, procedures, and principles for the effective and lawful operation of RPNGC.

Some of the topics covered included a presentation on the use of force, family sexual violence, crowd management and sorcery accused related violence to name a few.

Former Police Commissioner Ila Geno, who facilitated during the workshop, encouraged the police officers to work together and to be guided and informed by the law when performing their duties.

Senior police personnel who attended the workshop were from the Southern Command, Border Command, Regional Training Officers, selected PPCs, ACP Northern Command and Commander Central Bougainville. There will also be similar workshops held in other regions.

The workshop's supported by the EU-PNG Partnership for Good Governance (P4GG) whose overall goal is to promote good governance and respect for the rule of law in the country by working with the Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) to develop a competent workforce and deliver professional police service.



P4GG Senior Adviser and former Police Commissioner Mr. Ila Geno presents during the training. Below: Police personnel at the training.



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