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**2021**

**FLC Project Grants**

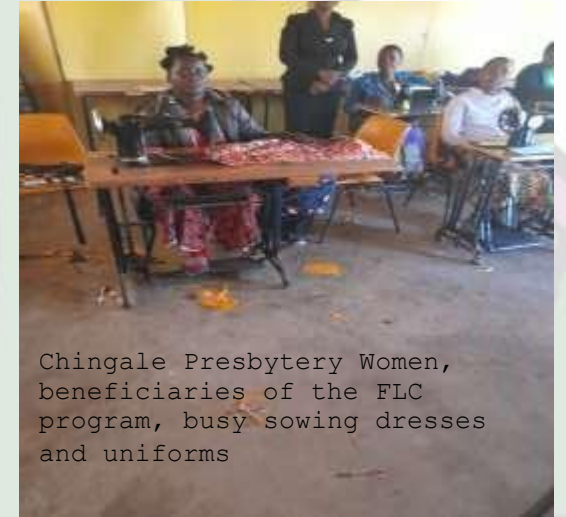
# DZITUKULE - empower vulnerable women/girls while positively responding to Covid-19 pandemic, Malawi



Chikwawa Working Committee



Pieces of dresses and uniforms sewn by the women beneficiaries in Chingale Presbytery



Chingale Presbytery Women, beneficiaries of the FLC program, busy sewing dresses and uniforms



Shire Valley Women singing praises to God months after being saved from Cyclone Ana

The project provided accurate information on covid-19 pandemic in form of awareness campaigns. Distributing protective and preventive equipment in the form of reusable face masks to the most vulnerable communities while at the same time selling the masks and other garments, e.g women's guild uniforms and school uniforms among others. Distributing 10 sewing machines to 10 presbyteries so that during the post Covid-19 pandemic women will continue with the project by sewing a variety of items for sale thereby becoming economically empowered.







## Marsha's story

*You'll get tired. But do not give-up*

I am Marsha Love Anabeza, 33 years old, separated from my husband, a native of North Cotabato, Kidapawan City. I dreamed of going abroad to have a good life, save for my two children's education and to help my ageing parents.

I was recruited by our neighbour who told me that she knew about an agent in Hong Kong who can quickly process my documents to work abroad. I trusted her knowing that she was also working here at that time. I applied for work here in Hong Kong and was asked to pay Php 48,500 to process my application. She promised that she would give me a kind boss. I completely trusted her, so I immediately paid Php 48,500 and sent it to Hong Kong after that I waited for seven months that includes undergoing training in Manila.

But a week prior to my scheduled flight, my agent told me that the employer who signed my contract backed out. Yet, my agent assured me that I can still go to Hong Kong because I was hired for temporary job while she was arranging for my second employer. I was confused then, I do not know what to do. I accepted her offer because of her promised that nothing bad would happen to me in Hong Kong.

On August 15 2019, I left for Hong Kong. I didn't anticipate that the temporary work that my agent arranged for me would lead to a horrible experience. While working, I was deprived of food, I had no breakfast and lunch. My dinner was only two spoons of rice without viand. I endured all the verbal abuse of my old employer almost every day. She was always angry at me. If she eats, she shows the food to me. She preferred to throw it away in the trash instead of giving it to me. I also experienced when we were shopping with my old employer where they took a taxi, leaving me behind while carrying the heavy groceries and goods that we bought. Worse even in taking a bath my employer will decide whether I will take a bath or not. I endured this for months until my young employer hurt me, she threw a plate at my foot. I was very scared during that time. So I told my agent that I can't take it anymore.

My agent told me that I should go to her office. I went there and I trusted her again. I stayed at her office for 3 weeks. I endured sleeping on the floor with a carton. I was not allowed to use the office toilet but required to use the public toilet instead. My agent prepared the documents for a new employer. I signed some of it but I did not understand. She told me that I should just sign it so that my second employer can process my work application. October 2019, I submitted all the necessary documents prepared by my agent to the Immigration Department. Together with my agent I returned to the Immigration Department in November 2019. Only to find out that I was charged or suspected of five charges against immigration law of the Hong Kong government. I was shocked and was confused then. I didn't know what happened or what was my fault.

My case started November 2019. Since then I have been attending court hearings defending my rights and dignity, clearing my name. I've been in HK for two years and 8 months and I'm still fighting. I survived through the support of the Mission for Migrants Workers, the Bethune House Migrant Women Refuge, the people around me and my family in the Philippines.

I firmly believe that I will gain justice for what happened to me and persons who victimized me will be held accountable and punished. I want to share this to my fellow migrant workers who are victims like me. Do not be afraid in fighting for justice. Okay, you'll get tired. But do not give up. If I'm given the chance to work in Hong Kong again, I will grab that opportunity for the sake of my children and my family.

# HAVE FUN WITH THE DISHES OF THE WOMEN'S SHELTER, Japan

The enhancement of the tableware of the facility, Japan Women's Protection Long-Term Admission Facility Kanita Fujin no Mura, which protect the women victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. The women are assisted by the facility in their journey to healing from the wounds of the heart by having a pleasant meal. Beautiful dishes are an important treatment item.





# SLEEP BUS CANBERRA, Australia

This money became part of a major fundraising project by National Council of Women Australian Capital Territory to raise \$A100,000 to provide a Sleepbus, a converted coach with 10 individual pods containing two beds each, to provide emergency overnight accommodation in Canberra for homeless women and children plus separate pods for their pets.



- Additional Internal Storage
- Personal Lockers
- Pet Kennels
- Personal Luggage Storage
- 22 Sleep Pods
- 2 Toilets
- Overnight Caretaker



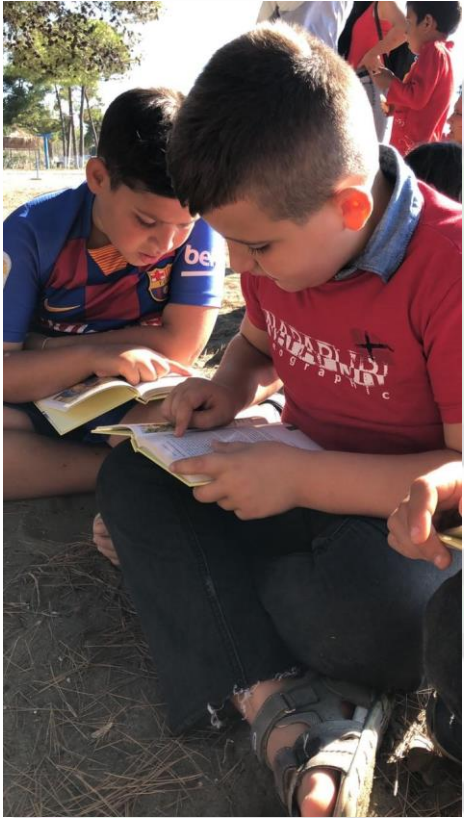


# TRAINING FOR CHURCH WOMEN ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS..., Pakistan





# SUMMER CAMP FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN FROM POOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN LEZHE, ALBANIA, Albania

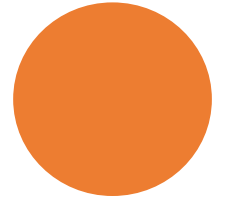




Women enjoyed this very much. Being together, opening themselves amongst each other by telling stories from their personal lives, learning new ways of keeping up with personal hygiene, health, Covid-19 as well how to take care better of themselves and their families. Everyone enjoyed some relaxing days being off from daily responsibilities, while they were able to perceive spiritual enrichments from our Bible studies.

They were able to refresh parent/children relationships, while in parallel getting ready for the new school year. This camp resulted in a successful outcome where participants were very happy and satisfied especially the children's who found their smiles once again. No one had ever participated in a summer camp before. They learned how to have a great time amongst friends and loved ones. They made new friends, learned new games and topics, a few English words in addition they were able to enjoy some delicious food.

It was very interesting for them our Bible readings and stories in addition to learning new songs and singing them with pleasure and love.







# **MUJERES HILANDOS/WOMEN SPINNING STORIES..., Argentina**



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El Proyecto Productivo Textil surge en el marco de la pandemia del COVID-19 cuando un grupo de mujeres de la Rama de Trabajadoras de la Vía Pública, imposibilitadas de generarse sus ingresos a partir de su trabajo en la venta ambulante o en ferias, se organizaron para auto-gestionar un emprendimiento textil. Con sus propias herramientas y el aporte de algunas máquinas de coser de la Iglesia, que también cede su infraestructura y asume los costos del uso de las mismas, comenzaron a producir barbijos (tapabocas) y camisolines para proveer a los trabajadores y trabajadoras de la salud. Esa tarea viene creciendo dada la alta demanda y ya no es posible dar respuesta a la misma, perdiendo la oportunidad de mejorar los ingresos y la calidad de vida de las trabajadoras, mayormente extranjeras.

El Proyecto ayudará a la compra de maquinaria que facilite el corte, la costura, el planchado y empaquetado de los productos producidos. También permitirá tener un stock mayor de materia prima, pudiendo conseguir mejores precios por cantidad. Las mujeres que ya venían colaborando con actividades diacónicas en la comunidad, se organizaron para tratar de encarar diversos proyectos de autosostén, entre ellos el proyecto textil. Esto ha colaborado al empoderamiento de las mujeres, por medio de capacitaciones y la adquisición de herramientas concretas para la producción y comercialización de productos textiles.



res de cocina



# WOMEN COOKING, Argentina



# HOLISTIC SPIRITUALITY, Puerto Rico



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# JUNTAS CREAMOS... Chile



# CAMARADA, Switzerland

The gardening project improves the language skills of migrant women, the knowledge about gardening and about local products. It is also an occasion to share each other's experience and skills on the subject of gardening, cooking and other subjects they feel concerned about, which is also a source of valorization for them. Working together brings up discussions about their life and help building relationships. Being outside and having a physical activity is benefic for their health and self-confidence. Touching the earth, you're living on is a way to feel belonging to it and making it yours. In addition, this workshop keeps going one during the summer holidays while Camarada is closed, and provides keeping in contact with isolated women.





The sewing workshops allows the migrant woman to discover sewing techniques for sewing machines. For certain woman it is the first time they can touch a machine and therefor feel a grate empowerment, as in some cultures accessing machines is reserved for men. Besides the great satisfaction to create useful products and clothes for themselves, this experience brings them to dare using later a Bancomat, an electronic cleaning-tool or a computer. Sewing makes them mobilize skills as body coordination, space orientation, orientate the glance on the right place to really see, calculation, organization and anticipation etc. All these skills help especially little schooled migrant woman to learn the local language (French), to write and read. These apprenticeships are the basis for integration in the local society.





# IPAV (Indigenous Parenting After Violence), Canada

Many of the participants in the program struggled with building healthy relationships due to trauma and addictions which made setting boundaries difficult. Through the IPAV program, women learned the impact of domestic violence on learning, parenting, and behaviour. In addition, they developed their self-esteem and regained confidence to set boundaries necessary for healthy relationships. Participants also improved their literacy levels through the activities and reading materials in IPAV. Sessions from the IPAV program were relevant to the needs of the participants which allowed the women to fully engage with the program and develop their literacy skills.

An Elder was present at the start of each IPAV session to open with a prayer and talk about healthy relationships and its importance. The Elder also shared teachings from the Medicine Wheel to help the women in the IPAV program achieve balance and harmony. The Elder guided the women through the four quadrants of the Medicine Wheel: emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental to find balance in their lives.

Each participant received a Family Learning Kit. Each kit included children's books, stationary, toys, and activity sheets. Kits promote parent-child bonding by bringing them together to experience joy and fun again through reading and playing. This also gives mothers the opportunity to practice reading with their child and be a part of their child's learning development, breaking intergenerational cycles of low literacy.



# **IPAV (Indigenous Parenting After Violence), Canada**

## **TANYA**

**In May 2022, Tanya (not her real name), an Indigenous mother of two children, attended the IPAV program. Tanya had been abused mentally, emotionally, and physically by her children's father. Because of the abuse, she started drinking to cope. Tanya's drinking resulted in her children getting taken away from her.**

**When Tanya first joined the IPAV program, her self-esteem was very low; however, with each passing week, there was more growth. Tanya responded well to the sessions, and she started to participate more in group discussions and activities. By the end of the IPAV program, Tanya's self-esteem was restored, and her transformation was remarkable. Having developed the strength to overcome her trauma, Tanya was able to rent her own apartment and she got her children back.** (from IPAV report)





# COMBAT HIV&AIDS STIGMA...Papua New Guinea







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fesa\_calgary Every year, The Fellowship of the Least Coin Grant (FLC) distributes grants for post-secondary education and training for women; grassroots projects that empower women and girls, advocates for their rights, and work to end gender-based violence and poverty; and provide relief in times of natural and human-made disasters. In 2021, FESA's New Beginnings: Indigenous Parenting After Violence (IPAV) program was a chosen recipient of the FLC Grant.

Thanks to the generosity of the FLC, FESA's IPAV program can continue to help Indigenous families that have experienced violence, and connect them with Elders, Indigenous



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24 MINUTES AGO



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# TEKINA I MOANA – Tonga (PCC)

One important point to note is that Visitation was the vital part of the *TIM* Response Framework.

Most people in the islands know that the churches were there first to provide immediate relief and the Bible.

Providing counselling is the connecting of the visitation to the people with a prayer and Talanoa.

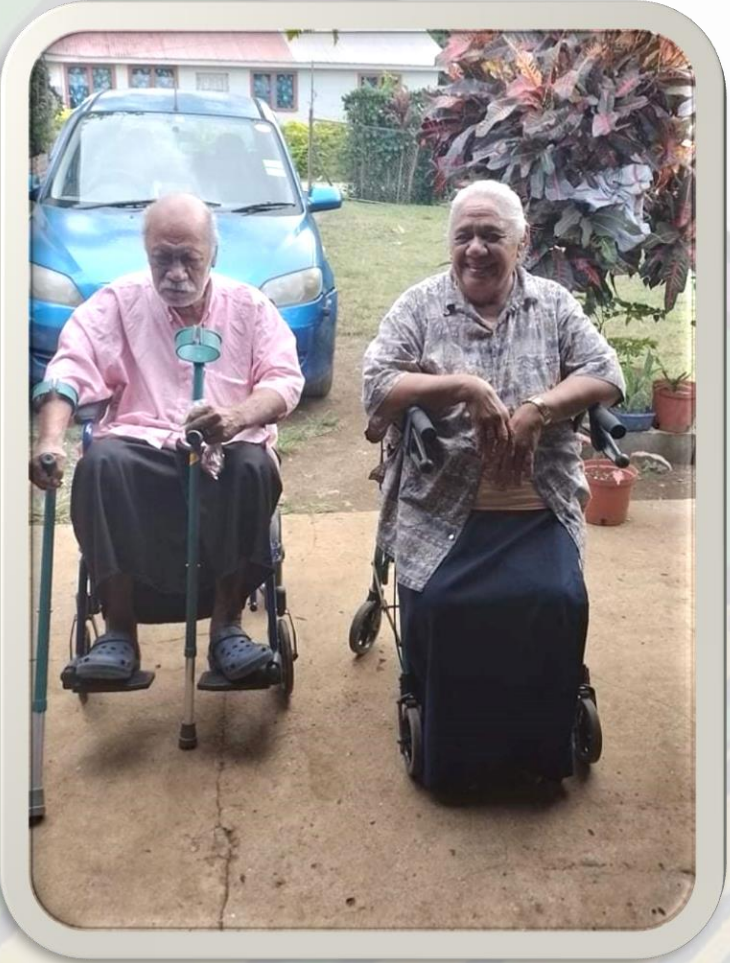
*'Fofola e fala kae talanoa e kainga'* is the spirit of dialogue between the visitors and the islanders. It means to roll out the mat so we can sit on it and openly talk. Since there is no mat to sit on, the sand and the remainder of the house became the mat which producing a thematic fruitful talanoa of the Kainga.

Islanders were so happy to see us as a yard stick of the assessment.

The Tekina I Moana has the biggest networks in Tonga and also able to build a good strategic networks with its regional and international partners is a big success













# IN CONCLUSION: the Essence of the Law (Matthew 23.23)

## JUSTICE, MERCY AND FAITH

He has told you,  
O mortal,  
what is good;  
and what does the  
Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and  
to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly  
with your God.  
(Micah 6.8:NRSV)

