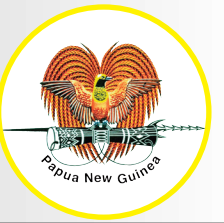




# HISTORIC COALITION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TO END GBV IS LAUNCHED



## NOW IS THE TIME:

### GOAL 1: INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

“WE DECLARE OUR FIRST GOAL TO BE FOR EVERY PERSON TO BE DYNAMICALLY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF FREEING HIMSELF OR HERSELF FROM EVERY FORM OF DOMINATION OR OPPRESSION SO THAT EACH MAN OR WOMAN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AS A WHOLE PERSON IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS!!”

**- The National Goals and Directive Principles of PNG.**

### NCD Drives Change through new GBV Strategy



**DEFINING NCD'S PATHWAY FORWARD:** National Capital District Commission last Thursday launched its revised 2020-2022 Strategy to end Gender-based Violence in the city following its endorsement by NCDC board. NCDC will set the gold standard in Gender Equality, Non-violence, Anti-harassment and ending GBV. In that, GBV will become a condition of employment and contracts. That means if one of NCDC employees inflicts violence on his or her partner or other females, he or she will be terminated. NCDC's contractors will become leaders in making GBV in the city. NCDC will make them accountable. NCDC will become a significant, unified voice that disrupts, demands, and delivers change at a Provincial and National Levels. In the picture are NCD Governor Powes Parkop and City Manager Bernard Kipit launching the strategy as witnessed by the members of NCDC Board and Executive Management.

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NCD Governor - Hon. Powes Parkop



East Sepik Governor - Hon. Allan Bird



Enga Governor Grand Chief Sir Peter Ipatas (Chairman)



Oro Governor - Hon. Gary Juffa



Hela Governor - Hon. Philip Undialu

### The coalition of MPs who signed on the resolution to end GBV



Morobe Governor - Hon. Ginson Saonu



Southern Highlands Governor - Hon. William Powl



Chimbu Governor - Michael Dua



West Sepik Governor - Hon. Tony Wouwou



Moresby North-East MP John Kaupa

#### RESOLUTIONS

On 24 August 2020, Honourable Powes Parkop, Governor of the National Capital District (NCD), co-convened with Honourable Allan Bird, Governor of East Sepik Province, the first ever High-Level Governors' Meeting on Gender-Based Violence at the National Parliament House. The meeting convened Governors, Ministers and policy-makers to identify and articulate strategies to address gender-based violence (GBV) and improve the status of women and girls in the country. The historic meeting sought to disrupt the status quo and pivot towards a new vision for the country – one based on the lofty principles of the National Constitution and the possibility of a peaceful and prosperous country where everyone has equal opportunities and equal protection under the law. Over the course of the next two weeks twenty Parliamentarians signed their name to the collectively drafted resolution and formed the first ever Coalition of Parliamentarians against Gender-Based Violence in Papua New Guinea: a group of like-minded leaders who have agreed to uphold the Constitution of the country and drive the changes needed for equality to be achieved.

As elected leaders of Papua New Guinea, representing our people and in pursuit of our National Constitution and its Goals and Directive Principles:

WE RECOGNIZE that gender-based violence (“GBV”) is the single greatest human rights violation and development impediment for our country;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE all the work done to date to address this crisis but note that we need to do much more to seriously reduce or eliminate GBV and the underlying cause of it: gender inequality;

WE COMMIT ourselves to taking all action necessary to reduce GBV and promote gender equality, respect and partnership; and

WE HEREBY COMMIT ourselves to the following actions:

1. To come together and collectively establish the first ever Coalition of Parliamentarians Against Gender-Based Violence.
2. To pursue this agenda at all levels including to reform our own behaviour and that of the institutions we lead, and to be role models to our colleagues, associates, staff, families, and communities and hold each other accountable.
3. To support the implementation of the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (2016-2025); and to properly resource it and ensure the National Gender-based Violence Secretariat is established and operational.
4. To adopt and implement strategies to seriously address GBV in our provinces and resource them to respond appropriately to the needs of survivors of GBV, and work to prevent GBV from occurring in the first place.
5. Acknowledging the deteriorating situation on GBV in PNG, we call on our fellow parliamentarians and the executive government to bring in international assistance to support our law enforcement agencies as an emergency measure to combat GBV.
6. To share results on what is working and what is not, to be accountable and to inspire and to encourage each other by reporting back in November 2020 our results and progress, and thereafter on an annual basis.
7. To collectively join forces and lobby for the political will at the highest level.



Moresby South MP Hon. Justin Tkatchenko



Member for Lae - Hon John Rosso



Member for Ijivitari and Vice Minister Assisting the PM Hon. Richard Masere



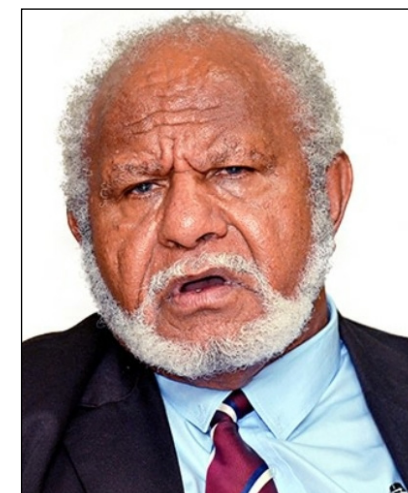
Member for Gazelle Hon. Jelta Wong



South Bougainville MP Hon. Timothy Masiu



Member for Alotau - Hon Charles Abel



Madang Governor Peter Yama



West New Britain Governor - Hon. Francis Maneke



New Ireland Governor Rt Hon. Sir Julius Chan



Madang MP, Bryan Kramer

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