



Mo'ui Ke Fiefia

WOMEN AND CHILDREN CRISIS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

Creating a Kindom that is Violence free

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Malo e Leleli!

'Ofakilevuka Guttenbeil Likiliki - WCCC Director

The WCCC held its very first Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April and was able to present both its activity reports and audited financial statement for the 2010 calendar year. These reports are available here on our website.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the independent Trustees of our Management Collective, Lepolo Tausisila, Dana Stephenson and Dr. Sunia Foliaki.

As staff we strive daily to achieve the mission and values of the WCCC which at times can be challenging and difficult, but with the advice and encouragement we received from our Trustees in 2010, achieving targets and proving our credibility was strengthened via

their full support.

This year we are working closely with Lepolo to lobby and advocate for legislation dealing with violence against women and girls, with Dana we are collaboratively working with her to raise more awareness around sexual harassment in the workplace

Statistics Aprils 2011

In April 2011

11 Women

2 Men

1 Child

= a total of 14 clients sought refuge from violence at WCCC

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Inaugural WCCC Annual General Meeting

WCCC held its first Annual General Meeting on Friday 19th of April 2011 at the Free Wesleyan Hall of Fanga-'o-Pilolevu.

Established in 2009, WCCC is a non government organization that works with the public and private sector to eliminate violence against women and children.

The meeting started with an opening prayer led by Misinale Paea, a Male Advocate followed by the welcoming speech presented by Sr. Annuncia Fifita, WCCC Safe House Manager. "The Director and staff of WCCC warmly wel-

come everyone to our AGM, we appreciate your presence here" said Fifita.

Director, 'Ofakilevuka Guttenbeil Likiliki then presented a brief annual report on what, where, when, who and how the WCCC has operated since its establishment. "The biggest challenges we came across is to build our credibility. Your help and support through various ways: materials, money and skills has encouraged and enabled us to do what we are doing", said Likiliki. She continued

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Director, Trustees, staff of WCCC and members from various organisations were participated in the meeting.

Training provides new insight for WCCC staff

WCCC's Community Education Trainer, Lesila To'ia attended a two week gender training of trainers in Pacific Harbour, Deuba, Fiji from the 28th of March to the 8th of April.

Organized by the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre (FWCC), the training included 31 participants from Nauru, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Fiji. "I would like to thank FWCC for this opportunity. I learnt a lot and found it very useful and relevant to the work that I do, especially the gender analysis process which was totally new to me", said To'ia.

The first week of the training was Gender Awareness facilitated by the FWCC's Coordinator, Shamima Ali and

FWCC Deputy Coordinator, Edwinda Kotoisuva. The second week was facilitated by Dr. Juliet Hunt from Australia and covered Gender Analysis.

Gender Analysis is a type of Social Analysis which requires the collection, analysis and application of sex-disaggregated data or information, it is also a process which considers the impact that a development problem, policy, project, program or issue may have on girls and boys, women and men; and on the economic and social relationships between them (gender power relations). - Hunt, J: Effective Gender Analysis and Strategies for International Development, Melbourne, 2009.

"With the knowledge and skills gained from this work-

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TFHA Filitonu gender and human rights training

WCCC facilitated a week long workshop in gender and human rights for the Tonga Family Health Association (TFHA) Filitonu Drama group.

The Filitonu is a health promotion drama group that promotes healthy messages through drama. They perform at schools, Churches and community events.

The week long workshop was facilitated by WCCC's Male Advocate, 'Usaia Hemaloto and Community Education Trainer Lesila Toia. It included topics such as basic rights and entitlements that men and women should have equal access to, and excuses that are used to justify behavior that violates human rights.

Filitonu member Jimmy Ongosia attended the

training and found the concept of human rights to be the most interesting part. "Everyone has the right to information, confidentiality, access, dignity, comfort, safety privacy and an opinion. Ultimately everyone is allowed to make choices, and every choice has a consequence."

The difference between sex (which is the biological differences between men and women) and gender (the learned, behavioral differences between men and women) – the was also an eye opener. "Sex and gender are two very deep words that I hadn't thought much about the meaning of before. What, really, does masculinity mean? We are all born free and importantly,

equal" said Ongosia, demonstrating that masculinity is a learned or gendered behavior.

Each morning sessions covered human rights, gender, domestic violence, and rape and child abuse. In the afternoons Australian Youth Ambassador Nathan Stoneham facilitated drama sessions to apply the learning of the session. Participants were encouraged to embody their learning. One exercise encouraged par-



Facilitators, WCCC's Male Advocate 'Usaia Hemaloto and Community Education Trainer, Lesila To'ia and the members of the Filitonu Group.

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