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The Hope for Humanity Comes from Mothers



“History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today’s problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. ... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of love.”

Dr. Hak Jan Han Moon
Founder, WFWP International

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WFWP is committed to:

- Serving communities – Service projects within Australia & the Pacific Islands.
- Strengthening the family – Workshops, forums, seminars, and conferences.
- Bridge of Peace - Reconciling differences and healing wounds of the past.
- Global Women’s Peace Network (GWPN) – A network of women leaders and organisations dedicated to solving pressing social issues and securing an environment for human development.

MELBOURNE

Pasifika Festival

&

CHARITY WALK

melbournepasifikafestival.org

Australia

Saturday December 3rd | Melbourne, Australia

Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/wfwpaustralia/>

Overview

- Promote unity and respect among Island communities within Australia.
- Showcase Pasifika culture, family connection and spirituality with the broader Australian community.
- Raise funds to support WFPW Global Development and Aid Projects within the Island nations of the Pacific.
- Promote Pacific Island businesses through stalls selling Pasifika food and merchandise.



The Melbourne Pasifika Festival and Charity Walk is an annual celebration of Pasifika culture, giving families the opportunity to enjoy Pasifika culture through dance performances, art, crafts, food, merchandise, children’s activities, DJ, and a live band.



The Charity Walk raises much-needed funds to support WFWP Global Development and Aid Projects located within the Pacific Islands.

The MPF promotes a culture of peace through fostering dialogue, reconciliation, and conflict resolution at all levels by celebrating and promoting the beauty and uniqueness of each Pacific Island culture to provide the wider community a window into all things Pasifika.

By supporting and advocating for the Pacific Island communities living within Australia, WFWP Australia connects with like-minded people who are dedicated to building a more

harmonious and peaceful world. As Global Partners working to achieve the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the MPF Committee and supporters work towards:

- o Goal 16: To promote just, peaceful, and inclusive societies, and
- o Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goal.



The Ava Ceremony, led by the Samoan community, was a beautiful way to officially start the festival. It is a solemn ritual performed at the beginning of all important Pasifika services and gatherings where ceremonial Kava is shared to promote unity and respect among all the groups participating. Typically led by the high chief of the hosting

village, the ceremony begins with words of welcome from religious leaders and elders.



VIPS who participated during the Opening Ceremony were the New Zealand Consul-General in Melbourne, Bella Katz, Cr. Sarah Carter, Mayor of Maribyrnong City Council, John Bellavance, President UPF Victoria, and Neil Hay, President Rugby Victoria. Community leaders in attendance were from Samoa, the Cook Islands, Niue, Fiji, PNG, and New Zealand Māori.



Back row left to right:

James Henry, President Cook Island Community Service of Victoria; Peter Bakri, President PNGAAV (PNG Aust. Assoc. VIC); Aiden Jensen-Mahu, Coordinator Te Atawhai Pumanawa; Bella Katz, New Zealand Consul-General in Melbourne; Cr. Sarah Carter, Mayor of Maribyrnong City Council; Deacon Paselio Lemalu who gave the opening prayer; Neil Hay, President Rugby Victoria; John Bellavance,

President UPF Victoria; Tua Manase- Ale, co-chair MPF Committee; Talanoa Fogāfala” Atonio Tuipe'a, Samoan elder who presided over the Opening Ava Ceremony.

Front row left to right:

Sylvia Coombe, President Fiji Association Victoria; Leena Vellu, Vice-President Aust. Integrated Fijian Assoc. VIC; Anne Bellavance, President WFWP Aust. & chair MPF Committee.



Giving the Opening Address, Anne Bellavance shared with everyone that we are one human family, one Pasifika community, our celebration today being a demonstration of this. Afterwards, the VIP’s shared about themselves and their community.



Children’s Activities were a big part of the Festival. During the morning, Melbourne Rebels rugby club trainee coaches and team members held a junior and senior rugby clinic for primary aged and secondary aged children. A giant adventure castle enabled children to bounce off their energy, and face painting brought magic.





This year the festival featured Pasifika food and merchandise stalls from 7 Pasifika Island Heritages. In alphabetical order: Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga. Support stalls that connected with participants were: Western Union, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, Dept. Justice & Community Safety, and the Melbourne Rebels. Funds gained through registration of these stalls will enable one young woman to attend university for a whole year through the Pasifika Scholarship fund. A big thank you to all our Pasifika businesses who participated this year. A big thank you to our Melbourne Pasifika Festival Committee and volunteers who put in many long hours. Together, we made the festival a success.





Commencing with Zumba by Nadine just prior to the Opening Ceremony, the 14 Cultural Dance groups were phenomenal, showcasing each Pacific Island culture.



Maidens of Polynesia

Bula Meke Youth with their community
President, Sylvia Coombe - Fiji



PNG Island Boys



New Zealand Youth Choir



Te Atawhai Puumanawa



The MT Fao Band brought a concert feeling to the festival.

A big thank you to our MC's throughout the day, Marie Pewhairangi from Māori heritage, and Canada MCarthy from Samoan heritage.

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Doug's Mini Movers
Maribyrnong City Council
Melbourne Rebels rugby club
Multicultural Commission of Victoria
UPCOV (United Pasifika Council of Victoria)
Western Union

Written by: Anne Bellavance
MPF Committee chairperson
WFWP Aust. President and WFWP IVP
(rep. Oceania & S.E. Asia)



Boxing Day

October 29th | Melbourne, Australia

Overview

- Preparing donated items to be shipped to the Solomon Islands, Papua & New Guinea, and the Philippines.
- A total of 92 boxes of sewing machines, fabric, children's books, Days For Girls re-usable menstrual pads, and laptops was organised ready for shipment.



It was a crisp spring morning in the Melbourne Hills for our volunteers to gather for a full day of boxing good quality second hand items ready for shipment to the Pacific Islands, and the Philippines. A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who sourced used boxes and spent their Saturday preparing 92 boxes of goods to be picked up for delivery to the shipping warehouses.



Items were divided according to need. Papua New Guinea will receive three industrial sewing machines, multiple realms of fabric, and Days For Girls re-usable menstrual pads that are sewn by Lorena Hayes and her team at the local Days For Girls Chapter in East Wandin.

The menstrual pads are given out to girls during high school visits, where Prisca Mauve (President WFWP PNG) runs sessions on girls' health. The industrial sewing machines and fabric are to support the women's sewing centre that is planned to commence soon. PNG previously received domestic sewing machines.



The Solomon Islands will receive five laptops for teachers of the New Hope Academy Kindergarten and Primary School, sewing machines to start a technology department for the same school, and children's books to augment the school library.

The Philippines will receive three industrial sewing machines, and domestic sewing machines to begin a women's sewing centre.



A big thank you to Doug's Mini Movers who has been supporting WFWP for the past seven years. Doug and his team pick up our boxes and transport them free of charge to shipping company warehouses, where goods are bundled together in containers and then loaded onto ships ready for port departure.



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Days For Girls Wandin East Chapter Lorena Hayes is the Team leader for Days for Girls Wandin East Vic. The team work tirelessly sewing to create the kits and fill the demand. Organisations such as WFPW ship them to communities. <https://www.daysforgirls.org/australia/>



Doug's Mini Movers has been supporting WFPW Victoria's Global Development & Aid projects since 2015. Thank you, Doug, for your friendly, reliable, and efficient team. We could not support our WFPW Chapters as well without you. <https://dougsmimover.com.au/>

Written by Anne Bellavance,
President WFPW Australia | IVP, representing AP2

Global Women's Peace Network



Purpose: A network of women leaders and organisations dedicated to solving pressing social issues and securing an environment for human development. It seeks to ensure mutual prosperity and lasting peace through feminine peace leadership rooted in a culture of care, responsibility and education in family values.

GWPN inaugural assembly: the founders of WFWPI, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon called for a new era of women's leadership in peace building. The assembly highlighted the need for a body of NGO leaders, whose collective wisdom and judgment can complement the deliberations of the United Nations; which as a body of government representatives is overwhelmingly male. GWPN is a project of WFPW international.

New Zealand

WFWP 30th Anniversary

29 October | Auckland, New Zealand

Overview

- WFWP New Zealand celebrated WFWP International's 30th anniversary with a total of 100 participants coming together to spend the day looking back on WFWP's achievements over the last 30 years.



On Saturday 29 October, WFWP New Zealand chapter celebrated the organisation's 30th Anniversary at the Parnell Hotel in Auckland. Matapa Shelley, president of WFWP-NZ welcomed the 100 participants of all different nationalities and faiths, asking them to join her in prayer.

After an introductory video from WFWP International featuring the current president Julia Moon, we heard the presentations of past WFWP New Zealand presidents who spoke about all the activities WFWP NZ has been involved in over the past 30 years, from its inauguration in 1992 until today. Ruth Cleaver presented our activities during the time of her presidency, and that of Pamela Resnick, Leona

Didsbury and Pauline Jamati.



WFWP was inaugurated in Seoul, Korea on 10 April 1992 at the Seoul Olympic Stadium with about 150,000 in attendance. After Dr Hak Ja Han Moon spoke in cities throughout Korea, Japan, USA, Europe, Australia, and the Philippines, she came to NZ and gave the inaugural speech at the Sheraton Hotel in Auckland on 2 December 1992. This gave us a wonderful opportunity to meet Mother Moon and learn first-hand about her motivations for creating this world-wide women's peace organisation.

WFWP-NZ was a small group of women, mostly young mothers, but our numbers were bolstered by a contingent of Japanese volunteers who came to New Zealand to help. We developed neighbourhood friendship groups and gave seminars on universal principles to promote good families.



In March 1994, Mrs Noriko Oyamada visited New Zealand from Japan. She was welcomed by 12 members of Parliament in Wellington on a trip organised by then Chairwoman, Leona Didsbury. Consequently, the late Sir Peter Tapsell, who was speaker of the House, also developed a longstanding

friendship with our peace movement.

Moreover, WFWP-NZ became active on social issues affecting women and girls, such as unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, and pornography. By June 1994, we were teaching "Free Teens" in schools. In March 1996, we were teaming up with Trevor from Grice of Life Education Trust, MP Pauline Gardiner, and family psychologist Diane Levy in the battle against drugs.



One of the trademarks of WFWP International is the “Bridge of Peace”, an initiative that connects women from differing backgrounds, often where their nations or races were previously enemies. We held a beautiful Bridge of Peace event at the White Heron Hotel in July 1996 and held a luncheon for “VIP women” including Thea Muldoon, the widow of Sir Robert Muldoon, the Deputy Mayor of the North Shore Alison Clarke, TV personality Susana Hukui, and others. As always in those days, the Japanese young women were there to cook special dishes and served them so graciously. Another notable event was when Pamela Resnick attended a conference in Beijing China on behalf of WFWP-NZ.

Felicity Cairns spoke about her time as president over 17 years. Women met monthly on a regular basis and conducted marriage enrichment sessions. We hosted the International President Yeon Ah Nim Moon in September 2015 at the Quality Hotel; celebrated the UN days of Peace and Family each year with FFWPU and UPF; and, established lasting friendships with other organisations such as New Zealand Ethnic Women’s Trust, Ahmadiyyan Muslim Women’s Association, EthNix Links and Buddhist women. Service projects included knitting pyjamas for newborns and children at Middlemore Hospital.



Matapa Shelley recently took on the WFWP-NZ presidency. She shared, “we participate in monthly walks for wellness and yoga sessions with Uma Chopra, planting with Nita Wallis and service projects with Auckland City Council.” The three leaders cut the celebratory cake together.



Our keynote speaker was Hannah Tamaki, wife of charismatic Bishop Brian Tamaki of the Destiny movement. Destiny is an organisation that has changed thousands of lives in the community throughout New Zealand and Australia, thanks to Hannah's inexhaustible work and development of unique programs. Hannah is mother of three, grandmother to ten and great-grandmother to three. She spoke about the need for people to be heard in order to heal, a key feature in the "Man-Up" and Sister Legacy programs.



Congratulatory remarks were given by Mr Ross Robertson, Member of Parliament, 1987-2014, and Companion of the Queen's Service Order; as well as Mrs Ete Ine of the Cook Islands community; Zabila Khan, previous president of the Ahmadiyya Women's Association; Alexis Lewgor, a local community group leader from Rotorua, recipient of the Sir Peter Blake Leadership award, Rotorua District Community Award, and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation.



Tin Mama Oo, refugee from Myanmar, speaking out against the current Military Coup; Nita Wallis, long-serving WFPW volunteer; Anne Pala, Queen Service medal recipient for her services to community; and Jit Kaur, advocate and support worker for victims of domestic violence.



Global Women’s Peace Network ambassador awards were presented to Ruth Cleaver, Jit Kaur, and Anne Pala. After a performance by Letitia Shelley, the evening concluded with closing remarks given by Rev Kenji Watanabe of FFWPU.

Reflection from Participants



"Congratulations on a fabulous and successful evening last night! The atmosphere in that room was incredible. Thank you again for the award and your kind words." – Ruth Cleaver

"Great event last night, including presentation and food. Overall, I would give it a ten out of ten." – Pauline Jamati

"Thank you for your hard work on the event. Our guests really enjoyed the night." – Luiza Hopotoa

Written by Matapa Shelley,
President, WFWP New Zealand

Solomon Islands

Monica Graduates

Pasifika Scholarship Fund

October 21 | Honiara, Solomon Islands

My name is Monica Longanimala Ilala. I am from Solomon Islands. I successfully completed and graduated on 21st October 2022 with my MBA [Master of Business Administration] at the University of the South Pacific [USP], Solomon Islands Campus. From the bottom of my humble heart, I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank my core sponsor WFWP (Women Federation for World Peace) Victoria, Australia (especially Anne Bellavance and her wonderful team) – Pasifika Scholarship Fund to financially support my education for the past three years. Being a widow and raising two young children and getting the university scholarship is a great honour for myself and my family. Receiving the scholarship is not just receiving money [financial support]. It will have a mutual benefit both for myself and my community.



My aspiration and future plans moving forward are to give back to the community through the knowledge and skills that I have learnt. I will also support WFWP – SI, and overseas in whatever way they might need my support.

Thus, to my sponsor, once again you gave me so much hope and support to my education that I cannot express my gratitude by any words. For without you, my academic journey would not have made possible. Once again, Thank you so much.



Malaysia

‘Be Your Child’s Best Friend’ Parenting Workshop

14 August | Selangor, Malaysia

Overview

- WFWP Malaysia held a parenting workshop to provide smart parenting tips and practical guidelines for parents to communicate with their children effectively. The event was attended by 74 participants.



On 14 August, Malaysia held a “Be Your Child’s Best Friend” parenting workshop, jointly organised by WFWP Malaysia, Pusat Wanita Berdaya (PWB) and the Seri Setia New Village Community Management Council at the Seri Setia Multi-Purpose Hall. This workshop provided positive parenting tips and effective communication skills for both parents and children.

In the opening speech given by Mdm. Lina Cheng, President of WFWP Malaysia, she emphasised the importance of parenting skills and how they can impact a child’s development. The workshop was officiated by Hon. Lim Yi Wei, the State assemblywoman of Kampung Tunku; Mr. Ong Yew Thai,

Councillor of Petaling Jaya City Council for Zone 20; and Mr. Ding Eow Chai, Village Head of Sungai Way New Village.



Hon. Lim Yi Wei gave a truly heartfelt speech as she shared stories and personal experiences, ending with encouraging remarks to the audiences.

The speaker of the “Be Your Child’s Best Friend” workshop, Ms. Shaluni Anpalagan, is Assistant Communications Officer of the National Population and Family Development Board Malaysia of Selangor District. Ms. Anpalagan shared her knowledge and insights on parenting and highlighted that there is no

right or wrong way to educate a child. Positive parent-child communication is a two-way street and understanding this helps to cultivate a more loving and warm connection in the family. Therefore, it is a vital part of every healthy parent-child relationship.



Participants were also given an interaction session within small groups where they could share their thoughts and opinions on the parenting workshop. Based on the overall feedback received, they believed that the parenting tips given by the speaker were very helpful in guiding them towards good parenting practices. Parenting is challenging and never easy. Parents play an important role in the lives of young children, as they rely on parents to provide the necessary care and guidance to grow and develop. So, the parenting workshop is here to encourage all single and married participants to build healthy relationships within the family.

During the workshop, there was also an energetic martial arts performance by practitioners from Malaysia Tong-il-moo-do Federation. Volunteers Ajar-ajar Malaysia also led the audience in an action song which expresses the gratitude of children towards parents for their love and care while raising them. We thank all members, partners, sponsors, and volunteers for contributing to the success of this programme.



Reflection from Participants

"I am a working mother, so I have limited time to spend with my kids. The speaker is very experienced. She gave us many smart tips and knowledge in parenting. She also showed us the attitude and priorities to communicate effectively with our children." – Mdm. Lee

"As a tuition teacher, I face challenges handling my students and how to guide them properly. This workshop provides clear and real-life examples of how to communicate with kids and understand them." – Ms. Chin

Written by Tan Wan, Secretary, WFWP Malaysia

‘Lift Me Up’ Education Assistance Fund and Refurbished Laptop Giveaway

8 October | Selangor, Malaysia

Overview

- WFP Malaysia launched the “Lift Me Up” project, an education empowerment initiative that awarded outstanding college students from deserving families with refurbished laptops and education assistance funds.



On 8 October 2022, WFP Malaysia teamed up with the Association for Community Development and Education of Kuala Langat District (PPPM) to organise the “Lift Me Up” Education Assistance Fund, and Refurbished Laptop Giveaway in Banting, Selangor.

The event took place at the Seri Maha Mariamman Hall, gathering 35 youths, students, and parents. Under WFP’s education empowerment initiative, 10 outstanding college students from deserving families were selected as beneficiaries, with 8 receiving a refurbished laptop each and another 2 receiving assistance funds.

In her speech, WFP Malaysia President Madam Lina Cheng encouraged youths to dedicate themselves to exciting goals and clearly-defined objectives when pursuing their dreams. Poverty is an obstacle to

overcome, she said, and it should spur the recipients to do well in their studies so that they can rise above the water. She also advised them that, when they got jobs or started successful businesses, they must always remember to help others in need, and to give back to society by doing community service. Mr. Gopinaathan Arunachalam, President of PPPM, also shared an inspiring message and motivated the students to work hard, not only to excel in academic studies but also to become better people who give back to society.

During the presentation ceremony, Madam Lina Cheng handed over the laptops and assistance funds to the selected students, accompanied by Mr. Gopinaathan and his wife, Madam Priya. The students were near tears upon receiving the much-needed laptops for their studies. Still many students in Malaysia, even in the most developed state of Selangor, cannot afford to own a laptop to pursue tertiary education. They have been struggling to cope with presentations and assignments using smartphones.



“I have been doing all my college assignments with my smartphone, which my three younger siblings are also taking turns to use for studies and homework,” said Yashri, 18. “With the rising cost of living, my parents could not afford to provide a computer for us. The laptop will make learning much more convenient and easier for all of us,” she added while thanking the organisers.”

WFWP believes that access to education can change lives. In this era of information technology and virtual learning, the computer serves as one of the most essential tools for gaining access to education. We thank PPPM and all sponsors, especially WFWP International as well as the volunteers who contributed to the success of this program.



Reflection from Participants

"Thank you WFP for giving me the opportunity to be a beneficiary under the Lift Me Up programme. The laptop helps me to cope with my college studies and assignments as my family could not afford to buy one. The speakers were very encouraging and motivated me to study, not only for myself but to contribute to society in the future." – Agila

Written by Tan Wan,
Secretary, WFP Malaysia



Multicultural Youth Service Project

November 5th | Bandar Sungai Long, Malaysia

Overview

- 19 classrooms were cleaned and painted at Bandar Sungai Long school.
- 40 young volunteers consisting mainly of university students participated in the Multicultural Youth Service project.



Women's Federation for World Peace Malaysia in conjunction with UPF Malaysia Selangor Chapter, the resident's committee of Bandar Mahkota Cheras and Parents-Teachers' Association of SJK(C) Bandar Sungai Long organized a Multicultural Youth Service Project with the theme: Youth for U #kitaconnect at SJK(C) Bandar Sungai Long, Kajang, Selangor to help the school to clean and paint 19 of their classrooms. 40 young volunteers consisting mainly of university students from University Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) Sungai Long Campus and working youths joined this service project.



The paints, materials, and necessary goods were purchased through funding received from the Registry of Societies Malaysia (ROS), YB Ganabathirau Veraman, Exco of Selangor State Government, and other well-wishers. The project started with some words of encouragement from President of UPF Malaysia, Mr. Sudesh Balasubramaniam and a briefing session by Mr. Chan Yien Wei, Chairman of Ajar-ajar Malaysia Sungai Long Branch. The volunteers were then organised into smaller teams to

paint and clean the classrooms.

WFWP Malaysia thanks all the volunteers, donors, and staff for their support in making this project successful.

Reflection from Participants



“Honestly, I joined this programme because I wanted to fulfil my university course requirements. I’d never expected that serving the community would make me feel so good! Can you imagine how happy the kids would be when they return to school next week? Thank you UPF and the organisers for the meaningful work!” ... Lim, a second-year student from UTAR.

“The school is very grateful to the energetic youth volunteers who are willing to dedicate their time and energy for the benefit of others. This programme of UPF is important to nurture our younger

generation as future leaders who care for the society and nation besides excelling in academic studies.” ... Mr. Yong, teacher in-charge of the programme.

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With Support from:

UPF Malaysia Selangor Chapter

The resident's committee of Bandar Mahkota Cheras

Parents-Teachers' Association of SJK(C) Bandar Sungai Long

Written by Tan Wan,

Secretary, WFWP Malaysia

WFWP Mission and Vision



WFWP Chapters adhere to the principle that women working together, taking initiative, and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion to create healthy families are resolving the complex problems of our societies and world.

Vision: Women working together to realise one global family rooted in a culture of sustainable peace.

Mission: Empowering women as peace builders and leaders in the family to transform the community, nation and world. Through education, advocacy, partnership, reconciliation and humanitarian service, WFWP International aims to create an environment of peace and wellbeing for future generations and people of all races, cultures and religious creeds.

Philippines



**WOMEN'S FEDERATION
FOR WORLD PEACE - PHILIPPINES**
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1-DAY WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

"The Role of Women in Nation Building"

December 3, 2022

UPF Peace Embassy, Quezon City, Philippines

Under the theme of 'Women's Role in Peace Building, UPF Philippines Chairperson Dr. Julies B. Malicdem presented the Five Principles of Peace: Leadership of Heart. He discussed that in order to solve the conflict of the world, we have to begin with ourselves.

We need to understand the principles of peace that:

- a) God is the parent of humankind, and we are one human family.
- b) Humans are essentially spiritual in nature.
- c) living for the sake of others.
- 4) Family is a school of love and peace.
- 5) peace through cooperation beyond the boundaries of ethnicity, religion, and nationality.



AYSP President Ronnie D. Sodusta dealt with addressing critical issues of youth in our time. He explained the definition of Adversity Quotient which a person's ability is to face situations, problems, and obstacles in life. He emphasized that we must know our children's ability, empower them to choose their dreams and guide them to be part of the solution not part of the project. He called on all mothers to be strong for their children, "Give them love for them to see the beauty of the world and the beauty of Gods' creation."

Dr. Robert S. Kittel, Co-Chair of UPF Asia Pacific discussed the role of women in raising patriotic youth. He highlighted that the family is the North Star, we need to guide our children to be patriotic. And how will be do that? Firstly, teach them to honor their father and mother. If children honor their parents, children will not disappoint their parents. The love parents give will be their conscience. Secondly, parents need to involve our children with public and civic affairs. In this way, they will see how blessed they are and will learn to value life and people around them.



The activity was participated by sixty (60) women leaders from Quezon City Women’s Organization with Dignity and Integrity, Al Salam Active Women’s Association (ALSAWA), and the Mothers’ Hearts Network Rodriguez, Rizal Chapter. There were also delegates from other organizations and municipalities.

At the end of the seminar, the women leaders present committed to work with WFP Philippines to empower women in their communities and be part of nation building.



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Donate: Make a financial contribution to our WFWP Island Projects, where 100% of your donation supports humanitarian projects. Within Oceania, WFWP is a fully volunteer based NFP charitable organisation.

Used sewing machines: Sent to our *Women's Sewing Centres* in Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, PNG, and Samoa, where local women start cooperatives to support their families. Please ensure that your sewing machine is in good working conditions. The Women's Centres are also in need of fabric and tools.

Quality junior and secondary school

books: *Books for the Islands* donates to primary and secondary schools within the Pacific to either establish school libraries, or enrich them.

Contact us to organise a pick-up or drop off time.