

List of recommendations from the 100 participants in an International Women's Day roundtable on 8 March, held at the Crown Hotel Plaza in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea:

- We agree that investments in women and girls in PNG would accelerate progress in many areas of our lives.
- We acknowledge that women and girls face sexual violence and harassment in private and in public spaces, especially in the National Capital District, Lae and Wewak, generally perpetrated by our fellow men in the community.
- We acknowledge that our public transportation services are unsafe for women and girls, and we confirm our own personal experiences of sexual harassment, rape and sexual violence during our everyday commute to and from work, school and our homes.
- We recognize that there has been an increase in sexual harassment and sexual abuse, not only in public spaces but in our homes as well.
- We acknowledge that most of our women should the bulk of the unpaid care work in our households, with limited recognition for our contributions to the socioeconomic development of our society.
- We recognize a steady correlation between the access to pornographic material and the increase in crimes of a sexual nature targeting women and girls in public spaces but also within our homes and families. Pornography has influenced the way our men and boys view women and girls' bodies, thus eroding the respect and protection once accorded to women and girls.
- We recognize that our voices, as women, are less represented in political spaces.
- We recognize the lack of good infrastructure, like streetlights and CCTV, which makes women feel unsafe and requires quick responses to address the plight of women who are under attack.
- We acknowledge the high rate of unemployment in our city, especially among frustrated young people, which leads to high violence.
- We also acknowledge the technology-aided bullying that is targeting vulnerable women's groups.

As such, we the undersigned recommend the following key actions that should be taken by responsible authorities:

- We demand that pornographic materials be banned from Internet domains in PNG.
- We demand that cheap alcoholic beverages (e.g. vitas) be banned or taxed heavily in an effort to curb irresponsible drinking and violence related to alcohol consumption, especially targeting women and girls.
- We demand that a Vagrancy Act be tabled as soon as possible to deter further uncontrolled and unplanned migration into the city.

- We demand that unpaid care work in PNG be quantified and that other gender data gaps in PNG be filled as soon as possible to allow for better analysis and planning.
- We demand that youth unemployment to be addressed, especially through opportunities in the field of Information and Communication Technology.
- We demand access to finance for unemployed market vendors and mothers to venture into small- and medium-sized enterprises.
- We call on public transportation authorities in National Capital District NCD to be totally subsidized and managed by National Capital District Commission (NCDC) to allow for proper monitoring and control, and to ensure safety for all.
- We call for the local authorities (NCDC and Road Transport Authority) to reinstate the women's-only bus services as a temporary safety measure until public transportation can be managed effectively by the authorities.
- We call on NCDC to revisit the Women's Safety Audit Report by UN Women and improve infrastructure, including women's protection in public spaces.
- We call on our development partners to invest in behavioural-change initiatives targeting schools and youth, including bystanders' responses and strategies for self-defense when faced with harassment in public spaces.