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MORE than 20 men from different organizations and provinces completed a weeklong workshop on Loloata Islands, looking at how they can work with other men end violence against women and children. The workshop was organized by the Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee with funding from UNFPA.

This was the first time they had brought together men to recognize the root causes of violence against women; to examine participants' own attitudes and beliefs and to resolve to end men's violence.

"This has been an eye-opener for us. In the homes, men are supposed to look after and protect women and children, but instead they are the ones who are committing violent crimes against them," said chief inspector Tony Duwong who is also the Officer-in-charge of the Police Discipline Unit at the Police Headquarters.

Peter William, Deputy town manager in Lorengau, said the training had been an eye-opener, and would ensure that what he had learned is disseminated right down to the rural

areas using the local level government network as well as the women's network in the province.

Topics covered at the training included domestic violence, cycle of abuse, myths, causes, effects, rape/sexual assault, child abuse, equality wheel, religion and culture.

The group is also expected to form a network and be part of the Pacific network of men advocates for women's human rights. Similar groups are already in operation in Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga and Cook Islands.



UPCOMING EVENTS

International Literacy Day—8th September

National Health Week—September

Violence against women by YWCA & FBOs—September



COMMON ADVOCACY CORNER

Each week a colleague from the UN family will talk to you on how the UN Country Team is contributing to Nation Building—**Dr. Grace Kariwiga**—Project Officer Health PMTCT

POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS - UN CARES: UN System common care program at the workplace

Post exposure prophylaxis for Human Immunodeficiency HIV also known as PEP is essentially a type of drug therapy or medicine that is designed to prevent the transmission of HIV after a potential exposure. PEP is available in the UN system as well as in the Goroka and Bougainville offices for all UN staff and their immediate families. It is also available in various public and private health services in Port Moresby and other provinces and the drugs are basically free within the public health system.

PEP is primarily intended for prevention of HIV in situations where there is a potential for high risk of transmission such as in the case of sexual assault (rape), accidental needle stick or other injuries while trying to help someone with HIV. PEP is known to reduce but there is no guarantee of elimination of HIV transmission. The drugs are the same as those used to treat HIV positive people. It is not a simple drug treatment and needs to be taken as soon as possible after the event within 72 hours and for 28 days (one month) under medical or health worker recommendation and guidance with initial and ongoing counseling and support for the survivor (especially in rape cases) and the family. In situations where medical help is not immediately accessible, some modification to the routine medical protocol may need to be adopted to deal with the immediate situation.

UN Agency PEP kit custodians are responsible for safe keeping of the PEK kits which also have medicines to prevent other STIs apart from HIV— pregnancy using emergency contraceptive pills also known as "morning after pill" and rapid HIV test strip and pregnancy test strip to check the status before taking the PEP drugs.

We are all encouraged as UN staff with our families to know our HIV status through voluntary counseling and testing to help ourselves and families to get timely treatment, care and support.

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