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## PRESS RELEASE

### RJIA Partners in 'Family Farm Team Training' program

**PORT MORESBY, 16 OCTOBER, 2018, 1000HRS:** Community-based organisation Restoring Justice Initiative Association (RJIA) has partnered with the 'Family Farm Team Training' program for family units in Porgera, Enga province.

According to RJIA Manager Pat Niuni, the program was structured to provide one female and one male family head from a household with a series of workshop and family activities that would enable them to work as a family team and to plan together the future development of their agriculture activities.

RJIA coordinated a training session in partnership with Pacific Women to assist families in Porgera develop skills in developing agricultural activities within their family units.

The training is part of the Family Farm Team Program of the Pacific Women-Women in Mining Project.

Pacific Women is an Australian Aid initiative that assists women living in the Pacific region to improve in political, social, and economic opportunities.

According to the Pacific Women, Women in Mining Project Officer and training facilitator, Freda Wantum, the training on 9 to 14 September this year was the second, with youths being the target participants, following an evaluation on the first training in July, that showed a 'missing gap' identified as youths.

"So we came up with an idea that we have to roll this training again to the 'missing gap', Ms Wantum said.

Mr Niuni also said the Family Farm Team program aims to encourage men and women to look at the work done by women, men and youth and to work towards making it equal and shared.

"It also aims to help families to learn to plan together and make decisions together," he said.

The training has four modules. The first is on helping families to work together on each of their roles as members of the family unit; the second was how the family teams can work together as a family to develop their family farms and to help achieve their family goals; the importance of food (balanced meals); and how the family can use their family finances in order to achieve their family goals.

“So I believe that the second training should really help the young generation because in any communities, the young generation or the youths, they have the potential to destroy their communities, as well as they can build up the communities”, Ms Wantum said.

A young church leader Gili Lewi, spoke on behalf of the participants as he thanked the trainers and everyone involved in making the training happen.

“I as a local Porgeran, I’ve never participated in such training before. This is the first of its kind and am happy that this training has been introduced to this young generation”, he said.

Mr Niuni thanked PJV, for its support through the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) department in making it possible for the training resources and logistics support for the facilitator and the participants.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Porgera Gold Mine in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea, is operated by Barrick (Niugini) Limited (“BNL”)– through an equal partnership between Barrick Gold Corporation and Zijin Mining Group Company Limited – which owns 95 percent participating interest in the Porgera Joint Venture (PJV). The remaining 5% in PJV is owned by Mineral Resource Enga (MRE) Limited – a consortium consisting of the Enga Provincial Government and the Porgera landowners.

The Porgera Mine employs over 3,300 Papua New Guineans, and over the life of the mine has produced more than 20 million ounces of gold and contributed approximately 10% of PNG’s total annual exports.



The participants during the training sessions.



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