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PNG Tribal Foundation

PNG Tribal foundation is a humanitarian and non governmental organization focused on building people to build the nation. We believe that working with our partners as a TRIBE is the most effective way to be a catalyst for change for both our nation and our people.

We work in the areas of health, education, women empowerment, community development and advocacy.

We believe in the potential PNG has to be a better nation for its people, thus context is very important to us and is present in our way of working with communities across the country.

Women's rights



- Recommendations from the previous cycle : para 104.21 to 104.24, 104.31, 104.34, 104.52, 104.53, 104.62 to 104.69, 104.71, 104.72, 104.94 to 104.118, 104.120 to 104.123, 104.134 and 104.149,
- Recommendations made by Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Fiji, France, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan the Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Turkey



Women's participation in Parliament

Current situation

- Since 1977 only 10 women ever elected as MPs
- No women elected in 2017 in the current Parliament
- Equality and participation Act not implemented because of lack of amendment of the Organic Law on National and Local Level Government Elections
- Upcoming elections in 2022 - Initiatives under way :
 - Five reserved regional seats for women
 - implementing reforms to the *Organic Law on Political Parties and Candidates* to mandate all political parties to ensure that 20% of candidates endorsed must be women or risk access to public funding

Recommendation:

- ***Ensure women's representation in politics and decision-making institutions by amending the Organic Law on the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates and providing support to women candidates.***

Current situation:

- Gender-based violence = large issue in PNG
 - Family Protection Act 2013 criminalising domestic violence
 - National Strategy to prevent and respond to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) 2016 – 2025
 - Murder of Jenelyn Kennedy launched a general discussion
 - GBV summit
 - GBV Committee
- Sorcery accusation-related violence (SARV) : People accused of witchcraft are tortured or even murdered
 - Case of Christina Pakuma
 - Adoption of SARV National Action Plan in 2015

Recommendations

- ***Strengthen its efforts to fight against domestic violence by ensuring the implementation of the Family Protection Act;***
- ***Fight sorcery accusation-related violence by allocating sufficient funds to the implementation of the SARV national action plan, raising awareness on this issue, adequately prosecuting the authors of such acts and ensuring support and protection to the victims.***

**Violence
against
women**

Children's rights

- ▶ Recommendations from the previous cycle : para 104.16, 104.70, 104.106, 104.109, 104.117, 104.120, 104.125, 104.126, 104.141 to 104.144 and 104.149
- ▶ Recommendations by Chile, China, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holy See, Ireland, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Pakistan, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay



Right to education and to health

Current situation:

- Lack of accessibility and funding to schools from early childhood to tertiary
- Tuition Fee Free Policy not fully implemented and replaced by Government Tuition Fee Subsidy
- 2.4 million students impacted by the pandemic
- Low awareness of health and hygiene practices
- Difficult access to health services and facilities
- Child Health Policy and Plan 2009-2020

Recommendations

- ***Increase the number of children who have access to education, particularly by implementing the Government Tuition Fee Subsidy Policy, ensuring accessibility and providing adequate resources to schools throughout the country, and***
- ***Improve the healthcare of children, in particular by ensuring access to health services and facilities adequately equipped throughout the country.***



Violence against children

Current situation:

- ***“Violence, including physical, sexual and emotional violence as well as neglect, is a daily reality for most children”***

UNICEF, Papua New Guinea – Child Protection

- New Lukautim Pikinini (Child Welfare) Act in 2015
 - Creation of child protection officers
 - National Child Council established in 2018
 - Many more measures yet to be implemented

Recommendations

- ***Strengthen child protection by ensuring the complete implementation of the Lukautim Pikinini Act.***



Priority recommendations

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ATTENTION**

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