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DMJ expresses gratitude to God the almighty for the blessings on us to successfully carry out the socio-development programs in 2022.

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MISSION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

DMI's 'Loving God and Helping the Poor and the Needy' slogan has transformed over one million self-employed women across the countries and coalesced to form Federations at various levels to dismantle the economic and societal barriers that have placed women on the periphery of society.



Women in the informal economy face even more challenges than men due to lower wages, harder work, and familial and societal responsibilities.

Understanding the pathetic situation of women in PNG, DMI launched its mission for their empowerment in PNG. Initiated socio-development programs in 2018 in PNG by DMI have helped over 350 women to address poor household income by coming together and increasing their household income through capacity building and entrepreneurship training. They have transformed not only their own lives but the lives of other vulnerable women in the settlement areas.

DMI organizes its members to achieve twin goals of full employment and self-reliance: Full-employment is defined here as work security, income security, food security, and social security including healthcare, education for their children, and shelter with water and sanitation. Self-Reliance equips women to be economically autonomous and more empowered to make their own decisions. DMI organizes its children members from the settlement areas to enhance their access to education and improve their academic performance through children's parliament, after-school education, and life skills programs.

I am grateful to our donors who came out in support of the disadvantaged women and children and helped them stay afloat during this critical condition. I must make a special mention to our staff members who bravely stepped out to support and train the target population for their holistic development. They have distributed the needed food, cloth, ration, medicine, and hygiene items to vulnerable elderly, differently-abled, and their families during the emergency across PNG.

I am grateful to Founder, Superior General, and all Provincials for their motivation and encouragement to move with our mission for a global vision.

May God Bless You all!

Sr. Vijili Dali , Mission Director

COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes

- Marcel Proust

The year 2022 started with hope and ended with thought-provoking footprints for a strategic plan to address the biggest challenges to empower women and children in PNG.

DMI in PNG focused on two strategies in 2022....

1. Right to development for women
2. Right to Education for children

Right to development focuses on the future is feminism, equality, and women empowerment. We have trained over 350 women in tailoring, catering, and income generation and equipped them skilfully to find jobs and generate sustainable income. We have facilitated them to cultivate the practice of savings and lending through Saving and Lending groups- SLGs. They are now in a position to develop their skills, expand their business ideas and sustain family income.

Right to education focuses on empowering girl children, educating the girls, and letting girl dream of their bright future. We have formed and strengthened children's parliaments to safeguard child rights, understand government structures and functions for them to practice, and sensitize them on the importance of education.

Education is a fundamental right of all children. DMI has been committed to bringing quality education for the poor and marginalized children around Port Moresby settlement areas. DMI has been focusing on the educational program to get more girls on-board in our tuition programs; and to counsel school dropouts to continue their education with a positive mind-set. We Believe-Educate a girl, and she will change the world.

As the year came to a close, our hearts filled with joy, happiness, and peace for the achievements and with compassion and emotions to serve and empower more disadvantaged communities settled down in the circle of Port Moresby, PNG. The change is only possible with support from the Donor and DMI leaders such as Founder, Superior General, and Provincials, who have stood with us in the most challenging mission so far in the country.

I express my hearty gratitude to all of you from the bottom of my heart. May God Bless our journey and mission.

Sr. Catherine, DMI



INTRODUCTION

Daughters of Mary Immaculate is an international non-governmental, non-religious, non-political, humanitarian development Organization with its core focus on issues pertaining to women, children, and young people around the globe. Since 2018, DMI sisters have carried out the social development of the oppressed and marginalized people empowering the most vulnerable segments of society; women, youth, and children. DMI intervenes in the areas of Women Development, Education, Community Health; Livelihood, and Community Organization to break the cycle of poverty and make a self-sufficient and sustainable future for the people.

This annual Report-2022 brings forth the key programs implemented and achieved results that empowered the rural and the marginalized communities-women, young girls, and children in Sabama, Joyce Bay, Kogeva, Kaugere, Muniogo, Gorobe, Talai, and Erima settlements of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The target group has enhanced their knowledge, and skills and have access to their basic rights and dignified life in society.

VISION

A world where everyone, especially the poor, live with dignity and are empowered to guide their own development to prosperity.

MISSION

To enable underprivileged communities especially women, children, and youth, to become champions of change by providing them with the best opportunities for their education and development.

VALUES

Accountability, justice, Integrity, Collaboration & Dignity

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



RATIONALE FOR IMPLEMENTING FOLLOWING PROGRAM

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has a remarkable diversity of geographic and natural resources. PNG has a population of approximately 8.8 million. Over 2 million populations (27 percent) are poor and face hardship. Around 85% of Papua New Guineans reside in traditional rural localities, and the majority secure their livelihoods from subsistence gardens and small-scale cash cropping for their sustainability. Only 26.7% of its labour force are skilled.

Severe Poverty, unemployment, semi-starvation, health issues, poor nutrition, and urbanization affect rural Populations. Rural communities experience political fragmentation, social exclusion, and inequalities. The local government system is dominated by men and they always take decision in favour of men and women have no voice. Women face all forms of subjugation in the patriarchal Community. The prevalence of cultural of silence in male chauvinist society push women and particularly vulnerable women face huge challenges.

Gender-based and sorcery-related violence continued unabated, with women and girls the primary targets. There is also a severe lack of services for people requiring assistance after having suffered family violence, such as skill development, financial Support, legal aid, safe houses, and health services.

In education, only 35% of children complete primary education due to low school enrollment levels, low teaching quality and poor availability of inclusive education. Early childhood care and education is not currently part of the PNG national education system and the availability of inclusive education options are very low in the country. Malnutrition is the underlying cause of half of all under-five deaths. Almost half of children aged 6 to 59 months are stunted and approximately 16% of children under five exhibit wasting.

Despite great traditions, violence against women and children and physical and sexual abuse of children are widely prevalent and a major threat to PNG's development. The child protection system in the country is characterized by a lack of accurate information on all aspects of child care and protection and inadequate monitoring systems to track child protection issues.

KEY PROGRAM STRATEGIES

- Organizing the unorganized women through Self-help groups for a Dignified Life
- Promoting entrepreneurial skills for young girls and women through vocational education and entrepreneurship training
- Improving access and quality of education for children of unorganised families through children's parliaments and tuition

COUNTRY KEY RESULTS

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Form and Strengthen Women Self-help Groups (SHGs)

Gender equality and the empowerment of women are at the heart of DMI's programs and intrinsic to its development approach. DMI promotes SHGs and Federations for the unorganised women community to govern and safeguard their rights. The main objective is to empower women to achieve social harmony through improvement of their economic and social wellbeing in order to lead a dignified life. DMI members cultivate savings for their development and become self-reliant through SHGs.

- *Formed and strengthened 13 new women self-help groups (SHGs)*
- *459 women became members of SHGs and trained in SHG concept*
- *3 women group members have opened savings bank account in Micro Women's bank (MWB)*
- *SHG members have saved the amount of 7,200 Kina in MWB*
- *45 SHG meetings organised for women members in Sabama, Joyce Bay, Kogeva, Kaugere, Muniogo, Gorobe, Talai and Erima settlements*
- *13 women groups have initiated the internal lending practices*
- *95 women members have initiated income generation activities*
- *Women members become source of family income and be able to meet the family expenses*
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

DMI identifies the potential needy women, young mothers and girls to provide entrepreneurship training. This program enhances their ability to start, build and scale up their businesses and to take leadership to secure their socio-economic rights. This program enables them to improve their living conditions and addresses household poverty, hunger, starvation and economic instability in the families.

- *Opened two skill training centers for providing tailoring and catering skills to the most marginalized women in Gorobe and Erima settlement areas*
- *Trained 126 women and young girls in tailoring, catering and entrepreneurship skills*
- *24 women have jobs and a regular income*
- *Trained 320 women, young mothers and girls in additional skills*



“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence, and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.”

- Sheryl Sandberg (COO, Facebook)



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DMI children have access to formal education through children parliaments and tuition programs. Children's Parliament forum builds relationships that allow children the opportunity to voice their ideas, thoughts and feelings. This forum helps the children to look at local and global problems and come up with their own solutions. Children will learn about the political process and get the involved in their schools and communities through this forum. This forum serves as a platform for the children to develop leadership skills, confidence, team spirit, analytical skills and maturity.

Tuition program helps children of the poor and the needy to improve their subject knowledge and to prepare them for tests. This helps them to develop better study skills and ultimately to perform in exams, leadership and life-skills.

- *Formed 6 children parliaments with over 217 children members*
- *Children learned the system of parliament, practiced the same in their groups to safe-guard the child rights and addressing various issues in the communities*
- *Sensitize 37 children on child rights through awareness program*
- *Children demonstrate their life- and leadership skills*
- *Promoted 3 non-formal education centers for 138 Children and learned to be a discipline and learning habit*
- *Improved study skills of 138 children through tuition*
- *Supported 125 school going children with education aids*



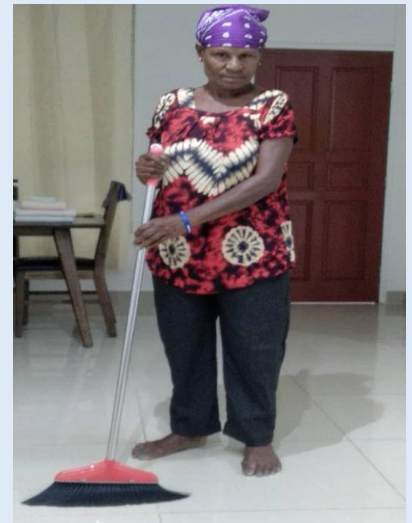
SUCCESS STORIES

Ms. Ihkai kaipu is from Rosewood SLG has successfully completed her sewing course from DMI skill training center. She is now earning upto 100 kina per day; she has cultivated savings and started supporting her family members from her income. She happily expresses her sincere gratitude to DMI for enhancing her self-confidence and creating job employability opportunity through skill training.



Women have Jobs and Income

DMI team provides job placement trainings to the rural marginalised women and help them to get placed in hotels, homes, and hospitals as housekeeping, receptinist and home care persons. About 96 women are employed and are earning 450 kina per month to cover their basic needs and fulfill the needs of family members. They are proud and feel happy about their status in the community.



“We need women at all levels, including the top, to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women’s voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored.”

– Sheryl Sandberg

SPECIAL EVENTS, VISITS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Celebration of international Women's day

On 8th of March-2022, we celebrated the international women's day with a theme-“Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow” and with over 200 women members and guests in Port Moresby, PNG. Women made the day as a special through their active participation and their cultural programs. this day reminded all the participants to uphold women's right.



Celebration of Independence Day

The nation of Papua New Guinea achieved its independence from Australia on 16 September 1975. As remembrance, on 13th September-2022 we celebrated Independence Day with over 150 women members at Marry Bareks. This day reminded all participants the sacrifices that were made by the freedom fighters to set PNG free from Australia.



Celebration of Children's Day

On 26th Nov-2022, we celebrated International Children's day with a theme-“A better Future for Every Child” at High Commission of India. We celebrated this day to raise awareness among children and various issues and to improve children's welfare and their rights. Over 200 children women members and guests participated and disseminated the information.



MEDIA AND PUBLICATION

DMI team's major programs were reflected on the newspaper and also disseminated via media - Radio Maria.



COUNTRY RESULTS

Number of Settlement Areas Covered	10
Number of Villages	2
Women groups formed	13
Women Members	687
Children Members	357
Women Members Trained in Vocational Skills and Entrepreneurship	295

ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2023

- Formation of women groups – 10 groups
- Promotion of federations – 5 federations
- Provide vocational training – 200 women and young girls
- Provide entrepreneurship training- 150 women
- Form and strengthen children parliaments –5 groups
- Expand tuition centers for the poor children- 3 centers
- Organize community awareness programs on HIV/AIDS, GBV, Human rights, health and hygiene
- organize major celebrations – women’s day, children’s day, independence day, world aids day, human rights day, Graduation day and mother’s day
- introducing New programs- Bridge schools - 2, Computer course,

PHOTO GALLERY



DMI team organised a regular group meeting for women members.



Inauguration of Skill Training Centre for women to learn tailoring and catering skills



Orientation and Training on Tailoring Skills



Women enhance their catering skills



Women learned to design clothing and prepare paper mugs



Women enhance their entrepreneurial skills. Women improve their additional skills

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