

# *Pacific Women* supports parenting program to improve wellbeing of children in Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea

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Violence against children and women is a problem in many parts of Papua New Guinea (PNG). Parenting programmes have shown promise in preventing violence and neglect of children, as well as improving child health and educational outcomes in high-income countries. However, there are currently very few parenting programmes that are culturally appropriate, evidence-based and affordable for low and middle-income countries such as PNG.

Through Pacific Women funding, UNICEF in partnership with the Catholic Church Archdiocese of Madang, Chimbu and Mt Hagen and the Menzies School of Health Research in Australia, have been working with communities in PNG to improve parenting practices and support the wellbeing of children. They have recently piloted a Parenting for Positive Child Development program in targeted communities.

This pilot program has recently been evaluated by Professor Garry Robinson from the Menzies School of Health Research. A key finding is that, since the program started there has been significant improvement in family wellbeing and a reduction in the occurrence of violence in the family. For more information about the evaluation and the findings, please see the PowerPoint presentation below.

[Parenting for Child Development – Program development and pilot program evaluation](#)

Evaluation Report: <https://pacificwomen.org/research/parenting-child-development-pilot-programme-evaluation-report/>