



Newsletter

April - June 2023



A message from the CEO & Co-founder

Hi EPF Family,

For those of who have consistently followed us over the years, I just wanted to thank you all for your support, encouragement and prayers. We have really come a long long way, yet the journey ahead still has more mountains to climb and rivers to cross. This quarter we went back to a school that we had worked with during our very early days of delivering EPF4S back in 2015.

It was really great to be back because the experience we had reminded us of those earlier times we had with the children back then.

This quarter's feature will share more on the work at June Valley Primary school and how much we enjoyed our time with the students there.

We will also share on our blood drive initiative that EPF has had over the years. We hope that some of you out there can be future donors at the blood bank at the Port Moresby General Hospital, you may never know how such an act can help to save the life of another.

Lastly, we will also share more on our Amaka batch of volunteers who have just completed six months of volunteering with us. We are very proud of them and look forward to hearing about their experience and where they would like to continue to find purpose and fulfillment. Again, just before I go, I just wanted to acknowledge all our supporters who have been with us through thick and thin. A huge thank you for your tremendous support for our work and your faith in us.

Happy reading and look forward to catching you all in the next feature.

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(Mani in Buin tokples means 'ok or 'alright', used as a form of acknowledgement, farewell or confirmation)



Haus and Home Feature

We are delighted to share that our flagship Program, EPF4S, has recently been featured on EMTV's "Haus and Home". Two of our staff members, Evalice and Joy were there to speak about EPF4S and EPF as an Organization.

Being highlighted on such a platform provides us with a valuable opportunity to showcase the work we do to a wider audience.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the team at EMTV for having us as a feature.



FROM THIS QUARTER



EPF4S Term 2: June Valley



We've come to the end of a very special 8 weeks at June Valley Primary School!

We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with 214 students over the past 8 weeks and spread our message of equality and respectful relationships. It has been an inspiring journey, witnessing the impact we have made on young minds and helping them understand the importance of treating others with respect and fairness.

Each interaction with these students has been a rewarding experience, as we have seen their perspectives broaden and their attitudes toward diversity and inclusivity evolve. Through our sessions, discussions, and activities, we have fostered a safe space for dialogue, allowing them to express their thoughts and challenge our society's norms.

We are humbled by the enthusiasm shown by these students in embracing our message. Their eagerness to learn, engage in meaningful conversations, and take action toward creating a more equal society is truly commendable.

As we reflect on this incredible journey, we are reminded of the power of education in shaping young minds. By instilling values of equality and respect at an early age, we are sowing seeds that will grow into a future generation that champions inclusivity in all aspects of life.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who supported us in this endeavor - from educators who welcomed us into their classrooms to parents who encouraged their children's participation. Together, we are making strides towards building a more harmonious world where everyone is treated with dignity and fairness.



STUDENT COMMENTS

"I have learnt to speak up for myself and to have empathy for others"

Female, June Valley Primary School student

"EPF taught me many things I didn't really know about, like gender equality and gender inequality"

Male, June Valley Primary School student

"I learnt the importance of personal boundaries and having respect for others boundaries"

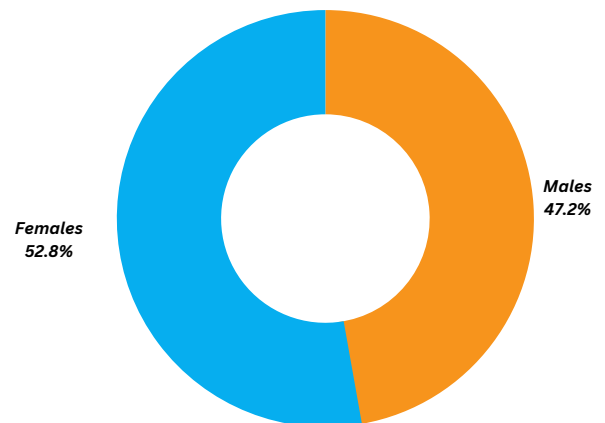
Female, June Valley Primary School student

"EPF taught us how to set boundaries and understand how others are feeling"

Male, June Valley Primary School student

STATS FROM EPF4S

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TERM TWO: JUNE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



MALES 101



FEMALES 113



TOTAL:
214

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The Amaka Batch

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our Amaka Batch volunteers over the past six months. The batch is named "Amaka", which means "light" in the Sinaghoru language of Rigo District. Their contributions have been invaluable, and we are grateful for their commitment to our organization.

While we value greatly their time we also recognise that their time with us has also equipped them with valuable skills and experiences that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

To our volunteers, thank you for your unwavering support and selflessness. Your impact has been significant, and we are truly grateful for the time you have dedicated to making a difference in our community.

As this term concludes, we wish each volunteer success, fulfilment, and happiness in all their future endeavours.

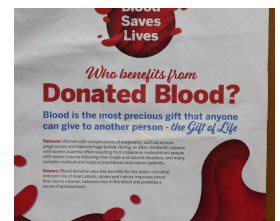


Blood Donation

This quarter our team visited the hospital to donate blood. We're proud to have made a difference in someone's life.

It's incredible how donating just one pint of blood can save up to three lives. With every donation, we help provide hope and healing to those who need it most.

Join us in our mission to make a positive impact in the world, one act of kindness at a time. Who knows, your next donation could be the gift that saves someone's life!



First Aid Refresher Training

The Amaka batch plus our staff have all gone through a first aid refresher training run by our former volunteer Esther Martin. The training helps to prepare our volunteers and staff for any situation that may arise in the office or while facilitating our sessions in the field. A big thank you to Esther for making time available to facilitate this refresher.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- *EPF4S Term 3*
- *Teacher Champion Training*
- *Staff and Volunteers Training*
- *Youth Skills Day*