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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIPNG rolls out civic education teacher workshops

Port Moresby, Thursday 29 August 2019 – Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) was in Lae recently to workshop its School Based Civic Education curriculum to teachers in the province.

Civic education refers to teaching people how to be good citizens. TIPNG's School Based Civic Education project aims to create a generation of responsible citizens that work to ensure good governance at all levels of society.

In a survey conducted in 2009, TIPNG found out that schools across Papua New Guinea did not have adequate materials to teach concepts of human rights, democracy, how the government system works and the roles and responsibility of citizens. Without the proper materials, teachers lack the confidence to teach civic education.

“From the findings of the survey, we set out to develop civic education materials for Papua New Guinean schools. We have done this in close consultation with the National Department of Education. So the workshop in Lae was aimed at increasing teachers' accessibility to our civic education materials and increases their knowledge on civic concepts. We also met with the Morobe Provincial Education Division and they are also keen on having these materials,” said TIPNG's Civic Education Coordinator, Ms Marlene Delis.

TIPNG has produced the following Civic Education materials for schools in Papua New Guinea. These materials are targeted for primary and secondary schools, teacher colleges, police training school centers and vocational schools:

- Teacher Resource Book – containing teaching and learning concepts about democracy, human rights, and how the government works;
- Book of Background Readings for Teachers – an information book for teachers;
- Student Readers – containing short stories explaining key civics concepts;
- Big Books – large picture story books for teachers to read to primary school students;
- Posters – large teaching posters on civic concepts such as conflict of interest, citizens' rights;
- Android Phone Applications – users to engage in a game of ethical rationing and knowledge of PNG;
- Teacher Training - workshops for teachers on how to use the materials;
- DVD – containing videos and sample lessons on civic education concepts.

What is TIPNG?

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A teacher from Haikoast Community School in Morobe Province that participated in TIPNG's workshop expressed appreciation for the materials stating that civic education in Papua New Guinea could be a national topic for schools in-service for all teachers.

TIPNG has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education that forms the basis of collaboration and innovation of the delivery Of civic education materials and training for schools and associated institutions in Papua New Guinea.

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IMG_7199: (Left -Right) Posing with civic education materials - TIPNG Executive Director, Ms Arianne Kassman, Acting Morobe Provincial Education Adviser, Mr Bray Kalo, TIPNG School Based Civic Education Coordinator, Ms Marlene Delis, Morobe Provincial TVET Coordinator and TIPNG Corruption Complaints Desk Coordinator, Mr Samson Kandata.

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