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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST 2013

FRIDAY MARCH 8, 2013 SYDNEY CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

7:00AM-8:45AM







This International Women's Day, you can be a part of a global effort to assist women and girls experiencing violence.

1 in 3 women worldwide will experience violence during her lifetime. Women of all ages and all backgrounds experience violence. Lack of adequate access to critical services such as emergency shelter, medical, psychological and legal assistance is a problem for women experiencing violence worldwide. Many women, including indigenous women, women from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds, women living in rural and remote areas, and women with disabilities experience particular barriers to accessing services. Existing services are often underfunded and ill-equipped to meet the needs of these women.

By supporting UN Women Australia's International Women's Day 2013 campaign, you can help governments and communities worldwide implement the services women experiencing violence need and ensure that they are freely accessible.

Women in our neighbouring Pacific region experience some of the highest levels of violence in the world and desperately need improvements in critical services available to them.

73% of women aged 15-49 in Kiribati have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence.

67% of women in Papua New Guinea report that they have been beaten, including close to 100% of women living in the Highlands.

of women in the Solomon islands reported being of women in the Solomen as sexually abused before the age of 15.

This International Women's Day, UN Women Australia is fundraising for UN Women's Critical Services Initiative in Papua New Guinea to ensure that communities and nations are better placed to meet the needs of women and girls experiencing violence and to provide the services they so desperately need.

GUEST SPEAKER: ROSIE JOHNSON

Senior Magistrate, Papua New Guinea Magisterial Services

Rosie Aize Johnson was formally appointed as a magistrate in the Papua New Guinea Magisterial Services in 2007. Prior to her appointment, she served as a senior lawyer with the PNG Ombudsman Commission (OC), as well as holding roles at the Public Solicitors Office and the Public Prosecutors Office (PP).

While working out of the Public Prosecutors Office in Goroka, Rosie took charge of the state's major criminal prosecution trials in the Eastern Highlands, as well as in neighbouring court circuits.

Rosie has consulted to Local Level Government operations in PNG, as well as been a mentor and coach at the Legal Training Institute. She has also assisted officers of the PNG Royal Constabulary Family and Sexual Violence Unit in understanding the legal procedures involved in obtaining Protection Orders.

Rosie provides legal advice in the area of female and violence related work, especially in regards to family and domestic violence, assisting mothers and victims of violence and organizations that support women and vulnerable persons.

In October 2012 the PNG Magisterial Services selected Rosie to attend The Asia Pacific Regional Feminist Legal Theory and Practice Training held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The workshop took place just before the launching of the PNG Judicial Women's Association, for which Rosie acted as interim President.

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