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PNGWiADF

- Is an NGO of women farmers, women scientists and women extension officers
- Is a “MOUTH PIECE” for women in agriculture, especially those in rural areas who produce food for PNG and sustain household livelihoods
- Established in 2006 (through a follow-up workshop by ACNARS/NARI in 2001– Women’s Voices in the Food Chain)
Women in PNG are the major players of agriculture for food and income through subsistence farming systems.
Objective - PNGWiADF

To develop, facilitate, and implement agricultural programs and projects under the National Agriculture Development Plan for/involving women, youths and families. Advocacy for:

- increased food security
- improved income earning opportunities
- poverty alleviation
- improved welfare of rural communities
- national and regional prosperity
- minimize external factors (HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, health and environmental issues)
Fresh Produce organically grown from Highlands of PNG
**Vision**: To promote equal participation of women in agriculture, livestock and other natural resource development; improve and enhance women’s status through economic development

**Mission**: Our mission is to;
- deliver member benefits
- promote and support members
- expand nation wide, provincial and district WiADF
- advocate for gender equity and influence development policies
- source and link appropriate training, credit facilities, markets, employment, etc
Agriculture in PNG

- Agriculture-based country with over 85% population depending on agriculture for their daily livelihoods
- Subsistence to semi-subsistence agriculture
- Important food crops are sweet potato, banana, sago, taro, Chinese taro, yams and cassava
- Cash crops include coffee, cocoa, copra, oil palm, fresh vegetables and betel nut
- Produces and exports valuable agricultural, timber, and fish products, mostly in raw materials.
- Agriculture contributes 26% to the national GDP
- PNG agriculture has huge potential to food security, cash income generation, increasing gainful employment, reducing poverty and rural development, eventually leading to national prosperity
- Women in PNG are the major players of agriculture for food and income through subsistence farming systems
Participants of the first planning meeting at PNG NARI Head Office, Lae, January 2007
Networks/Activities

Research and Development (R&D)

- **PNG NARI** [on-farm research, collaborative and partner projects, technology transfer & outreach and liaison eg- innovations show, field days, resource centre concept]
- **FPDA** [extension & network, training in fresh produce]
- **CCI** [research & extension on cocoa and coconut, including downstream processing and training]
Donors & International bodies

- **ACIAR** [research eg- floriculture scoping study, fruit fly project, peanut project, taro beetle control technology]

- **UniQuest/FPDA** [research eg- market survey on fresh produce, extension & training services]

- **NZAid** [Funding Launch of PNGWiA]

- **NZAid/Bris Kanda** [extension eg- contracting of service providers]

- **CTA/NARI** [research eg- farmer innovations systems studies]

- **FAO/PNG Government** [Model farms, eg- farmer field schools]

- **Government Bodies** (Health Department; Education)

- **Rural Industries Council** Consultation Implementation Monitoring Council (CIMC)
Donors & International bodies

- **ADB/PNG Government** [SSSPP eg- contracting innovative farmers, service providers of agricultural research and extension]
- **Australian Women in Agriculture** [technical support and advisory services, organisational planning, leadership training, networking and linking with other international donors and agencies]
- **SPC** [technical support and advisory services, sharing of knowledge and funding support]
- **World Vision** [research- eg sweet potato project]
- **ROC Taiwan** [extension- eg rice and vegetable production]
- **APAARI** (Networking with NGO Consortium)
Linking with NGO Consortium
Thailand 2008
Australian Women in Agriculture with PNG Farmers, 2007
Private sector

- **Trukai Agro-business** [R&D projects]
  - Rice and Peanut
- **Ramu Agri-Industries** [R&D projects]
  - Peanut
- **CIMC** Agricultural Sectoral Committee
- **(WHO Health)** Go Local, Grow Local, Eat Local & Stay Local [R&D Project]
Visiting peanuts trial farm in Ramu
Others

- Mainstream Media in PNG [communication and awareness]
- NGOs, CBOs, Service Providers
- Extension Agencies
- Farmer Groups
- Schools, colleges and institutions
- Churches
Achievements

- Participated in the NARI Agricultural Innovations Show May 9, 2007 – consultation and registration
Achievements

- Introduction to national WIADU in August 2007
- NARI overseas financial mgt of PNGWIA
- PNGWiA opened Bank acc. with BSP Lae
- Currently, NARI providing secretariat, space and equipment for PNGWIADF use
- PNGWiA in process of registration with IPA
- NZAid came to the aid of PNGWiA in Launching it
- Launch PNGWiADF in 2008
- Establishment of PNGWiA an Associate member of AWiA cemented 2008
- Twenty two (34) cluster groups from 19 provinces formally registered and joined PNGWiADF


Women’s group PNG network database established.

NAC endorsed Govt funding for PNGWiA.

Compiled strategic Plan for PNGWiA April 2009.
LAUNCHING PNGWiA
Kutubu Women SHP 2008
Associate Membership
of Australian Women in Agriculture
is granted to

Papua New Guinea
Women in Agriculture
Development Foundation

Associate Membership entitles
PNGWIA/DF to

* "The Buzz" - AWIA’s regular newsletter
* a link and profile on the AWIA website
* attendance at AWIA events at member rate

AWIA President, Elaine Paton
15th October 2008
Facilitated the ACIAR Scoping Survey on Floriculture 2007

Women representing various provinces discuss and plan the way forward
PAPUA NEW GUINEA WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Commemorating 2007

WORLD RURAL WOMENS DAY (15th October)
Theme: The Right to Food: Rural Women Produce and Provide

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The Australian Women in Agriculture reps and the first lot of PNG women who arrived for the celebrations 2007
Issues and Constraints

- Lack of funding support for Logistics in PNGWiA to kickstart this organisation as per strategic plan
- Lack of funding support from Government to NGO’s
- Lack of human resource capacity
- Lack of better communication
- Address poor marketing systems & postharvest downstream processing facilities for our farmers
- Inefficient transport system
- High illiteracy rate
- Poor extension services
- Changing people’s mindset
Con’t….

- Ineffective institutional linkages, especially with all agricultural agencies
- Minimal access to training, extension, information and business management support amongst other services
- Poor food security practices and limited understanding of what is involved
- Limited access to agricultural credit and capital
- Inability to make informed choices due to lack of exposure to possibilities and the knowledge and skills to go with those choices
- Poor group formation and networking for special interest groups
- Gender inequality
- Slow personal development and low self-esteem
Future plans

- 5-year-plan and Proposal for funding logistics, organisational, leadership, post harvest marketing and knowledge skills training
- Source funding for internal training and strengthening of networks national and regional
- Initiate pilot projects and link with resource centres
- Link to Credit Facilities for Women Farmers
The Way Forward

- Establish more networks within PNG
- Looking forward to establishing Regional Network
- Learn from experiences and new innovations from others
- Seek technical and advisory services for capacity building and organisational planning and development
- Propose project proposals for organisations
- Establish links with P/N DAL, commodity boards, institutions and other key stakeholders for more collaborative and partnership programmes
- Link to other government sectors (Health, Women and Home Affairs, Trade and other related depts.)
2007
Celebrations Margaret Kunda and family made the long journey down to Lae all the way from Mt Wilhelm, Simbu Province with their fresh produce and wooden handcraft.
2007 World Rural Womens Day and World Food Day; The Australian women take time to visit each stall and meet the participants.
Antonia of FOWIAD displaying their coconut products. Next to her is a display of mats and baskets from Milne Bay DAL and Ramu Sugar promoting agro-forestry.
World Food Day Display, Intoap and Atzera women’s group display their produces at the World Food Day celebrations.
NARI and ROC Taiwan supporting PNGWIA with their displays.
PNGWIA members welcomed with ‘Kulaus’ Coconut drinks at Mutzing Markham Valley.
Bulb onion training in Markham
Maria in middle with scale
ENB (Baining) women in agriculture into taro project
Newly elected reps. of Vanimo-Green Women in Agriculture Sandaun Province
AGRICULTURE

Genesis: 3:24
Therefore the Lord sent him forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground from where he was taken from.

Proverbs 14:23
In all labour there is profit but the talk of the lips tended only to penury

Proverbs 13:11
Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished but he that gathered by labour shall increase
Thank you for your attention