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Attention: Hon. Charles Abel, MP, Chairperson and MP for Alotau

Dear Sir

REF: TOR (e) AND (f) INQUIRIES INTO ISSUES RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.

As per the subject, this submission is written in reposes to the mandatory of the Special Parliamentary Committee on Gender Based Violence (SPCGBV) secretariat.

Change perpetrator's behaviour for physical violence can be controlled through disciplinary mechanism unless cultural attitude is completely dissolved. However, the Political Science Society of Papua New Guinea consultancy Agency Incorporation (PSSPNGCAInc.) entered into most complicated phenomenal agenda; clicks to unlock cultural belief and discovered sorcery facts.

Through 18th months of solving the traditional issue, come to fear when all the traditional wisdom comes out from helpful sorcery also would possible to die out if triple P strategies called to be as new approach of addressing sorcery issues.

The advocates downturn long existence fear of sorcery into fearless society, but the agency is suspended in lack for further support. Through the SPCGBV initiative under current government, we secure solid ground to solve the puzzle of the cultural trench.

This submission is for Terms of Reference (TOR) (e) Identify the perpetrator intervention program and support services to help them change their behaviour. TOR (f) Consider the view and experience of front line services, advocacy group and others working to address gender base violence as requested.

Enclosed to this letter is the submission; previous reports on the Gender based Violence (GBV) and the profile of the organisation for your perusal.

I would thank you in advance for the time that you will spend to go through the submission.

Yours faithfully

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Director

Submission on addressing Sorcery Related Violence

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Nature Of Sorcery: Stoneman, Poison, Wei, Ula endeli, Kawei and Wei

Project Location:

1. Southern Highlands; South Wiri and Erave LLG
2. Eastern Highlands: Fore, Lufa
3. Simbu; Dadibi, Karamui
4. Gulf: Kikori-Barikewa, Rumu and Folopa
Baimuru- Pawaea

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Introduction

The political Science Society of Papua New Guinea Consultancy Agency Incorporation (PSSPNGCAInc) was established to promote its five programs. Social Justice is one of its programs that cover ways to address number of cross cutting issues which affect the very fabric of our communities, societies, districts, provinces and country at large. Addressing Gender Base Violence (GBV) through empowers youths and women through socio-economic and political arena were one of its objectives.

Range of phases are covered in the program; research, awareness, mediation, reconciliation. Through the phases; education, health, law and order and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) awareness packages are facilitated to the contacted group.

PSSPNGCAInc's volunteer successive project on sorcery is a new way of approach to address sorcery related issues in the country (**annexes 3**). Through the anthropological study, sorcery was **not** always harmful. It is also helpful to foster social and economic richness when our government is looking very closely to various customs apart from Sanguma issues.

The first pilot project of the agency was done in Folopa speaking area bordering Southern Highlands, Gulf and Simbu provinces. Traditional, special plants are part herbs for sorcery attack but not discovered by anyone.

The stone possess sorcery power was collected by the agency and store at the site for scientific scrutiny (**annexes 2**). This evidence and its performance had to be questioned by legal stand, unless our government decision stand with legal will and attack the tradition wisdoms.

This is the stone which perpetrators admit and survivors testify to the agency in various places where the custom was practised. Through the project, perpetrators were given special leadership trainings so they could stop when they identify themselves as Christians and public figure.

The agency carried out the volunteer project to combat all forms of violence and provide efficient knowledge on education, health and develop house skills for small business. The agency collected baseline information and initiate ward development plan by looking at the status of community living. According to the report from the pilot project carried in Folopa, there was evidence found on sorcery. It is the stone which its owner possesses and harms his opponent neighbours.

After the successive project, people are now moving into change. But part of the cultural group in different tongues live in Karamui district is south Simbu and Kikori and Baimuru in Gulf and Fore tongue in Lufa of Eastern Highlands provinces are also request for the group to intervene and address the sorcery violence caused by the stone.

PSSPNGCAInc committed interest and resources to train locals with necessary ways since December 2018. Sorcery eradication project led to community gathering programmes; hosting of church gathering and youths involvements in sports. The reports are attached to **annexes 1** at the back of this submission. Such an infant civil organisation had shortfall in financial support to facilitate a legal, health, educational and business awareness. The agency

closely worked with village leaders, magistrates and councillors to address Gender Based Violence (GBV) and empower women and girls.

The sorcery combat campaign conducted by the PSSPNGCAInc has seen to be most successive approach to eliminate traditional ways of assaulting innocent citizens. Many survivors shared their testimonies of by showing the wounds. Even the perpetrators were admitted and repent their lives from the possession the power of evil through spoken words. There was no indication of medical responds, or police interfere to protect people being accused of sorcery subsequently. Most people are living without being protected from their government but continue threat from fear of sorcery.

Type of Sorcery

Sorcery acts defines sorcery as sorcery" includes (without limiting the generality of that expression) what is known, in various languages and parts of the country, as witchcraft, magic, enchantment, puri puri, mura mura dikana, vada, mea mea, sanguma or malira, whether or not connected with or related to the supernatural.

Papua New Guinea is diverse culturally and custom, therefore, sorcery seems to differ to each culture. No all sorcery is seen to be wicked, some sorcery are very helpful and others are helpless. The wicked sorcerers are called malevolence. They are harmful and caused violence; such as sanguma, masalai, malira, stone and other not listed above also are wicked and violating human. They are spiritual and cannot be seen and provide evidences.

Benevolence sorcery is the spirit of kindness and humanity; it does not cause much destruction to the life. These forms of sorcery are found in nature and traditional wisdom reveals through dream, gifts and traditional wisdom of plants uses. It found in nature and environments. These have being helpful to mankind through ages; ancestors have used such sorcery to survive. This sorcery is found and could be culturally rich and still practised by some people in the country. It is belief to be economic empowerment, but research need to be conducted. Plants that believe to heal sick and wounds, rain needs for water on try ground. This nature is helpful for human as food we take from the environment to sustain us.

Modernity is about collectively creative through standard globalise which obviously base on technology and culture. Our country is unique through diverse in tradition and culture. We have over 800 languages and over thousand cultures. That means, we are the country of many nations. We are integrally independent as one nation and one country and seen struggle though adopting embedded cultures and lifestyles. Social and economic constrain lead to human violence and economic dependence’.

Papua New Guinea ways of cultural development and conservation of historical wisdoms of this beautiful country has used to be supported by national philosopher; Beneath Narokobi. His ideal of promote our riches cultures into development, we sure that our culture is alignment with our country’s richest motto “... we pay homage to our cultural heritage, the source of our strength”.

In order for this country to promote equality, based on respect and prosperity; then cultural heritage is an avenue we refuel our strength. Economic and social strength of this nation is

found in our heritage. Traditional wisdom, environment, resources, are all categorised into heritage, these are the input of our country's prosperity. We need to secured our development in the way those our founding fathers of the nation had architected in the constitution where the five goals and directive principles laid. This is the development roadmap of the country in which everyone is focuses on.

PNG is a developing country; it could be possible for the traditional wisdom and scientist in collaborated to work on modernisation. Only the time will tell, and it is yet to be happened.

Colonialism period discovered our traditional wisdom; they were the anthropologist and scientist. They explored and discovered everything in the country through their contact. Most of them were botanist and done their research through verities of plants species which our ancestors use to survive through their ages. It is the wisdom in which people belief, medication, and decoration. Culture is promoted through decoration in the country through show festivals but still lack to help other good things.

Our native language is dying, herbals uses had forgotten, and belief has replaced. The country would loss all her precious traditional wisdom and values. Hence, I presume, our future scientist of this nation would regret when various preserved wisdom has completely lost.

Things to Know

Sorcery violence concern is not document in the international laws and it is not supported by any of common laws. The sorcery act 1971 was the real wisdom from those constitutional law reform committees from their time. They believed that sorcery would bring issues for the country.

Papua New Guinea has accepted value of Gospel and Common law to promote peace in the community. In the country where triple cultures are seem to be practiced parallel; there is no solution to integrate neither of these cultures. Thus, these become contradiction to the society and people get misperception.

Christians believe in the holy principles of the Bible. Since 19th century, Gospel established in the soil of Papua New Guinea, many places were still covered in darkness. Sorcery, carnivores, warfare and religious bounded. Works of the gospel has changed the dark-atmosphere and substitute it with light. Some people accepted gospels have flourished through peace.

Legal stands based on the fundamental principal to promote good will and carries out legislation for the public affairs. It is directly promote the laws and indirectly promote gospel. It is clearly see that church issues and gospel failure to reach life of people are not brought to question in the court of law.

Underline laws outline provision for the customary while Christian strongly forbidden the custom practises. The problem of sorcery lies between Christians and customs in the country, while legal stand becomes neutrally find ways to address the custom's issues.

In the confusing society, where services of medical and legal protection are not vastly provided, citizens are in threat. Information disseminate through advocate is significant especially when churches groups for the sorcery issues.

Project Development

Not all places have a sanguma issue; there are other sorcery issues which claim more people's lives than Sanguma. Some sorcery issues which claim many lives but not come out on the social media, few have evidence. These are stone, poison, Ola edeli, Kawei and Wei which are found in the province listed below. Some of these districts are attempted by the agency. But most of them are yet to attempt, and even identified.

According the highlights on stone sorcery recorded by the agency, there are other types of sorcery which attack many people but that has not been discovered. Sanguma malevolence is part of sorcery group only become hotspot issues. Sangama can be suspect case because it is unseen and has no evidence for the legal focuses.

Stone sorcery is another form of malevolence group, attack many people as recorded in the reports attached. But it has evidence; the stone is seen and can be witness when someone dies. The stone sorcery advocacy was conducted by the agency using triple P strategies.

Below is a table some districts familiar with the stone sorcerer – stonman. Many people are dying in these isolated areas every year but not recorded. The perpetrator is saved by the act of sorcery even he is proven to be guilty.

Province	District	LLG	Language	Type of sorcery
Eastern Highlands	Lufa	Lufa	Gimi	Stone & poison
	Okapa	Okapa	Fore	Stone & poison
Simbu	Karamui	Karamui	Dadibi	Stone & poison
Southern Highlands	Erave	Erave	Samberigi/ Erave	Stone, poison & Ula edeli
			Folopa	Stone & poison
	Pangia	South Wiru	Wiru	Stone & Poison
Gulf	Kikori	East Kikori	Folopa	Stone & poison
		East Kikori	Rumu	Spiritual Nature
		West Kikori	Barikewa	Spiritual Nature
	Baimuru	Baimuru	Pawaia	Stone and spirit

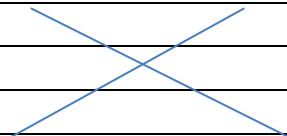
Sorcery related violation hotspot provinces in the country are in Highlands Region. Accusation of sorcery and antagonist barbaric tribal fighters had nothing known before 2013, while coastal practises sorcery through various means.

Violation of human in the hotspot areas proposed by the term sanguma could seem to be hybrid culture of other sorcery and cruel behaviour. Institution cannot tame the attitude unless church changes the cultures.

Sanguma can be adopted concept of sorcery which borrowed to the province from periphery sorcery culture places. The viral of rumours can attack suspect without factual evidence provided.

However, in the stone sorcery practise area, the attack can be revenge through sorcery without mob attack and physical torture on the suspect. The issues of stone sorcery become secret while sanguma cases become overt.

The table below is the hotspot provinces experience various form of sorcery. Sanguma, stoneman, poison, wei, ule endeli and kawie are practises- definitions are in glossary

Province	Type of sorcery	Stone	Revenge
Southern Highlands	Sanguma & Stone Ula edeli	Folopa, Wiru, Samberigi	Stone/ violence
Eastern Highlands	Sanguma & Stone	Gimi	Stone/ violence
Simbu	Sanguma & Stone	Karamui	Stone/ violence
Western highlands	Sanguma		
Enga	Sanguma		
Jiwaka	Sanguma		
Mandag	Sanguma		
Gulf	Wei, Kawei	Nature	Sorcery

Types of sorcery and issues

Type of sorcery	Evidence	Source	Recognises By Government	Types of Violence	Victims
Kawei	Impossible	Spirit	Not Known	secret killings	Innocent citizens
Wei	Impossible	Spirit	Not Known	secret killings	Innocent citizens
Stoneman	Can be found	Stone	Not Known	Anyone of neighbours	Innocent citizens
Poison	Can be found	Dust	Not Known	Anyone of neighbours	Innocent citizens
Ula edeli	Can be found	bone	Not Known	Anyone of neighbours	Innocent citizens
Sanguma	Impossible	Spirit	Known	Suspect killings	Suspect citizen

Objectives drivers

PSSPNGCAInc has been working together with Church groups, community leaders and people through a strategy called “triple P. (Poison, Population, and Price). Poison can mean sorcery, immoral sins, drug smugglers, bursting spouse (s) and other evil which not good to

God and your neighbours to be abandoned. Population could mean economic productive and Godly fearing people which will add moral values and think positive. Thus, he/she can be an asset to the nation building. The third P foresees the achievement or the Price results from good life. Price depends on being a poison free population, **media publication, annexes 3.**

The agency believed that, sorcery information uses to spread rumours on neighbours how different culture has. Violence or sorcery is the crush of culture; weak and shy culture and hush and bully culture. Weak culture is humble though spiritual violation and bully culture in physical violation.

The triple P strategies come with awareness to foster community to gain better understanding, and based on the following ten objectives. The objective uses depend on the settings of the community and type of culture they have:

1. Encouraged youths to embrace their life on the building of subjectivity people who will have positive thinking in which they could sensitivity patriotic in social, economic and spiritual development. Thus people will inclusive in integral human development and equal participation in nation building.
2. Many of the students in these areas are exclusion in most of their life. Thus student still leave behind from the rest of the places in the country. Hence, their basic rights to be enrolled in the school had denied by many reasons.
3. The literacy level in the area is seems to be poor, most never read and write. Hence, they are illiterate to help themselves in understanding the information. The lack of literacy has failed many to help themselves in health, family planning, making good decision and understand law and order.
4. People can be aware of information on the education but still have lack in public servants. Teachers are rare and not all love to live with isolated people. Health issues, geographical difficulties and often regarded such people to be no career at all. These concerns kept as they in the prison for many years.
5. Health issue becomes an alarm as many die with curable diseases. People drink still water and water of swamp which their children becomes malnourish. Women have more nine children and sometimes her dies after child birth,
6. Infortune people becomes dealer of marijuana bring down from Highlands and spoil community. Weaken their body so they create domestic violence. Their wives always tired of such a life in the changing time. Must have gone committee suicide which brings on going issues.
7. Sorcery and witchcraft issues become ongoing in these areas. People are jealous of good thing that other does. Thus they harm the good people in order for him to leave the good things. People never do business or build better houses, when they do, the bad thing happen.

8. Thus, there are no churches in most of these areas, the grace of God very poor. Wearing, gambling and attach of abuses become part of their life styles. These create society do not care about future and better changes in their community.
9. Local business group becomes idol and never attempt to drive even they have some project.
10. Since majority of community are illiterate as a result jealousy, health issues, zero educated people and failure of business knowledge. These communities still in confusion to find their way out from the isolation.

Institutional Capacity

(1) Project Planning

Government is concern about alarming issue of the sorcery and other violence in the country. Some of the sorcery related issue is the spiritual belief on the unseen power. The only way to solve the sorcery is to lead by the church groups.

This project was initiated by PSSPNGCAI to express citizenship rights to anti-sorcery working together with the national government. The agency only provides local leaders with technical support and planning. This project does need much planning to elevate through reach out the unreached. The project will challenge most of the volunteer due to distances experience and cost. Most of the funds will be accumulated on safety, communications, social networking and emergency cases.

(2) Project Implementation & Supervision

Church groups and local leaders were approached to implement the project and coordinated by the Executives of the PSSPNGCAInc. Through the community connections, external assistance such police officers can be assisted.

Proposed Costs

This Project can cost **K1,078,000** to completely eradicate stone sorcery issues in six LLGs which speaks nine (9) different languages who believe on the sorcery. The areas cover approximately 30,000 square kilometres. It is located in part of Southern Highlands, Simbu, Gulf and Eastern Highlands Province will be under the project. They speak Folopa, Rumu, Barikewa, Dadipi, Samberigi, Fore, Kewa, Wiru and Paweia languages.

Each ethic would cost maximum of K89, 000 when addressing the seen sorcery violence cases. Other forms of Gender Base Violence would be easily dissolved once the people gain information through triple P strategies.

Proposes Budget

The propose budge on nine (9) ethnic groups can be spend on the following project phrases inclusively at different time. In the years cost can be drawn below, but it can be double when geographical features and need additional assistance requires. It is gross value of the project in a year.

Project Phrase	Activities	Costs
Research & networking	Data collection & Documentation	K60,000
Awareness	Materials Accommodations Transportations	K280,000
Church programs	Crusades Dedication	K78,000
Women SME Group	Establishing group Materials	K210, 000
Youth Groups	Register groups Sports and agriculture activities	K180,000
Capacity Buildings	Provided trainings	K90,000
Contingency	Emergency, security	K 30,00
Administration	Employments and coordination	K150,000
		K1,078,000

Time Schedule

Period for the activities to be taken

Activities	Months											
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Networking												
Awareness												
Church Program												
Engagement												

Risk Analysis

Risk analysis for the stone sorcery free project in Folopa, Dadipi, Samberigi, Kewa, Fore, Gimi, Paweia, Rumu and Barikewa speakers is a prime concern. It is very dangerous project and it deals with dark ruler and principles of the evil forces. However, previous project on the same issue has done successfully through community group participation.

Additional risk assessment yet to be drawn based on details provided by various networking groups looking at the potential hazard.

Safety is a paramount and it is consider as first priority by the agency. Church leaders, safety experts, local police personnel and nursing officers are recruited for carry out sorcery advocacy campaign.

The agency oversees and coordinates various upon immediate family consent. These authorization can be done through verify physical health and capability to travel in their neighbouring places in peace.

Risk assessment Table

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Management
Custom sick	Medium	manageable	Church will lead the group with daily devotion.
Post construction. <i>Assumption/risks:</i> Dangers involved with jealousy and deformation of character as resulted in tribal fighting.	high	manageable	Education would be provided on the safety and appropriate mediation by church groups and leaders. When it danger would seek external assistance - Police
Post construction. <i>Assumption/risks:</i> bring magic stone without satanic prayer could result dead of handler.	High	manageable	Other man has prepared to use his power identify witches in the project area in case conceal.
Environmental effects. <i>Assumption/risks:</i> Swamp, jungle, mosquitos, poison snake, rain,	medium	manageable	Needs safety boots, rain coat, mosquito nets.

Local councillor's involvement

Every program conducted must be acceptable by the culture of the community. Thus, government agent such as councils and magistrate must aware of the activity. Through their knowledge, church, women and youth group must be supported to address the issues. The facilitator must provide external information based on sorcery acts and bring to the certain understanding of community through persuading the triple p strategies.

The program will help to build strong community networks; hence health and education issues could be addressed and people would have basic understanding of SME.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Main stream media reports, through sharing agency facebook information with the special parliamentary committees on Facebook page, documentation and progressive report through acquittals. Independent group will be engage for audit the project before finally present to the parliament at the end of the project.

PSSPNGCAI will utilize the following publicly acknowledge for the local Special parliamentary committee secretariat through;

- Communication and media unit;
- PNG dailies (The National Newspaper/Post courier);
- Banners and Social Medias.

Recommendation

Agency is working through volunteer bases and engage rural community based group to address their cross-cutting cultural issue and align national goals through awareness and interaction. In the process of getting involvement in the service of rural community, we research potential economic information.

While go through patrol reports of the Australian engagement with the natives and we confirm potential resources discovered. This information can be proposed through responsible government in the area.

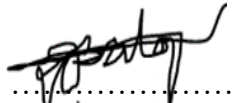
Look through the nature of the church, women and youth engagement activities; we quickly strategies possible ways to address the social issues. Thus, plan for the cultural and economic development together with church group and government agents in the community on following points while addressing sorcery issues;

- The reasons of the threefold parallel cultural society is seems to be struggled to unite people into single culture. The violence is everywhere in the country based on socio-economic and other means. But in sorcery, the approaches in total eradication are to be costly when legal approaches are to be prioritises.
- Supporting established church and community groups in community is a best way to boost zero tolerance of sorcery related violence unless traditional wisdom keeps probability inheritance through by-product of sorcery also losses.
- Traditional wisdom has to be identified and verified; herbs, stone, ways to produce rain, and any economic improvises elements. Government could to concern about the relationship between good and bad sorcery and research needed for benefits before claim all in the form of Saguam-sorcery.
- Institute legal approaches to address custom issues in each ethics and languages which later proposes to the legislators for scrutinise and endorses.
- Formalise the different ways of sorcery and witchcraft ethno-culture and identify roots sorcery and form of wisdom and intervene into modernisation of the country.
- Empower local researchers to record the wisdom of the tradition before dying out of the culture and lost identify of various customs. Thus, final reports will be called to be a Papua New Guinean ways of introducing economic independence and social justice.

Conclusion

Since government of the day has seen some of ways to support the operation of the established community group to fight for sorcery, they are in better position to fight for all form of gender base violence. PSSPNCAInc only coordinates the operation of the established group in affiliate with Special Parliamentary committee on addressing gender base violence.

Respectfully Submitted



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Luke Balo (Mr)

PSSPNGCAInc- Councillor of Director

Annexes 1

Monitoring and Evaluation Report for last stone sorcery
elimination project

2018-2020

PSSPNGCAInc.



The Political Science Society of PNG Consultancy Agency Incorporation (PSSPNG-CA Inc.).

PSSPNG CA Inc. has found new approaches to eliminate Sorcery and Witch Craft related issues, violence and killings in the country. Here are the highlights of its findings on an advocacy project to sorcery in Folopa, one of the remote areas of Kagua-Erave in the Southern Highlands Province.

Monitoring and Evaluation Plan 2018-2020

Progressive Reports for the Political Science Society of Papua New Guinea Consultancy Agency Incorporation (PSSPNG-CA Inc.) Partnership with Folopa Volunteer Youth Group (FVYG)

Folopa Sorcery combating and other development plans.

Phase 1. Sorcery combat plan

- Steps1. Research
- Step 2. Launching, unity plan.

Phase 2. Development of Sorcery plan

- Step 1. Intergraded like-minded people and groups
- Step 2. Legal approaches- Trainings

Phase 3: Implementation plans

- Step 1: Awareness programs
- Step 2: Mediation programs

Phase 4: Reconciliation

- Step 1. Dedication programs
- Step 2. Youth and children education and guardians trainings.

Phase: 5. Society gatherings

- Step 1. Crusade/Church Events - churches and women
- Step 2: Sports - Youth

MONITORING REPORTS IN BRIEF

PHASE1: SORCERY COMBAT PLAN

Step 1. Research

According to the research done, in the years 2000 to 2019, there were a total 633 cases of deaths recorded in Folopa area. Of the total deaths, 412 deaths were sorcery related killings, 187 died of water bourn and other diseases while 14 deaths were the result of abortion and child labour. Besides, 10 people died of suicide.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) reported that violence against women is common in Mount Tawa in Folopa, <https://www.maf.uk.org.story.violence>. Below is a Sorcery related case reported by MAF pilots Mathew and Andrew 2014 where they saved Rose Rodney life after she was attacked of sorcery. Fortunately for she medevac'd to Mt. Hagen where she was saved.



Right: MAF emergency loading victim Rose with her husband Rodney in the Plane at Mount Tawa airstrip before taken to Mount Hagen.

Below: Women carrying victim Toli Mako to nearest Mt.Tawa before MAF before MAF to respond for recovery at Mount Hagen.



*Events & Dates

Venue: Mt. Tawa

Year: 2012 & 2014

Photo taken from: MAF, Mt. Hagen Website

Step 2. Launching of Sorcery Free Project.

The launching of **Sorcery free project** is a pilot project of the Political Science Society of Papua New Guinea Consultancy Agency Incorporation (PSSPNG-CA Inc.) in Partnership with Folopa Volunteer Youth Group (FVYG). The project was launched in Mount Tawa on December, 05th 2018. A total of 11 Ward Councils came together with all the local and church leaders to officiate the launching ceremony. There were 794 people including the people from Erave and Samberigi witnessed.

Attendances were pleased with the agency for the announcement of the Free Sorcery Violence Project.

Below are some of the photos of the Folopa unity plans Hosted by PSSPNG-CA Inc. Program and Planning Director Mr Luke Balo.



Events & Dates

Venue: Mt. Tawa- SHP

Date: 04th December 2018 – 06th December 2018

PHASE 2. DEVELOPMENT OF SORCERY PLAN

Step 1. Legal Approaches'

PSSPNG-CA Inc. has aligned its plans with the Sorcery National Action Plan 2015 (SNAP) and the Sorcery Accusation Related Violence National Action plan (SARV NAP) with support of relevant government departments, institutions and organisations. SNAP is the holistic approach to protecting the victims/accused, by enforcing legal orders and providing medical evidence of death to protect the rights of the suspect. SNAP has five-part strategy core areas: Advocacy and communications, Medical, Legal and protection, Care and counselling, and Research.

The legal stand has no place to prosecute spiritual and unseen facts. Even sorcery is real and it has been rooted in our belief system for years, **but** the law which our country adopted is different from our traditional belief.

The PSSPNG-CA Inc. is trying to eradicate replace this cultural belief with Christian faith and what the law demands. With this approach, medical reports will provide evidence for deaths leaving no rooms for accusing innocents of sorcery.

The former Prime Minister (Peter O'Neil) dedicated the tasks of addressing sorcery related responsibility to PNG council of churches to address sorcery issue in rural communities. Therefore, we have actively involved the pastors of the different churches and the active youth to carry out the awareness on the Stop Sorcery Project in the Folopa area.



Above: Induction and Inception worship of FVYG for the Stop Sorcery Project.

Events & Dates

Venue: Mt. Tawa & Boro- SHP

Date: 26th December 2018 – 01th January 2019

Step 2. Integration

PSSPNG-CA Inc. primary target was to involve youth, women and church groups to take the lead for the sorcery free project in Folopa. The execution of the project was done purely by volunteers. There were a total of 173 FVYG and five churches that participated in the Project.



Above: The Volunteers of Sorcery Free Project in Folopa

Events & Dates

Venue: Woposali, Tiri, Mt.Tawa, Kele, Eastland, Siriki, Waraga, Tono, Balowei, Kerabi, Keba, Sopuse, Biaki, Kele, Sesae, Tinigiri, Boro in the SHP.

Teterepare, Teterapo, Tobare, Tawi and Sikitao in Gulf Province

Date: 03rd January 2019- 07th August 2019.

PHASE 3: IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Step1. Awareness

The execution plan of the project is the second part in the combating of sorcery related issues in Folopa. The group developed some tour plans which had to be carried out in each of the places in Folopa. The tour plan was basic awareness in the whole area.

Prior notices were given to the people before the awareness team actually went in for the awareness on the project. The first venue was at Mt. Tawa. After Mt. Tawa, we went further to the Eastland towards Lake Tebera. After that, we moved to Woposali in Erave district, then to Negebare in East Kikori district, and finally to Tiri in Erave district. The awareness program clarified people to cooperate and work hand in hand to completely do away with the social issues.

PSSPNG-CA Inc. has involved 173 Folopa volunteer Youths to carry out the awareness. In the awareness, a Triple P strategy was proposed. Poison, Population and Price. This strategy was used during the campaign.

Poison covers sorcery, tribal fighting, jealousy, drug smuggling and any act which is not acceptable according to the Christian principles.

The awareness also brought to light the other development needs of the people. Given its geographical location, Folopa has been neglected of basic government services. Situated on the border of Southern Highlands, Gulf and Simbu provinces, there is no proper road link. The only transport used is by air. There are no proper health care facilities, schools and other infrastructure. People are still living in traditional lifestyle. People have been dying and are dying of curable diseases. 90% of the population is illiterate. Given the rural setting, sorcery and witchcraft practises are common.

45 years of independence and Folopa is still untouched by basic government services. The total population exceeds 10,000 people. Churches are gradually working into changing the lives of the people. With the sorcery free awareness and advocacy project, people have started to change gradually.

The churches played an active role during the implementation of the project. With the preaching of the gospel, many people were converted and they renounced their lives of sorcery and witchcraft. The gospel laid the foundation for us to make the awareness and advocate for peace, prosperity and a change of lifestyle and the basic government services. We educated them that, the only way to move forward was to leave all their sorcery and witchcraft practises and accept Jesus as their saviour and this will bring great change and development to the Folopa area.

Through the awareness and advocacy project, we realized that, it was the traditional customs and traditions that hold the people back from moving forward. They were all caught inside by the strong sorcery and witchcraft practises. Sorcery and witchcraft were at the centre of their daily lives. This has seen the people not progress for the last 45 years since independence.

The three 'P' strategy has paved a new way forward for the Folopa people. We made sure that, the very much needed information were imparted to the people on Anti-sorcery and witchcraft. The awareness and advocacy was a real change and development for the people. It has opened the eyes of the Folopa people to leave their former lives and adopt the new dawning that is coming their way. Many community leaders were very much challenged during the project and as a result they have confessed to advocate for their people to change and move on with the new life of the 21st century.

Below: Active participation by the people during the awareness, education and advocacy during the Sorcery Free Project in Folopa.



Events & Dates

Venue: Eastland, Woposali, Mt. Tawa and Tiri in the Southern Highlands Province
in the Gulf Province

Sikitao

Date: 03th January 2019 – 11th February 2019

Step 2. Mediation

Sorcery killing in the Folopa area is a warfare. It is one clan against the other and or one family against the other. It has been part of their lives and it is still as we speak. Many lives have been taken via sorcery or at least related to. During the awareness, careful ethical measures were taken to protect the identity of the accused as well as the accusers. PSSPN-CA Inc. made sure that, the awareness and advocacy did not steer up any other related conflicts. The mitigation and mediation were done in the light of the gospel values and as per the legal laws of the country.

The method used for the mediation was that, letters were given by PSPNG-CA Inc. to all clans in the area stating time, date and venue for the peace mediation program. In response to the invitation letter and the peace mediation program, each clan gave in their concerns regarding the peace program. Each were given careful attention to. After getting all the concerns, the Political Science Society of PNG Consultancy Agency Inc. came up with the best and covenant way to host the peace mediation. The peace will basically be among the victims and perpetrators. As is the case across the country, the perpetrations always have the upper end. This time, we made sure that, the gospel took the upper end and both parties had to accept the gospel principle.

After that, both parties renounced their sorcery and witchcraft practise and belief and declared to the whole people of Folopa that, they have renounced their belief and practises in sorcery and will now accept the gospel principles and Jesus Christ as their Saviour and that this will bring light to the whole Folopa area. All the clans participated in the mediation and peace program. They were all practitioners of sorcery and witchcraft. During the peace program they all confessed to the killings and evil deeds they have been doing. They even exposed and surrounded items that gave them spiritual powers to do what they had been doing. Items like magic stone, human bones and so forth.

Following: the pictures show mediation program conducted confidential to protect the deformation of personal character once it discloses. The society lost many of their love ones through the sorcery related killings.



Events & Dates

Venues: Woposali, Tiri, Mt. Tawa, Kele, Eastland, Siriki, Waraga, Tono, Balowei, Kerabi, Keba, Sopuse, Biaki, Kele, Sesae, Tinigiri, Boro in the SHP.

Teterepare, Teterapo, Tobare, Tawi and Sikitao in Gulf Province

Time: 04th May 2019 – 11th August 2019

PHASE 4: RECONCILIATION

Step 1: Dedication Program

After of the medication and confession program with each clan has done; community were asked to assemble at the open area for reconciliation.

Reconciliation program has done publicly and openly. A clan representative must step forward to testify the type of clan they were in those evil days. The in quietly of their father or tribesman has gone with them. My iniquity was confused in during the mediation; telling God about the wrong and good person my tribe.

On behalf his clan, a leader sent an apology to their enemy of the tribal fighting and suspect developed on stone sorcerer. They forgive their neighbours on what his tribe has done on them, their mother, love ones, family and friend been tortured and beaten to deaths. He appeals them to forgive their tribe and their place for the same matter.

The youths were agreed for each clan to hold a bible and wash their hands. Promising the Holy God and them about the clan and their generation was to set a vow. No one of the village must perform the stone sorcery to against their neighbours.

The reconciliation program was enclosed with a prayer. The FVYG, Pastors of various denominations, and everyone pray to the God to forgive and forget their wrong. Their sins and evildoer shall not to be remembered.

In the evening, People were told to gather for the fellowship. God was the only changer of the lives of people. Many people were repent and told prayer for their wrongs. The people were felt with Joy and fear became to vanish.



Above: Reconciliation brought restoration into villages, reformation of Christian perspectives, and surrender of many lives with total forgiveness. Sorcerer admitted, marijuana addicted uprooted the plants and non-christens were repentant. Most vow to God by lifting Holy Bible and wash their hands with in the presents of their neighbours. The sign

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Step 2. Youths and children education guardians training program.

In the morning, students were to train for the special education skills. These skills enhanced to develop creativity and uphold moral values. Respect the neighbours and obey the parents and guidance. Most of the students were told to stand up in the public to train their confident.

Boys were told to respect their sisters and mother. Boys encouraged to stop act rude in the community. People become hero resulted in struggle in their lives.

Several questions were based on biblical thoughts were blessed to the students. The testimony of God's love and purpose of everyone which the God has planned. Through the special education program in an hour's students were encouraging to adopt the system of prayer. Only the prayer knocks on the heaven's door to answer all your needs.



Above: Special training for children were also carried out during the dedication phase in every place where the group visited. The main idea was to make them different from their parents' character of adopting fear of sorcery at their rightful home. The training brought peaceful society where these children will rely on the foundation of freedom of sorcery related acts.

Events & Dates

Venue: Mt. Tawa, Woposali, Eastland in the Southern Highlands Province

Teterapo, Tobare and Tawi in the Gulf Province

Time: 21st August – 12 September 2019.

PHASE 5. SOCIETY GATHERING

Step 1: Hosting Crusade

PSSPNGCAInc carryout hosting crusade only on the suspect places after reconciliation. Crusade was conducted by the agency in partnership with local pastors. The crusade hosted by gather all the places at the hosting places. Most of the denomination taken part in the stone sorcery campaigned united to host a crusade.

One of the crusades was at Otali in the Kele council wards. Otali was seen to be chased by their tribal enemy and was refugee at Woposali. Pukutao Councillor late Walu Horopo asked them to go back their location. Otali was very remoted place in border of Southern highlands and Gulf Provinces.

Senior Wesleyan Pastor Isiswhi and village chief leader Simoon Yokewase hosted a crusade. Invited the agency representatives and FVYG to witness the crusade. The crusade appointed Pastor James Yale of the ECPNG church to the speaker.

Eastland was the new name given by the agency to replace old name Otali. Eastern was breakthrough in change of life. People were doing away with the old practises and accept the change.

Eastland is only of the place in Folopa located in the valley, most of the sits of the east of Folopa was not discovered. The caves, swarm, heritage while pig seemed to be one sided type found in the place. Folopa trade with hornbill, cockatoo and cassowary with Eastland nowadays.

The second crusade was hosted at Tobare in the Gulf Province. Tobare was previously called Hala where it has 21 clans. Previously, Hala was first contacted by Wesleyan church. In 2004, Samberigi ECPNG church sent a Pastor Ben Kapo to be served he places a missionary.

Pastor Ben changes the praise and worship pattern of the people into more advance standard. He hosted a crusted at the time of the Sorcery Free in Folopa. Tobare welcomed the agency and Folopa congregation in warm.

People were seen miracle by sick people got healings in their lives. The sick people were got healed and many heathens were repented. The Folopa Health Ministry team leader, Mr Bill Agoloma was a gift of God in healing people.

The final gathering was hosted in Bolo in the Pukutao ward of the Southern Highlands Province. At that time people were in tears of joy. No fear stone sorcerer in the public gathering as used to be in over the time.

Every people of Folopa gathered and ordained the work doing over the months in the hand of the Lord. The 173 participants in the campaigned were attained as recognition letter upon their voluntarily carry out the sorcery awareness with a good leadership skill.

Crusades Program.



Crusade shows great breakthrough in the lives of many people, the changes as the sign of true repentance and forgive and forget want neighbours had done on each another through sorcery related violence. Now the Lord Himself has the reward of individuals. But for us, we must live a free and enjoyable life.

Events & Dates

Venue: Mt. Tawa; Time: 07th January 2020, Southern Highlands Province

Venue: Eastland 03rd June 2019, Southern Highlands Province

Venue: Tobare 10th October 2019. Gulf Province

Step 2: Youths' Sport

PSSPNG-CA Inc. had a plan to host Folopa games for the youths of the 10 council wards in the Folopa speaking area as the first time in the society. There was a negotiation with a young leader in Folopa, Mr Sam Kauwe rang the Agency head to give them protocol since they had never had independence game for the last 44 years of independence.

PSSPNG-CA Inc. Chief council of Director Mr Desmond Goru made a brief phone talk for evaluating the Folopa would be a confirmed society free from society free area after 16 months of the successful done sorcery free related violence campaign.

Mr Luke Balo book the plan on the 09th September 2020 left Jackson's Airport for Kakamuga and next day got on a hire car to Marorogo in Erave. Follow Bush track in two days and reached game hosting place in Siriki on the 14th September. There were surprised to see many people crowded to warm welcomes and lead me to grandstand for some speeches.

I saw people and looked at their faces, their signing smiles shows the sign of thank for the work that has done. A village leader got up and said, "PSSPNG-CA Inc. has help us and we are praying that God will expand and prosper the agency to help country who face tribal issues". We the leaders of the different wards in Folopa make this Independence to celebrate as to show we can develop our youths with sports.

So far, there were none death through sorcery related violence, but we are vulnerable to other sickness.

Plan of PSSPNG-CA Inc. to remove sorcery fear place to more fear free society of Folopa has seems to track on our current government motto of take back PNG, leave no child behind. PNG to be black richest Christian nation on the globe.



*Above: Folopa hosted its 10 council wards on the 45th Independence celebration in Siriki Village of the Southern Highlands Province. Sport has seen to be their **first-time** host in Folopa. Games such as soccer, volleyball and basketball. PSSPNGCA Inc was observing such a game in the country's big days to unite people unlike in the past. This is one of the great success of the human empowerment and solving law and order challenge in this part of the country.*

Events & Dates

Venue: Siriki, Southern Highlands Province

Time: 11th September 2020 – 17th September 2020

Hosted: Folopa Volunteer Youth Group.

Summary:

The Political Science Society of Papua New Guinea Consultancy Agency Incorporation (PSSPNG-CA Inc.) in Partnership with Folopa Volunteer Youth Group (FVYG) have done possible way to combat long existence sorcery related human violence in Folopa as their second pilot Project.

Folopa sorcery related violence elimination project in 2018-2019 was too technical and with less costs. The project converted some ungodly people into more resourceful people. The transformation of Folopa society from fearful to fearless in the sorcery related cases was best approaches. The pilot project of PSSPNG-CA Inc. tried to change this type of people to sport talented, Godly feared and inspired Society for others.

The Holistic approaches of the people can see positive impact on the lives of people. What the agency needs to help people has done and needs more help from outside to empower this people.

Folopa has being described by early outsiders' as carnivorous and bush type people with more resistance and aggressive. These types of people have few impact in their isolated communities with fear of sorcery even the gospel has reached through the area. The ministry of PSSPNG-CA Inc. has expound and influence FVYG to unite the fragmented places for change. These changes can start with individual or group through encourage their children to adopt modern legal system by do away tradition beliefs.

The recently involvement and empowerment of youths through Sport at the Siriki village of the Southern Highlands Province was the positive way of empowering gender for equal participation and demonstration of their talents and get rid of local discrimination. It was the first-time since independence Folopa host such an event. Education and sports can drive coming generation forwards which the Folopa has already taped into it.

PSSPNG-CA Inc. has being observing some handful of native teachers and nursing officers are struggling to reach nearest schools and aid posts in Folopa. There are total of 15 educators, 3 Aid post officers, they love to serve their people without accessibility of rural market, trade store, phone networks. Most of them looking for Digicel networks to high mountains; however, they are still pleased with abundance of vegetables, food and fresh bush animals and fresh water fish.

What the PSSPNG-CA Inc. has done with the FVYG as Non-Government Organisation was to motivate people to prioritise children education rights. Encourage people to send children to schools after made big **clean-a-thon**

project of sorcery related violence, Gender based violence and other form of issues like drug issue which challenge the stand of the national justice.

By alignment plans with the country development goals and priorities area, PSSPNG-CA Inc. always uphold every national departmental agenda into rural communities serve the national interest without political interference. Let people can fresh feed from our mount beside influence caused from literate through institution.

People in remote only understand from mount and not all read books and newspapers, PSSPNG-CA Inc. explains government priorities area of the national interest through their time with Folopa and feed necessary information since they were the last people to know the information.

PSSPNG-CA Inc. understood every rural situation across the country, and we have more than 600 members. Through the members we have a bigger networking and connection to solve cross-cutting issue and embrace to acceptance change. The change can be social, spiritual, and economics for the affecting places.

We are now in better position to address the cultural and tribal conflicts and social- economic cross cutting issues in the country.

We are looking forward to working with both the government and non-government entities in dressing the Sorcery issues in the country.

Annexes 2

Some of the evidence of the stones that possess sorcery had collected and storage.



The stone- These stones claimed many lives, agency store them for scientific scrutiny

News Paper Article after successive sorcery related Violence
Project.

Agency sees new approach on sorcery issues

BY JASON PAISOI

A LOCAL agency has taken new approaches to eliminating sorcery and witchcraft-related issues in remote communities bordering the Gulf and Southern Highlands provinces.

The Political Science Society of Papua New Guinea Consultancy Agency Incorporation (PSSPNG-CA Inc) was formed by graduates from the University of Goroka (UOG) in 2018 and has since been working in partnership with Folopa Volunteer Youth Group (FVYG) to combat sorcery-related violence in the area.

Group leader Luke Bole said they have been working with church groups, village leaders and the community through a strategy called "triple P" and had seen a positive impact on the communities in Fol-

opa area in Erave district in the Southern Highlands Province.

The 'triple p' educates the community about the "poison" or it can mean sorcery, and what it does to human rights, the effect on "population" and the "price" the community would achieve from living a good life.

He said PSSPNG involvement with the churches and healing ministry groups had helped make the awareness successful and did a mass clean-a-ton on sorcery and other gender violence including child abuse.

"The result of the project have admitted sorcerers to God, drugs destroyed, people now understand human rights, train young leaders, children education program and made the community united," Mr Bole said.

He said since sorcery was a spiritual war the group began with research on the issue, started to integrate, and did mediations, dedication and hosting crusades in the villages in the remote areas of Folopa.

"There were 663 cases of deaths in Folopa of various reasons according to the research. 412 deaths were of sorcery, 187 of water borne diseases. But starting last year there was no cases of related deaths because many have changed," Mr Bole said.

He said the awareness was initiated in 2018, and continued into last year in the very remote areas of Gulf and Erave, in the Southern Highlands border which was infamous for sorcery related violence.

He said the agency is now in better position to address sorcery and other traditional issues.

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Patient apologises to residents of Kenabot Stage 2

BY PORENI UMAU

A YOUNG man who was the second Britain case in the East New apologise to his neighbours at Kenabot Stage 2 who were forced into a lockdown.

During an interview yesterday, he

in business, I sincerely apologise. It was because of me, that you had to go through this," he said.

"There are many people who have been affected directly or indirectly and I apologise for what happened. I am sorry that it was me. I was the reason for the lockdown and I ask for your forgiveness if my condition has

give them food.

"I also want to thank Kokopo city manager Freddy Lemeki and the Lord Mayor Benjamin Mesmin Murliu for making sure that we had enough supply of fresh garden produce. I am also grateful to the Raniolo community who also kindly donated fresh garden produce during the lockdown

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Glossary

- **Kawei-** is a type of sorcery in which suspect turns to animals and storms and attack others.
- **Poison-** sorcery possess through dust from the stone.
- **Sanguma-** type of sorcery in which suspect reaction is hardly identifies. However, immediate family would able to see while the suspect is sleeping physical but turns into nature in spirit.
- **Sorcery** includes (without limiting the generality of that expression) what is known, in various languages and parts of the country, as witchcraft, magic, enchantment, puri puri, mura mura dikana, vada, mea mea, sanguma or malira, whether or not connected with or related to the supernatural.
- **Stone-** (stoneman) magic stone uses special stone to possess sorcery and magic words and kill people in secret.
- **Ula edeli-** deceased bone created, attack people through shooting shadow of the victim.
- **Wei-** is another type of sorcery in which suspect uses magic words and travels invisible.