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## Themes

Gender in PNG Program has 3 thematic areas:

1. Gender Based Violence is viewed as a key impediment to the social and economic development of the country. This theme focuses on researching and documenting current initiatives to address gender based violence as well as document innovative ways that GBV is being addressed. The work of this thematic area is done in conjunction with addressing the Violence theme of the Building Safer Communities Program.

2. Women in the Economy focusses on how women's economic participation can be improved and increased. Women's participation in the economy is largely through informal economic activities. Research focuses on women's in informal markets and potential for advancement. Studies conducted under this thematic area are covered under the Informal Economy Research Program and include: A case study of women traders in Papua New Guinea; and Understanding Gender Dynamics of the Informal Economy: Case Study of Open Markets in NCD.

3. Women in Leadership thematic area looks at getting more women into leadership positions in government, private sector and communities. Research in this thematic area focuses on better understanding on how can this be achieved. Studies conducted include Women in the 2017 National Election Study and Women in the 2018 LLG Elections Study.

### Objectives:

- To understand the social, political and economic factors affecting women in the country;
- To inform government, stakeholders and the public about dynamics of power that hinder women to equally participate;
- To provide recommendations to inform and influence policies that can address inequality so that men and women are provided with equal opportunities for participation in social, political and economic activities.