



Men's perspectives on addressing family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea

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Family is the basic foundation for social and economic development across the world, and particularly in Papua New Guinea (PNG) as it is a communal society. However, this foundation is often challenged by multiple issues of which family and sexual violence (FSV) is one. FSV is widespread in Lae, a large city in PNG, where the research this seminar is based upon was conducted. Amongst other negative impacts, FSV threatens the fundamentals of community and family.

In order to better understand and support policy making that fosters healthy, safe and secure families, a collaborative (ANU, PNG University of Technology, University of PNG) research was conducted from 2018 to 2019 to understand men's and women's perspectives on FSV in Lae. This study has explored the ability of families to address FSV in their lives, including a focus on how families keep their children in school when experiencing FSV.

This seminar will discuss research findings into the key differences between men's and women's perspectives of, and responses to, FSV.

Presenters

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