58% of women in Papua New Guinea have experienced some form of physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. This is among the highest gender-based violence prevalence rates in the world.

Only 3% sought help from health services, 3% from social workers and 10% from police.

Strengthening services for survivors of gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea

Programme Overview

September 2020 - December 2022

UNFPA Papua New Guinea, with support from Zonta International, is working to enhance the quality of services available to women experiencing violence, and the coordination between service providers.

The programme aims to ensure that survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) will have more effective support for their long-term recovery and improved opportunities to leave the cycle of violence.

Expected Outcomes

1. Health service providers have the necessary knowledge and capacity to deliver quality, essential health services to GBV survivors.

2. Relevant government authorities have the capacity to establish multi-sectoral GBV coordination mechanisms.

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