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**"Skills grow stronger when shared,
Knowledge multiplies through teamwork,
Every challenge becomes a lesson,
Collaboration turns effort into achievement,
Together, we craft mastery beyond what one can alone."**

- DMI Mission PNG

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MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,



The year 2025 has been a remarkable journey of rebuilding, resilience, and renewal for the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) Mission in Papua New Guinea. Though challenges persist, our commitment to serving the most vulnerable, especially women, children, and prisoners remains steadfast. Guided by our mission to empower underprivileged communities through education, development, and life-transforming opportunities, we continue to nurture hope and

foster sustainable change.

The year 2025 has been a period of renewed resilience and commitment for the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) Mission in Papua New Guinea. Despite ongoing challenges, our mission to serve the most vulnerable women, children, and prisoners remains strong, driven by our dedication to education, development, and life-changing opportunities.

This year, DMI PNG delivered impactful programs across communities, empowering women and young mothers with skills, livelihoods, and confidence through vocational and economic initiatives.

Children at risk of dropping out benefited from bridge courses, after-school support, and leadership development, which helped improve attendance, learning, and motivation. We also responded to disasters and health crises with emergency relief and humanitarian support. At the same time, rehabilitation programs for women prisoners provided psychosocial care, life skills, and livelihood training for dignified reintegration.

These achievements were made possible through the commitment of our mission team, the trust of our donors, and the collaboration of partners and the Government of Papua New Guinea. We express heartfelt gratitude to our Founder, Superior General, and Provincials for their vision and spiritual guidance.

As we enter the coming year, we renew our commitment to journey with the communities we serve so that every person in Papua New Guinea may experience dignity, opportunity, and lasting peace.

May God bless you all and our mission.

**Sr. Vijili Dali, DMI,
Mission Director.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear Well-wishers,



The year has been a significant and transformative period for the HHI–DMI Mission in Papua New Guinea. Across the settlements of Port Moresby, we continued to empower women, support children, and extend compassionate service to vulnerable groups. Through our women empowerment, child development, and humanitarian assistance programs, we reached women, children and adolescents, and families in crisis helping rebuild communities with dignity and hope.

This year, we established and managed four temporary vocational centres at Six-Mile, Wildlife, the Women’s Prison, and Mora Bay Block. A total of 347 women received skills training across all programs in tailoring, catering, as master trainers, and others in soap making, food production, and entrepreneurship. These initiatives equipped women with practical skills and livelihood opportunities to support self-reliance and small business development.

Our mission strengthened children’s leadership and learning by promoting the Children’s Parliament at Kipo-1 and Kipo-2, engaging 107 children in health, hygiene, and value-based sessions. Through our study centres, 100 children completed bridge courses, enabling 52 to continue their education in nearby primary schools. Foundational skills training also supported their growth, with children gaining basic computer skills and an early understanding of governance.

Our commitment to restorative support remained steadfast, reflected in our weekly visits to the Juvenile Home and the Women’s Prison. During these sessions, we provided emotional encouragement, spiritual and moral guidance, and basic life-skills support to help inmates regain confidence and envision a positive path forward. These continued engagements offered a sense of dignity, hope, and connection, contributing to their rehabilitation and smoother reintegration into society, while strengthening the overall well-being of the community.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Founder, Rev. Fr. J.E. Arul Raj, our Major Superior, the DMI Global Team, our Cardinal, the NCD Government, our well-wishers, the target communities, and the children we serve. Your cooperation, support, and prayers have been invaluable to the growth and progress of our mission throughout the year.

May God bless each one of you abundantly with good health, happiness, and prosperity.

Sr. Devadoss Catherine, DMI
Country Director, Papua New Guinea

INTRODUCTION

In 2025, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) continued its mission to uplift marginalized women, girls, and boys in the settlements of Port Moresby. Grounded in compassion and service, DMI remained a trusted presence in communities facing persistent poverty, gender-based violence, and social exclusion.

To strengthen women's empowerment, DMI established Women's Savings and Loan Groups (SLGs) and provided vocational and entrepreneurship training to more than 300 women and girls in catering, beautification, and housekeeping. These initiatives have enhanced financial independence, improved household income, and increased women's leadership within their communities.

Youth unemployment, particularly among young women, remains a pressing challenge in Papua New Guinea. Through targeted short-term training in tailoring, catering, and crafts, DMI equipped hundreds of young women with practical skills for employment or small business development, reducing vulnerability and fostering economic resilience.

Access to quality education also remains limited for children in settlement areas. DMI supported early learning and academic progress by strengthening preschools, informal learning centers, and tuition programs. More than 200 children received study materials and participated in learning support activities, showing improved performance, confidence, and school retention.

In response to natural disasters and health crises, DMI provided emergency assistance, including food, shelter materials, clothing, and sanitation kits to over # families. Our outreach also extended to prison inmates, offering counselling, meals, and recreational activities that restore dignity and hope.

As we look back on 2025, we are inspired by the resilience of the communities we serve and deeply grateful to our donors, partners, and volunteers. Together, we remain committed to promoting empowerment, dignity, and lasting hope for all.





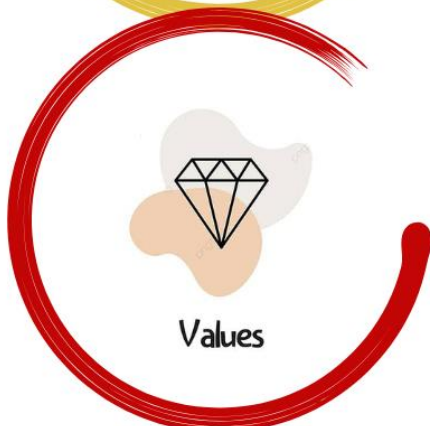
Our Vision

Loving God and Serving the Poor to Be Fully Human and Fully Alive.



Our 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.



Core Values

**Accountability
Justice
Integrity
Dignity
Collaboration**

COUNTRY GOVERNANCE

THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE HHI-PNG ASSOCIATION



Fr. J E Arul Raj

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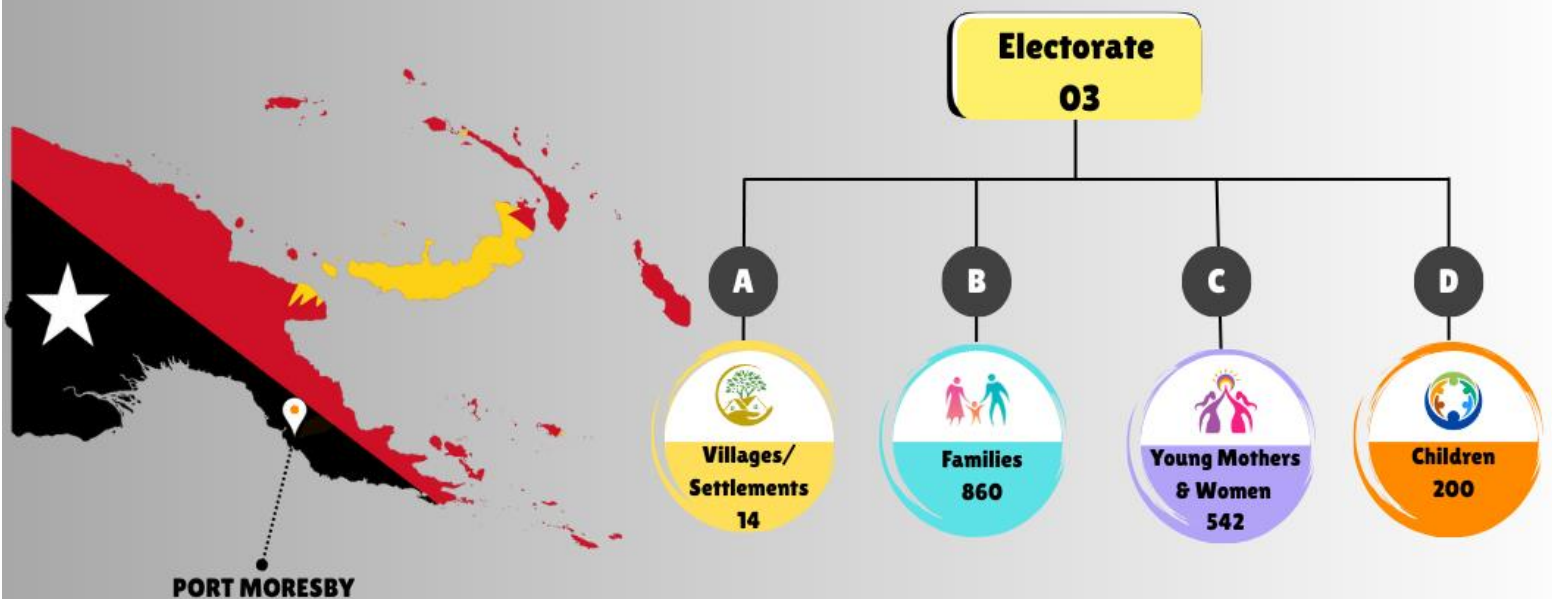
Project officer



Rev. Fr. Cleetus Virgies

Public Relation officer

PROGRAM COVERAGE



Major Programs

Women Empowerment

- 266 women and young girls were trained in tailoring and catering and were awarded with certificates of completion.
- 66 women and young mothers were trained in various other skills- SMB, Tie & Dye, Household Cleaning

Humanitarian Assistance

- 126 families supported with food items.
- 64 women prisoners were trained and certified in Tailoring course.
- 64 women prisoners were supported with counselling and food.

Child Development

- 5 Community-based Children's Parliaments were formed and strengthened with 160 children.
- 100 children trained in governance structures and child rights.
- 14 drop-out children were supported with bridge with textbooks for mainstreaming.

FACT SHEET 2025

S. No	Particulars	Status as of December, 2024	Status as of December, 2025
A	Geographic Coverage		
1	Number of Program Districts	3 - Port Moresby – North east, North west & South districts	3 - Port Moresby – North east, North west & South districts
2	Number of Electorate	3	3
3	Number of Program Villages & Settlements	Villages –2 Settlements -12	Villages –2 Settlements - 12
B	Program Results – Centre-based Micro-Business Skills		
4	Number of Women Trained in 3 Temporary Vocational Centres on Tailoring & Dress making	300	117
5	Number of Women Trained in 3 Temporaries Vocational Centres on Catering & Food Preparation.	200	107
6	Number of Trainees from the Tailoring & Catering Batches Trained as Master Trainers on Micro – Business Management	0	24
7	Number of Trainees Participated in the Skills Training Graduation Ceremony	402	266
8	Number of Youths Attended Computer Training at DMI Centre	0	15
C	Program Results – Prison-based Micro-Business Skills		
9	Number of Women Trained in the Temporary Vocational Centre Inside the Prison on Tailoring & Dress Making	0	42
D	Program Results – Community – based Income-generation Skills		
10	Number of Women Trained in Tie & Dye Design Making	50	25
11	Number of Women Trained in Household Cleaning Products Making	50	21
12	Number of Women Trained in Basic Micro-business Management Skills	20	20
E	Child Rights Program		
13	Number of Community-based Children Parliaments Formed for 7 to 16 years Children	6	5
14	Number of Members in the Children Parliaments	150	160
15	Number of Children Trained in Governance Structure and Child Rights	0	100
16	Number of Drop-out Children Supported with Text Books for Mainstreaming.	90	14
F	Humanitarian Assistance Program		
17	Number of Families/Children Received Cooked Food Packets	1250	101
18	Number of Families Received Dry Food Items	620	25
19	Numbers of Women Prisoners Supported with Counselling/Food	0	64

PROGRAM IMPACTS

1. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

a. Vocational Training and Training of Trainers (TOT)

- 117 women trained in 3 temporaries Vocational Centres on Tailoring & Dress making.
- 107 women trained in 3 temporaries Vocational Centres on Catering & food preparation.

b. Entrepreneurship and SBM

- 24 women from the Tailoring & Catering batches trained as Master trainers on Micro –Business Management.
- 300 women participated in the Skills training.

c. Prison-based Micro-Business Skills

- 42 women trained in the temporary Vocational Centre inside the Prison on Tailoring & Dress making.
- 46 women trained in Tie & Dye design and household cleaning products making.

d. Celebrations

- Women's day celebration
- Mother's day celebration

PROGRAM STRATEGIES

Papua New Guinea faces deep structural inequalities that disproportionately affect women, children, and marginalized communities. High poverty levels, limited access to education and financial services, widespread gender-based violence, and weak infrastructure continue to undermine wellbeing especially in rural and disaster-prone areas. Frequent earthquakes, floods, and landslides further expose vulnerable groups such as informal settlers, women-headed households, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and prisoners to heightened risk.

In response, DMI adopts a holistic, community-centred, and resilience-focused approach in PNG. Prioritizing women, children, youth, and marginalized families, DMI works across three core pillars: **Women's Empowerment, Child Development, and Humanitarian Assistance**. Through economic inclusion, education, skills development, leadership building, psychosocial support, and emergency relief, DMI strengthens community resilience and promotes inclusive, sustainable development.

1. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women in Papua New Guinea face poverty, limited economic opportunities, financial exclusion, and widespread gender-based violence. DMI responds by empowering women and young mothers with vocational skills, entrepreneurship training, and financial inclusion support to build safe and independent livelihoods.

Through community training centres, women gain practical skills in tailoring, catering, tie-and-dye, and small business management, supported by Training of Trainers to ensure sustainability. Entrepreneurship support, market linkages, and job placement help women start businesses or find employment, while awareness programmes promote women's leadership, visibility, and community cohesion.

Objectives:

- Provide vocational and entrepreneurship training to vulnerable women.
- Enable women to secure employment or start income-generating activities
- Strengthen skill development and livelihood opportunities for women and youth



**"A woman who will be like
a rock in a riverbed,
enduring without complaint,
her grace not sullied but
shaped by the turbulence
that washes over her."**

- Khaled Hosseini -

Skills Development, Entrepreneurship, and Employment Opportunities

DMI delivered comprehensive, locally relevant vocational training for vulnerable women and young mothers. Participants gained skills in tailoring, catering, tie-and-dye, and other livelihood-oriented activities. Selected beneficiaries who showed strong aptitude were further trained as Trainers (TOT), enabling them to support ongoing community-based skill transfer.

Participants received hands-on instruction, practical exposure, and entrepreneurship guidance, improving their employability, confidence, and capacity to start micro-enterprises

Strategies adopted

Vocational Training and Training of Trainers (TOT)

DMI provided hands-on vocational training in tailoring and catering for women, young mothers, and vulnerable youth, enabling them to gain practical skills for sustainable livelihoods. Participants completed a 3-month tailoring course and a 1-month catering course focused on basic cooking and food preparation. To strengthen community-based skill transfer, a grassroots Training of Trainers (TOT) programme was also conducted, through which selected women and men completed an intensive 8-day Master Training at the DMI office, gaining instructional techniques and leadership skills to serve as local trainers.

Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (SBM)

DMI organized Entrepreneurship and SBM training to help women and youth develop entrepreneurial mind-sets and the skills needed to start and manage small businesses. The programme strengthened participants' business management abilities, enabling them to generate regular income, become self-reliant, and contribute to local economic growth. As part of this initiative, the selected women beneficiaries received Tie & Dye training to support fabric-based livelihoods, while some women participated in comprehensive soap-making training that covered production, packaging, and basic marketing. Additionally, they were equipped with broader entrepreneurial skills, empowering them to explore diverse livelihood opportunities and enhance their economic independence.

Market Linkage and Employment Opportunity

DMI strengthened beneficiaries' marketing and employability skills to help them understand market demands, showcase their products effectively, and improve income-generation. Job placement training equipped unemployed youth, women, and other community members with essential skills in communication, customer service, basic IT, teamwork, and workplace readiness. To expand employment pathways,



DMI also built networks with garment units, hotels, restaurants, and local enterprises, securing internships and job placements for trained participants and enhancing their long-term employability.

Key Achievements

- Four community training centres established.
- 159 women and youth completed a 3-month tailoring course.
- 107 women and girls completed a 1-month catering course.
- 64 participants completed Training of Trainers (TOT) to build grassroots capacity.
- 46 women trained in tie & dye, soap making, and entrepreneurship that increased employability and income generation

Celebrations

Celebrations play a meaningful role in strengthening social connections, honouring cultural and community values, and creating spaces for recognition and appreciation. For women and mothers in particular, celebrations acknowledge their contributions, empower them through visibility, and encourage communities to reflect on gender equality, respect, and shared responsibilities. These events also provide opportunities for learning, leadership, and collective action that support long-term social change. During the year, we observed two special events to empower women access their rights, such as.,

- Women's Day: Celebrated by organizing awareness sessions, leadership activities, and community gatherings that highlight women's achievements, promote gender equality, and build confidence among women and girls.
- Mother's Day: Celebrated through appreciation programs, family-oriented activities, and community interactions that honour mothers' contributions, strengthen family bonds, and encourage emotional support within households.

2. CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Children in Papua New Guinea especially in rural areas face major barriers to education, including low secondary completion, gender literacy gaps, and shortages of trained teachers, infrastructure, and learning resources. Economic stress from political instability and climate pressures further limits access to education, nutrition, and protection. In response, DMI supports children through initiatives such as Children's Parliaments, preschools, tuition centres, learning materials, and child protection programs, helping create safer, more

2. CHILD DEVELOPMENT

a. Children Parliament

- Total 160 members in the Children Parliaments.
- 100 children trained in governance structure and child rights.

b. Education for the Children

- 14 drop-out children supported with Text books for mainstreaming.

c. Celebration

- Children's day
- Independence day



“The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.”

— Maria Montessori —

inclusive environments where children can learn, build confidence, and actively contribute to their communities.

Objectives

- To empower children with leadership, communication, and decision-making skills through active participation in democratic structures.
- To provide learning support that enables out-of-school and dropout children to strengthen foundational skills and transition back into formal schooling.

Children Parliament

Children’s Parliament initiatives provide a platform for children to express their views, develop leadership skills, and participate in decision-making in their schools and communities. Through regular meetings, children discuss local issues, propose solutions, and practice democratic values, building confidence, critical thinking, and social responsibility.

Strategies adopted

- **Formation of Children’s Parliaments:** Five community-based Children’s Parliaments were established, engaging children aged 7–16. Participants were trained in child rights and national governance structures to understand democratic processes and advocate for their well-being.
- **Life Skills Training:** Life-skills training strengthened children’s communication, decision-making, problem-solving, and teamwork skills, promoting confidence, resilience, and responsible behavior.

Education for the Children

Educational support initiatives help children from underserved communities access quality learning opportunities that strengthen academic skills and personal development. Through tutoring, learning material support, and interactive sessions, these initiatives encourage continued schooling, build confidence, and improve future prospects.

Strategies adopted

- **Bridge Course Centres:** Two bridge course centres were established, supporting over 100 school dropout children to re-engage with learning.
- **Life Skills Training:** Life-skills training was provided to build confidence and strengthen goal-setting and decision-making skills.

Key Achievements

- 160 children actively participated in Children’s Parliaments.



- 100 children received training on governance structures and child rights.
- Two bridge course centres were established in Pari Village and Vanama settlement.
- 100 dropout children attended bridge course training.
- 13 dropout children were re-enrolled in primary schools, and 14 were supported with textbooks for mainstreaming.

Celebration

Celebrations bring communities together, strengthen cultural identity, and provide children with opportunities to express joy, build confidence, and feel a sense of belonging. These events promote social interaction, emotional well-being, and shared values.

- **Children's Day:** Organized interactive activities, cultural performances, and awareness sessions to encourage participation, creativity, and understanding of children's rights.
- **Independence Day:** Marked with flag-hoisting, cultural programs, and educational activities to promote national pride, unity, and awareness of the country's history and values.

3. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Papua New Guinea experiences frequent natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, and volcanic activity which disproportionately affect poor and marginalised families living in fragile conditions with limited access to essential services. DMI supports these vulnerable communities, including women inmates, through psycho-social assistance, relief materials, dignity-restoring support, and skill development to strengthen resilience and recovery.

Objectives

- To equip women inmates with practical vocational skills that rebuild self-esteem, enhance employability, and support successful reintegration and long-term rehabilitation.
- To provide relief materials and emergency support to poor and marginalised families affected by natural disasters.

Strategies Adopted

Psycho-Social Support Services

DMI supported the emotional well-being and resilience of women inmates through counselling, group sessions, and life-skills workshops. These services helped women develop coping strategies, rebuild self-confidence, and prepare for reintegration into society.

3. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

a. Psycho-Social Support Services

- Total 101 families/children received cooked food packets.
- 25 families received dry food items.

b. Relief Materials for the poor

- 64 women prisoners supported with counselling/food.

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others."

— Nelson Mandela —



- **Counselling Services:** Provided individual and group counselling to address trauma, stress, and emotional concerns in a confidential, supportive setting.
- **Conflict Management Training:** Trained 42 women prisoners in conflict management and motivation.
- **Psycho-social Awareness:** Conducted sessions on anger management, healthy communication, and relationship-building within the prison environment.

Skill Training

Offered tailoring training to women prisoners to build practical skills, enhance confidence, and support income-generation both during incarceration and after release



Key Achievements

- All women prisoners participated in conflict management and psycho-social awareness sessions, strengthening self-confidence and readiness for a new life.
- 42 women prisoners completed tailoring, handicrafts, and other livelihood-focused skills training and received course certificates.
- Delivered training on communication skills, problem-solving, anger management, personal hygiene, and social responsibility to improve daily behaviour and interpersonal relationships.

Relief Materials for the poor

Providing essential relief materials helps vulnerable families meet basic needs during crises and economic hardship. Distribution of food items, hygiene kits, clothing, and household essentials reduces immediate burdens, restores dignity, and supports short-term stability for families facing severe challenges.

- Trained community members in communication, problem-solving, anger management, personal hygiene, and social responsibility to promote healthier daily practices.
- Distributed essential food items including rice, maize flour, beans, cooking oil, sugar, salt, and other staples to vulnerable families such as widows, single mothers, orphans, and low-income households.
- Provided food and non-food relief supplies such as hygiene kits, clothing, and household essentials to support emergency needs and improve immediate well-being.
- 101 families/children received food packets containing rice, noodles, oil, sugar, tinned fish, onions, and garlic.



Humanitarian action is about saving lives, alleviating suffering, and maintaining human dignity. "

— International Red Cross principle

PROGRAM ALBUM

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



**Strengthening Women
Through Regular SHG
Meetings**



**Orientation Sessions on
Leadership, Group Management,
& Bookkeeping for Women's
Groups**



**Master Training of
Trainers (ToT) for
Community Leaders**

VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING



**Catering Skills
Training for Women
and Youth**



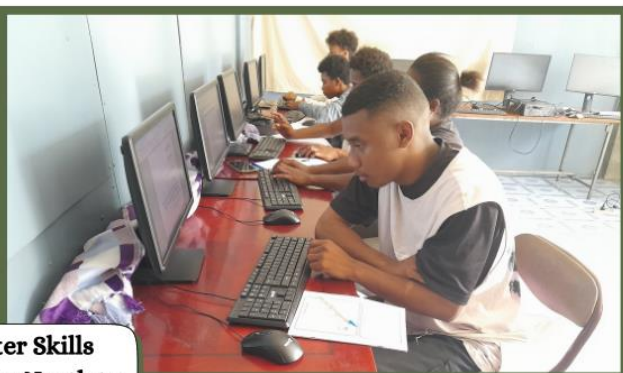
**Sewing & Tailoring
Training for Women
& Youth**



**Tie & Dye Training
for Women
entrepreneurs**



**Computer Skills
Training for Youth to
Enhance Employability**



CHILD DEVELOPMENT



**Formation &
Strengthening of
Children's Groups**



**Seminar on National
Governance & Child
Rights Awareness**



**Educational Support
and Refreshments
Provided for Children**



**Bridge Course for
Children**



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



**Psychosocial
Support Services for
Women Prisoners**



**Food Distribution
Support for Vulnerable
Families**



CELEBRATIONS



**Mother's Day
Celebration with
Community Women**



**Graduation
Ceremonies for
Trained Beneficiaries**



**Children's Day
Celebrations Promoting
Child Rights & Well-being**



**International Women's Day
Celebrations Promoting
Women's Empowerment**

Story - 01: “Empowered to Earn: Ruth’s Journey to Independence”- Mrs. Ruth



Mrs. Ruth Bosike, 39, comes from the Eastern Highlands Province. She is married to Mr. Richard Bosike, an Assistant Secretary in the Department of Treasury. They have five children two boys and three girls. Their eldest son is employed, while the others are still in school.

Before joining DMI, Mrs. Ruth earned a modest income by selling ice blocks, fried rice, and cordial drinks. Despite her hard work, her earnings were barely enough to cover daily household needs, leaving her with no savings and constant financial uncertainty.

In March last year, DMI introduced empowerment and skill-training programs in her community. Encouraged by their commitment, Mrs. Ruth enrolled in a one-month catering and sewing course. She learned catering, baking, sewing blouses, and making bilums, while also gaining confidence, discipline, and the ability to manage a small business on her own.

With her newly gained skills, Mrs. Ruth quickly expanded her income-generating activities. She now bakes, cooks, sews blouses, and makes bilums for sale. Her income has doubled, enabling her to support her family more comfortably. She feels confident, independent, and motivated to continue growing her business.

“I thank the DMI Sisters for showing me a way to grow and live with dignity. I pray for more training programs to help women like me.”

Story – 02: “From Homemaker to Entrepreneur: Mary Finds Her Strength”- Mrs. Mary Pula



Mrs. Mary Pula, 50, is from Manus Province in the New Guinea Islands Region. She is married to Mr. Arai Pula, who works in the Prime Minister’s Office. They have five daughters four married and employed, while the youngest is in Grade Twelve.

Before joining DMI, Mrs. Mary spent most of her time caring for her home and grandchildren. Although she was devoted to her family, she had no personal income, limiting her financial independence and ability to support her household.

In March 2022, DMI visited her area to introduce their empowerment initiatives. Inspired by the opportunities for women

Mrs. Mary became a member of DMI. She later underwent one month of catering training & two months of sewing training. These programs equipped her with practical skills and the confidence to start her own small business.

After completing her training, Mrs. Mary began preparing and selling food items. Her income now contributes to the household, giving her a strong sense of pride and independence. She transformed from a full-time homemaker into a skilled entrepreneur who supports her family financially.

Mrs. Mary expresses deep appreciation to the DMI Sisters for their unwavering support. The skills and confidence she gained have empowered her to live with dignity and independence, positively impacting her entire family.

Story – 03: “Nurturing a Future Doctor” - Ms Jeannioe Eva



Jeannioe Eva, the fifth child in her family, is a bright and disciplined student who excels in all subjects. Though her family faced financial challenges, her positive attitude and strong academic performance made her a valued student. Her mother, Mrs. Lorna Killie, completed sewing training at the DMI Skills Centre in 2019 and has since worked steadily as a sewing teacher at the NGO “WeCARE,” helping stabilize the family’s livelihood.

DMI has supported Jeannioe through the study center by providing school supplies, study materials, and continuous academic guidance. She is active in extracurricular activities and consistently achieves high scores.

Jeannioe remains a top-performing student known for her discipline and maturity. She stays focused on her studies and supports her family at home.

Jeannioe and her family express deep gratitude to DMI for enabling her education and growth. She dreams of becoming an MBBS doctor and serving the poor with compassion.

“When children pretend, they’re using their imaginations to move beyond the bounds of reality. A stick can be a magic wand. A sock can be a puppet. A small child can be a superhero.”

Fred Rogers

MEDIA AND PUBLICATION



Children's Day ... Sisters from the DMI Campus in Port Moresby organised a successful celebration of International Children's Day at the DMI campus on Nov 28 under the theme 'My Day, My Right'. The event was aimed at promoting children's rights, encouraging cultural expression and creating a joyful environment for all participants. A total of 76 children attended the celebration including children from the settlements of Vanama, Talai, Kipo and 6-Mile. During the event children performed cultural dances from their diverse cultural backgrounds and also promoted unity among the settlements. Special guests from the DMI campus including Saba Sasinthan, Kalyana Raman, Uday Kumar, Sr Lilly and Sr Emelda shared encouraging messages highlighting the importance of children's rights, education, self-worth, and personal development. Their speeches reinforced the day's theme and inspired the children to pursue their dreams confidently. At the end of the day, each child was gifted food and drinks as a gesture of care and appreciation. - Picture supplied



Women at Wildlife with the Daughters of Mary Immaculate Sisters at the completion of their training in catering.
- Nationalpic by HANNAH NERO

Wildlife women learn to cook and sew

A HUNDRED women in Wildlife settlement of Port Moreby have received training in catering and sewing from Catholic sisters.

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) sisters under Help Humankind's leadership have been training women in and around the settlements of the city to empower women with skills that they could use commercially.

Training in catering and sewing: The women have learnt to cook varieties of food like lemon rice, tomato rice, curmin rice, different eggplant dishes and others.

Many have been trained in sewing. 45 women have been trained in sewing. That training started on June 2.

The women have expressed interest to start up business from the training they have gained through the training," she said.

So Lilly said that they had been to various places and settlements like Sabana, Kogeva, Gorobe, Erimay, Murri Baricks, 8-Mile, 8-Mile's Bay, Mahuru, Vanuana, Vanaga, Manugu, Talai and other places since 2018.

"We aim to be able to teach

earn an income for themselves as well as to be able to look after their families.

"Women here at Wildlife have been very respectful and welcoming, they are always punctual and they show great interest not just in learning but also to start their own businesses from these skills and that is impressive in itself to see women use their knowledge to empower themselves," she said.

The DMI sisters will continue to conduct such training for women and men who are interested to



NE of the program participants receiving her certificate from Moresby Northeast administrator Davis Kia.

Women graduate from capacity-building program

HE Society of Daughters of Mary Immaculate Sisters conducted a graduation ceremony in Moresby northeast to recognise 96 women who completed capacity-building programs in sewing, catering, and training-of-trainers (ToT) on Monday.

The event was officiated by Moresby North administrator Davis La, with additional remarks and

blessings from Pastor Jeremiah of the Lutheran Church, 9-Mile (Morobe Block), Sr Lilly (program manager) and Mrs Sharmila; the lead trainer.

The graduation ceremony marked a memorable and inspiring day for the participants, guests, and organisers.

The success of the event reflects the commitment of the DMI Sisters

and partners to empowering women through education and skills development. The achievement of the 96 graduates stand as a testament to their hard work, resilience, and dedication. The ceremony acknowledged the participants' commitment to acquiring practical and income-generating skills aimed at enhancing household livelihoods and community development.



3 benefit from life skills training

NCDC Women's Commissioner commends DMI Sisters

that throughout the National Association of Broadcasters recently graduated from the program. These three-month training programs are being conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Women's Commission on International Cooperation, which is headed by Mary McLeod Bethune. The graduates of the program are now matched selected other cases between brother, sister, mothers and fathers from the United States. Mothers from three families were flown from the U.S. to Hanoi, through the U.S. State Dept., where the minister on the local level, who is a mother, has already met and job.

back and will do things to happen."
"You are a lucky fish that were
born in this program," says
you don't have to be a
you have, be patient and start
the process of making this
happen," she added.

She further mentioned during
the presentation that she had
asked about the meeting she still
hasn't decided to add a working
group to the program.

Then Dave A. gave updates from
the program.

There was a huge applause from
the audience.

There was a huge applause from
the audience of Mrs. Catherine
M. and Mr. John M. and
State Librarian.



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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

(Unaudited)

Details	Receipts (PNG Kina)	Payments (PNG Kina)	Balance as of December 31, 2025 (PNG Kina)
Opening Balance as of January 2025 (Bank and Cash)	5,437	4500	937
Receipts from DMI	5,000	5,000	0
Receipts from Donor Organizations	200,000	200,000	0
Receipt from Donor for Building Construction	500,000	0	500,000
Receipts from Local Donation	20,000	20,000	0
Fees and Other Local Income	17,170	13,170	4,000
Total	747,607	242,670	504,937
Balances (Cash and bank)			489,243 (Bank)
			15,694 (Cash)



ANNUAL PLAN – 2026

A. Centre-based Vocational Skills Program

- Establish and manage 2 - temporary Vocational training centres to train women.
- Train 100 women to obtain Government certificate after completing the 3 -months tailoring course.
- Train 100 women to obtain Government certificate after completing the one-month catering course.
- Train 40 Master trainers (20 in tailoring and 20 in catering) to train other women.
- Train 100 trainees (50 from tailoring and 50 from catering) on “Small-business Management” and provide guidance to start and manage their own business.

B. Community-based Income Generation Program

- Train 100 women on short duration income generation skills – preparing food products and soap-making.
- Train 20 trainees on “Small-business Management” and provide guidance to start and manage their own business.

C. Children Parliament

- Promote 10 – Community-based Children Parliament for 7 to 16 years’ children.
- Organize 6-session training for 300 children to learn about health, hygiene and Value-based behaviour.
- Train 100 children on “Basic computer skills”.
- Organize 50 children to meet with elected representative to learn about the country governance structure and process.
- Organize 50 children to meet with police officer to learn about their roles and responsibilities.

D. Bridge Course Centres

- Organize 2 – learning centres to train and mainstream 100 drop-out children from 15 settlement/villages.
- Conduct classes to teach the fundamental concepts and get 100 children enrolled with the Government schools.

E. Humanitarian Assistance

- Organize clothes and food donation to 200 families
- Conduct 6-visits to prison and juvenile home to counsel children and women prisoners.

F. Organization Development

- Pursue with Government officials to get land allocated for DMI.
- Construct fencing and ensure safe custody of the allocated plot.
- Develop project to source funds and start construction of the Vocational School, office and home for sisters.

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2026

Program Area/Key activities	Annual Budget (PNG Kina)	Funds Raised (PNG Kina)	Balance to be raised (PNG Kina)
Women Empowerment Program			
Train 120 Women on Short-term Income Generation Skills & Support them to Start Micro-businesses.	10,000	5,000	5,000
Train 250 Women on Centre-based Vocational Skills & Support them to Start Micro-businesses.	175,000	25,000	150,000
Provide Psycho-social Support & Train 50 Women Prisoners on Tailoring to Lead an Independent Life.	50,000	10,000	40,000
Child Development Program			
Organize 100 Children in 2 Bridge Course Centres and Ensure 70 Children are Mainstreamed.	50,000	0	50,000
Organize 120 Children in 3 Child Parliaments to Teach them Leadership & Country Governance Structures.	50,000	10,000	40,000
Cost for Construction of Buildings	1,500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Staffing, Admin & Office equipment			
Staffing & Office Management Costs	12,000	0	12,000
Office Equipment Costs	28,000	3,000	25,000
Office Furniture	5,000	0	5,000
Grand Total (PNG Kina)	1,880,000	553,000	1,327,000
Grand Total (USD) @4.25	442,352	130,117	312,235



CONCLUSION

The year 2025 marked a significant chapter in DMI's work in Port Moresby. Despite funding limitations and contextual challenges, the organization achieved meaningful outcomes through strong partnerships, effective networking, and the continued trust of donors and community stakeholders. Collaborative efforts enabled DMI to sustain essential programs and reach women, children, and vulnerable families with integrated support that strengthened livelihoods, education, and community resilience.

Support from funding partners and local collaborators played a critical role in bridging gaps and ensuring continuity of services. These partnerships reinforced DMI's commitment to accountability, innovation, and community ownership. The progress achieved in skills development, education, and leadership demonstrates the value of sustained investment in people-centered development.

Looking ahead to 2026, DMI will focus on consolidating gains, scaling effective interventions, and strengthening institutional systems. With continued donor partnership and collaborative engagement, DMI is well positioned to expand its impact and contribute to long-term, inclusive development across Papua New Guinea.





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