

20 Days of Human Rights Activism

Theme:

English: Invest now to Prevent all forms of violence in our communities. "Play your Part"

Tok Pisin: Wok bung wantaim na stopim kainkain birua insait long komuniti.

What is Human Rights?

Definition

- Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to person in the world, from birth until death.
- They apply regardless of where you are from, what you believe or how you choose to live your life.
- They can never be taken away, although they can be sometimes restricted – for example, if a person breaks the law or in the interest of National Security.

What is 20 days of Human Rights Activism?

The activism in PNG commences on the 20th November commemorating the International Day for Children through to 10th December, International Human Rights Day. It is an Annual National Awareness Campaign against Gender Based Violence, Family and Sexual Violence and other Human Rights Violation that are preventable in PNG. The activism is used as an organizing strategy by individuals, stakeholders and organizations around the world including PNG to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

What is the plan program for the Province?

There has been no proper plan nor coordination in place in the province, however, Caritas PNG and WCDF are planning to have some programs or activities to coincide with this 20 Days of Human Rights Activism.. These programs include awareness drive, Human Rights documentary show, float, and forum and petitioning of relevant authorities to progress addressing human rights issues within the province. . Some notable key stakeholders to work with include these following organizations:

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| 1. Division of Community Development and Religion | 10. Churches, FBOs |
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| 2. Council of Women | 11. NBC New Ireland and other media |
| 3. Council of Elder | 12. Red Cross Kavieng Branch |
| 4. Courts, Pub Sol, Lawyers | 13. Youths |
| 5. NIPG | 14. Kavieng Urban LLG |
| 6. Police | 15. Communities |
| 7. Health | 16. Caritas PNG |
| 8. Education/ Schools | 17. CIS |
| 9. NGOs/CBOs | 18. Others |

What is the main objective of this program?

To raise awareness on these Human Rights Issues of concerned and demand that these issues must be addressed at all level of government and by all stakeholders.

What are some issues to be presented as petition to the government and concerned stakeholders?

| Issues | Recommended Action |
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| 1. Increasing incidences of Gender based Violence & Family Violence | Address through review of relevant legislations Tougher penalties for perpetrators, review of relevant legislations, increase advocacy and awareness to the public including within the public sector workforce on what the PNG laws say about penalties on all forms of violence, |
| 2. Environmental issues affecting our mothers and sisters from the extractive industries | Ban Seabed Mining, No further Mining on land and stop Logging Operations. Support tourism & Agriculture programs |
| 3. Increasing law and Order issues | Establish taskforce unit in NIP and increase police manpower and upgrade police residential areas Some recommended actions will be similar to #1 |
| 4. Increasing Land grabbing issues | Stop illegal sales of land and give run down plantation back to Los Some recommended actions will be similar to #1 Review relevant legislations relating to land, zoning; |
| 5. Increasing unemployment rates | Create job opportunities in the province, retire old people and give room for young people SME/cottage industry |

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| 6. Lack of Agriculture support | Support local farmers established markets and sell their produce |
| 7. Lack of Fisheries support | Support Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) and Marine Protected Area (MPA) Program in the Province |
| 8. Proper Market Facility for mothers | Build proper market in Kavieng Town for mothers |
| 9. Downstream Processing of resources (timber, gold and copper) and cash crops (cocoa, coconut, coffee etc) | Support Locals own Downstream processing machines such as rice mills |
| 10. Increase Support for Human Resources | Establish technical institution in the province and or provide support financial support for young New Irelanders studying out of the province |
| 11. Call for Audit on NIPG and or Division of Community Development | Funds are acquitted and people involved in misusing of public funds should be held accountable |
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Some dates to observe during the 20 Days of Human Rights Activism period

1. 20th November – International Childrens Day
2. 25th November – International Elimination of Violence Against Women
3. 29th November – International Women Human Rights Defenders Day
4. 01st December – World Aids Day
5. 03rd December – International Day for Persons with Disability
6. 09th December – World Anti-Corruption Day
7. 10th December – World Human Rights Day

Some important information to take note of:

1. Second Meeting on the 10th of November at the Catholic Mission Stage. Time 10am to 2pm.
2. There is no funding secured for this program
3. All stakeholders who are interested to participate will do so voluntarily based on their budget
4. All participants taking part in the forum and petition are kindly asked to wear a black tshirt, shirt or laplap
5. All printed material should read #StandUp4HumanRights#

Let us all make one Collective Voice to Address Human Rights Issues faced here in New Ireland

Program

| Days and Dates | Activities | Venue | Lead Organization |
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| Monday 20 th November | International Childrens Day, Launching of 20 Days of Human Rights Activism | Madina Secondary School | Caritas PNG/WCDF |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Community Awareness | Putput Village | Caritas PNG/WCDF |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | Community Awareness | Upuas & Utukul Communities | Caritas PNG/WCDF |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Preparation for the Forum | Kavieng | Caritas PNG/WCDF |
| Friday 24 th November | Float, Forum and Petition Presentation | Kavieng Market | All stakeholders |
| Saturday 25 th November | International Elimination of Violence Against Women | | CoW |
| Sunday 26 th November | | | |
| Monday 27 th November | Human Rights Documentaries and Movies | Stamper Hall Nti | Caritas PNG/WCDF |
| Tuesday 28 th November | MRA Warden Hearing Seabed Mining EL 1196 | Labur & Rasirik | MRA/NIPA Mining Division |
| Wednesday 29 th November | International Day for Women Human Rights Defenders | | |
| Thursday 30 th November | | | |
| Friday 01 st December | World Aids Day | | Health/Red Cross |
| Saturday 02 nd December | | | |
| Sunday 03 rd December | International Day for Person with Disability | | Red Cross/Callan Service |
| Monday 04 th December | | | |
| Tuesday 05 th December | | | |
| Wednesday 06 th December | | | |
| Thursday 07 th December | | | |
| Friday 08 th December | | | |
| Saturday 09 th December | World Anti-Corruption Day | | TIPNG/Caritas PNG/WCDF |
| Sunday 10 th December | International Day for Human Rights | | Caritas PNG/WCDF |