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Philemon confident of winning

The party won one seat at the 2007 general election, with the return of John Pundari, who had been defeated for the Papua New Guinea The Pangu Party or Papua and Niugini Union Pati is a political party in Papua New Guinea. However, I tend to agree with Bernard Narokobi's perceptive differentiation of the significant pre-contact social and economic positions of women from their limited political engagement 1980:74.

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Hundreds assembled at Koki market to march to Konedobu, about eight kilometres away, where the colonial government offices were located. The National Bahá'í Women of PNG have, since 1975, developed a well-established national network which undertakes health and literacy awareness programs and supports women's activities as well as spiritual development.

The BESENA stand.

Also Pacific Women's Bureau Page. In Central Province, where Catholicism was first introduced in the 1890s, female Catholic parishioners are not yet organized. Jayawardena 1986 argues that feminism in several Third World countries was not an idea imposed from the West but developed independently.

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In Tok Pisin it is translated as bel hat, 'anger' Joseph Ketan, pers. The Baptist Women's Union has about twenty Baptist Church women's groups affiliated to its national organization drawing in women from remote parts of the Sepik and Highlands regions. WOMEN AND THE NATION The raising of women's and gender issues has been a rather slow and reluctant process in PNG see Map 6.

Papua Besena

In the absence of nursing sisters, the wives of pastors took the initiative in organizing meetings. In Papua New Guinea, women from the under class are often described as ol grassroots mama, 'grassroots mothers' in Tok Pisin.

The Papua Besena movement (1976 edition)

While the paper focuses on emerging grassroots or 'indigenous' feminism, educated Papua New Guinean women have spearheaded several initiatives patterned on WID Women in Development , WAD Women and Development , and GAD Gender and Development principles. This agenda was part of the largely unsuccessful Christian effort to replace the customary productive roles of women and restrict them to their reproductive and domestic capacities.

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This ideal was further reaffirmed in the 1975 National Goals and Directive Principles, the Preamble to the Papua New Guinea Constitution, which declared the second goal to be: 'for all citizens to have an equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, the development of our country' King, Lee, and Warakai 1985: Appendix A, 453-4. In New Horizons for Melanesian Women, Point 2:65-7. This initiative laid the foundations for the active participation of Papua New Guinean women in civil society and signalled a fundamental change in focus for these churches, away from inward spiritual concerns to issues of public interest which affected the community at large.

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In New Horizons for Melanesian Women, Point 2:118-31.

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