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CORRECTIVE MEASURES MUST START FROM FAMILY UNIT

A total of 29 Child Protection Officers from the Niugini Islands Region underwent a week long Intensive Child Protection Training in Kokopo, East New Britain Province last week from 22nd – 26th of May, 2017.

Participants came from Manus, New Ireland, West New Britain and East New Britain representing their respective Districts.

The training itself was based on the Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015 with the providence of the Child Protection Policy, Operational Manual and Training Manual that comes as a full package under the LPA Law.

The participants covered 17 Modules ranging from various topics in a week, that included case scenarios and discussion points for the participants to do and relate to their own scenario in their line of duty as well as give them and in-depth and overview knowledge of the Lukautim Pikinini Act.

The training was so intense that most of the participants identified and admitted to some of the areas and practices they lack as they came to understand the systems and mechanisms that are required under the LPA.

The training ended on Friday 26th May, 2017 with a graduation ceremony for the participants, witnessed by Department Secretary, Ms Anna Solomon, and Deputy Secretary – Mr Leo Kulumbu, and ENB Province Acting Governor – Mr Cosmas Bauk who all took turns to present Certificates to the participants.

Mr Isaac Boski, Child Protection Officer for Namatanai, New Ireland Province challenged his colleagues to absorb the knowledge imparted to them during the training and put into practice when performing their duties.

"Dealing with children is very difficult. We need to have more of this training from the District to the Sub-National Level to enhance our capability as Child Protection Officers to perform our duties efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the children," said Mr Boski.

Also speaking during the graduation ceremony was ENB Province Acting Governor, Mr Cosmas Bauk, who emphasised the need to seriously look at the Family institution

and enforcing the good law (Lukautim Pikinini Act) to create antidotes to cure other social issues that are happening in our society today.

"I believe that by creating a healthy family unit and instilling family values in our children will make us strong as a nation and put us in our place in the world," said the Acting Governor.

Mr Bauk challenged the participants to go out and touch the lives of families especially children from what they have learnt from the training because the social issues that is happening in our society is only a reflection of the makeup of a family home.

Meanwhile, Secretary Anna Solomon summed up the purpose of this training by telling the participants that it is to give them an overview and insight on the Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015 and what are their roles as child protection officers in the society.

"My only advice is do not forget our children. Always involve children in discussions, decision making and others. Because they have the answer to how they want their future to be," said Secretary Solomon.

The Child Protection Officers training is the first of its kind in the Niugini Islands with the next regional training to be held in Alotau for the Southern Region CPO's.

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