



# WELCOME TO HANIWAI

Welcome to HANIWAI's First Newsletter!  
We're thrilled to launch our first newsletter and connect with you!  
The Humanity and Nature Indigenous Women's Association Inc. (HANIWAI) is an Indigenous women-led non-profit based in Papua New Guinea.



**Preserve Our Heritage:** We safeguard ancestral lands, traditional knowledge, and biodiversity, ensuring resilience for future generations.



**Protect Indigenous Women:** We create safe spaces, amplify voices, and defend against violence and marginalization.



**Transform Our Communities:** We invest in sustainable livelihoods, leadership, and healing, building strong and equitable futures.

[www.haniwai.org](http://www.haniwai.org)



Founded in February 2025 by Maryanne Rimbao and co-founded by Leonia Young, HANIWAI was established to address the critical needs of marginalized women and children and protect ancestral knowledge. We live by our motto: Preserve, Protect, Transform.

## "Preserving Our Indigenous Heritage"

We provide safe spaces, shelter, counseling, and vital support for Indigenous women and children facing domestic violence, displacement, and injustice. Our reach extends to widows, orphans, LGBTQ+ individuals, people with disabilities, and forcibly displaced women and girls, ensuring no one is forgotten.

Through community workshops, advocacy, and cultural education, we break cycles of violence and champion climate justice and sustainable resilience. Every day, we witness incredible strength, which fuels our drive for a more just and sustainable future.