

# The Community Curriculum

PNG Communities United Against SARV



## Graun em Gutpela

The illustration shows a garden with seven numbered plants: 1. A small green plant in a raised bed; 2. A plant with yellow flowers; 3. A large green plant with yellow fruit; 4. A plant with yellow flowers; 5. A plant with green leaves; 6. A plant with yellow flowers; 7. A plant with green leaves. A basket of strawberries is shown in the foreground.

**"Yumi nid lo Lukautim Gaden"**



# Endorsements:



**Sir Peter Ipatas, GCL KBE MP** Governor, Enga Province

*"Sorcery accusation-related violence has no place in Enga. I support every effort to uphold the law and safeguard our people."*

**President Misek Semai** Wapenamanda LLG President

*"This program brings unity and wisdom into our communities. I commend all those who are stepping up to protect life and stand against violence."*

**Pastor Wayman Kati** Interim Chairman, Enga Council of Churches

*"This work reflects the heart of the Gospel: to seek peace, protect the innocent, and speak truth with love. We must stand against SARV in both word and action."*

**Danny Kati** Leader, Yakumane Tribe

*"Our traditions teach us to protect life, not destroy it. This curriculum helps our people see the truth and stand together for peace."*

**Senior Inspector Richard Koki** RPNGC Rural Commander, Enga Province

*"The law is clear. Torture and killing are crimes. We support this curriculum because it helps communities choose peace over violence."*

**Father Philip Gibbs, SVD** President, Divine Word University

*"As Divine Word University, we are proud to support this curriculum. Education is key to ending harmful practices and promoting peace."*

**Richard Howard** Resident Coordinator, United Nations in PNG

*"The United Nations stands with Papua New Guineans working to end SARV. Change is possible when communities lead the way."*

# Introduction:

Sorcery Accusation-Related Violence (SARV) - sanguma toktok - em i kamapim bikpela hevi insait long Papua Niugini. **Dispela ol tokwin na stori i kamapim violens na i bagarapim komyuniti na kantri.**



*Giaman tokwin em i save go hariap  
- na tok tru i save kam bihain.*

Planti lain long PNG i bin harim ol kainkain stori bilong posin, sanguma na masalai. Ol i gro wantaim na ol ting tru. Tasol ol dispela stori i narakain narakain, na i wok long senis tu, na nau, ol dispela giaman stori i kamapim problem na hevi insait long komyuniti.

SARV is dangerous because:

- It spreads through gossip and fear.
- It causes violence, even when there is no proof.
- It mostly targets people who are weak — women, elderly, people with no power.
- It damages families, villages, and our whole nation.

But SARV is not caused only by false beliefs. It gains strength from **deeper problems** in our society:

- Many people do not understand health, science, or the law.
- People are suffering from poverty, land problems, and lack of government services.
- Some people use SARV to control land, silence their enemies, or escape blame.
- There is not enough justice or protection for victims and very few consequences for the perpetrators and criminals.
- When people feel helpless, they look for someone to blame.

SARV is **a dangerous false belief** as well as **a symptom of deeper problems**. That is why we must work together to stop it.

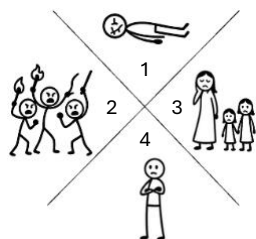
# Section 1 - Komyuniti em i Gaden

Komyuniti bilong yumi em i olsem wanpela naispela gaden. Graun em gutpela. Kaikai em inap long gro gut.



Tasol dispela gaden i gat sampla hevi. Wanpela bilong ol dispela hevi em **Sorcery Accusation Related Violence (SARV)**.

Yumi ken bungim ol dispela 4-pela het tok na kolim olsem SARV:



1. **Wanpela i kisim sik o dai.**
2. **Ol man saspek** na sutim tok long wanpela man o meri - ol kolim em sanguma. Ol paitim em, kukim em, rausim em, kilim em.
3. **Mama i kisim pen nating.** Ol pikinini tu bagarap. Ples tu bagarap. Kantri bagarap.
4. **Planti lain sanap tasol. Ol i lukluk tasol.**

Nau yumi gat wok. **Wok gaden em bilong mipela.** Yumi noken larim ol dispela tingting nogut na toktok nogut na pasin nogut i gro bikpela na bagarapim gutpela gaden. Nogat. **Yumi nid long lukautim gaden.**

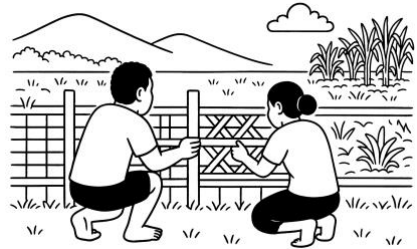
Sanguma em wanem samting? **Sanguma em wanpla bilip o stori o tokwin.** Yes, dispela stori i gat asples bilong em, tasol ol kainkain stori bin kam join insait na nau dispela tok sanguma em ino gat wanpela mining tasol, nogat. Sanguma i gat kainkain giaman i pulap insait long em.

Dispela sanguma stori i givim hevi long planti manmeri long Papua Niugini pinis. **Dispela giaman tokwin em i wanpela sid nogut i wok long gro long gaden bilong mipela.** Yumi mas sanap wantaim na wok wantaim long stretim gen gaden bilong yumi.

## Section 2 - Lo em i Banis

**Gaden bilong yumi mas gat strongpela Banis.** Banis em wanem samting? Ol Lida na ol **Lo** em i banis bilong Gaden.

- Lo bilong **Gavman**
- Lo bilong **ol Tumbuna**
- Lo bilong **God**



Olgeta man, meri na pikinini i gat ol wankain Human Rights. Ol mas gat laip, ol mas fri long lotu, na ol mas stap fri na stap gut. **Mama Lo bilong Papua Niugini (Constitution)** em i tokaut long ol dispela raits na Parliament i save kamapim ol **Lo** bilong lukautim ol dispela raits bilong olgeta pipol. Olsem na olgeta manmeri pikinini bilong Papua Niugini i mas bihainim **Lo** na stap gut.

**Criminal Code Section 299A** - Willful murder on account of accusation of sorcery.

*"Any person who intentionally kills another person on account of accusation that the person is practicing 'sorcery' is guilty of willful murder."*

**Criminal Code Section 520A-G** - 'Glasman Act'

*"Tambu long ekting olsem yu glasman o glasmeri. Tambu long peim o yusim glasman o glasmeri. Tambu long sutim tok sanguma o posin long narapela."*



# Section 3 - Komyuniti igat Strong

## A Strong Community Can Stop SARV

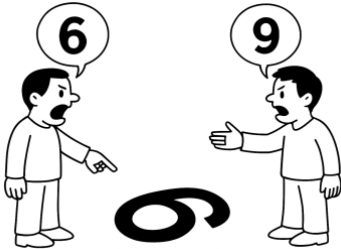
- Everyone has power to help stop SARV — not just leaders.
- When we speak up, help others, and work together, we protect our community.
- Youth, elders, men, and women all have a role in making peace.
- Kindness, listening, and clear thinking are better than fear and blame.
- One strong community can stop bad ideas from spreading.



Gutpela sindaun em i wok bilong yumi olgeta.

# Section 4 - Conflict and Peacebuilding

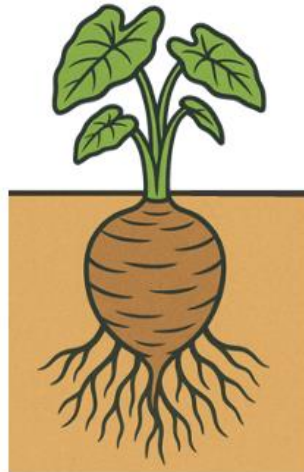
- Conflict happens, but it does not need to lead to violence.
- We can solve problems by listening, understanding, and talking calmly.
- Mediators who are neutral can help both sides speak, listen, and find a peaceful solution.
- Don't mix people with problems — we can reject bad ideas without hurting people.
- Everyone in the community must help build and protect peace.



*Yumi mas skelim gut lukluk bilong narapela lain, na bihain toktok gut. Nogut yumi koros nating nating.*

*Wanem samting yumi save lukim em ol actions, ol toktok na ol samting i kamap.*

*Tasol ananit long graun, i gat planti as long ol dispela toktok na action i wok long kamap. Skelim gut, na kamapim gutpela sindaun.*



**Actions  
Words  
Events**

**Thoughts  
Beliefs  
Emotions  
Views  
History  
Assumptions  
System Issues**

# Section 5

## Needs of Survivors and Becoming a Community of Healing

Every person needs the same things. When a person is accused or attacked, ALL of these things are destroyed. How would you feel if that was you, or your mother or sister?



Survivors of SARV need care, safety, and support. They need medical care, shelter, and emotional comfort.

The community must help them feel included, respected, and strong again. Children and families affected by violence also need support and healing.



The whole community must help victims feel welcome and protected.

# Section 6 - Youth & Leadership

- Ol yut em future bilong PNG. Ol i gat moa strong na planti gutpela idea. Ol bai mekim na dispela hevi bilong SARV bai pinis.
- Youth can take the lead by speaking the truth, showing kindness, and asking questions.
- Youth must be given opportunities to take part in discussions and activities. This will help them grow in confidence and good values: honesty, peace, and fairness.
- **When youth stand up as leaders, they protect the future.**



*Yu lida bilong husat? Yu save harim toktok bilong husat?*

## Section 7

### God Wants Peace, Not Violence

"Pasin sori em i  
pasin bilong God."



Luke 10:25-37

**Yumi Kristen noken poromanim ol giaman na haiden tingting. Yumi Kristen mas harim na bilipim na bihainim Tok Bilong God.**

- Blessed are the Peacemakers. (*Mt 5:9*)
- Thou shalt not kill. (*Ex 20:13*)
- Love one another as I have loved you. (with Tok i Tru na Pasin i Tru.) (*Jn 13:34*)
- Love mercy, do justice, walk humbly with your God. (*Micah 6:8*)
- Go therefore and make disciples ... I am with you always. (*Mt 28:19-20*)
- Do not . (*Is 41:10, Lk 12:32, 2 Tim 1:7*)
- Jesus never told us to torture or kill others — even if we think they did something wrong or have an evil spirit in them. (*Jn 8:1-11, Lk 9:54-56, Lk 8:26-39*)
- God's way is truth, mercy, and justice — not fear or revenge. (*Rom 12:19-21, Zech 7:9, Ps 85:10*)

**Churches must see and speak clearly: Accusation and Violence is not the way of Christians.** (*Eph 4:31-32, James 1:20, Mt 7:1-2*)

The one who showed Mercy is the one  
who was a neighbor.

**"You go and do likewise." - Jesus** *Luke 10:37*

## How the Curriculum Works - (Methodology)

In this school, we will not preach in the market or do a big awareness. Instead, we will engage with the people, ask questions, and help people think for themselves. We build relationships with **trust** and time.

Each facilitator is already part of a **community** — family, church & tribe. Facilitators work with **respected leaders** like pastors, councillors, elders, teachers, or leaders of youth and women's groups so they can understand the truth and support the law.

**Everyone has Potential.** No one is useless or worthless, even if they make some mistakes in their life. They can still understand the truth and do the right thing. That is why this school is for everyone in the community, even the youth and so-called "drug bodies."

Change spreads from person to person. When people see others talking differently and thinking differently, the good seeds are planted in them too.

We cannot force a seed to grow and we cannot force a community to change. Change must grow within our community. The Community Curriculum plants good seeds - simple ideas, strong images, and group discussion - to help people understand clearly.

The goal is not only to stop SARV violence. The goal is to grow strong, peaceful, and wise communities that are growing well and karim planti gutpela kaikai.



# *Wok Gaden em bilong Mipela*



**"Yumi klia nau - sanguma em i giaman stori tasol. God i wokim yumi olgeta na Lo i banisim yumi olgeta. Kam, yumi wok wantaim na stretim gen Gaden bilong mipela!"**

