

Grow Healthy, Grow Strong

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Photo: 8th Parent Group Discussion at Matupit Ward 1, 30 April



COMING NEXT MONTH

As we start wrapping up our project due to the end of the Australian NGO Co-operation Program funding, we begin work on our handover activities. One of which will occur next month when technical advisors Lisa Davidson and Shan Huang host a Training of Trainers workshop. This workshop will focus on how to use the manual which was co-designed with the East New Britain Provincial Health Authority, two Local Level Government and Health Workers.

The Burnet team on the ground will continue to complete parent group discussions and CNAG meetings which is scheduled to be completed in our target districts in mid-June.

GROW PROJECT LATEST NEWS

This month, our senior project officer Onawuta Kesuwao and project officer Mary Kuam were busy assisting with the facilitation of seven parent group discussions in Matupit Wards 1 and 3 in Rabaul district and Raniolo Ward in Kokopo district. We saw over 100 parents participate with an increasing number of fathers attending. One particular parent group had a 50/50 ratio of mothers and fathers. This is so encouraging to see that fathers are prioritising learning about family health, child nutrition and maternal health. In these districts, we have also targeted our communication materials to include topics relevant to men such as responsible alcohol consumption which have indirect impacts on child health and family dynamics. We are very pleased to see an increase in male engagement with our activities.

In between the parent group discussions, we also conducted two trainings with the Community Nutrition Advocacy Groups (CNAG) from Kokopo and Rabaul. We collaborated with another Burnet project, Zero Dose, which focusses on increasing the coverage of immunization across the province. Zero Dose project leads were able to build the capacity of two CNAG stakeholders in Kokopo - Vunamami Urban LLG and Kombiu LLG offices around what immunizations are, why they are important and what their role is to improve the vaccination rates of children within their communities in East New Britain.

PHOTO ESSAY - APRIL GROW ACTIVITIES



Photo left: 7th parent group discussion, Matupit Ward 1



Photo right: Rabaul CNAG Immunization Training

Photo below: Group photo of all the participants from the Immunization Training with the Kokopo CNAG



Photo left: 6th parent group discussion at Raniolo, Goroka Compound



Photo right: 6th parent group discussion at Matupit Ward 3