



## STREIT empowers Women and Youth

### Vanilla Cultivation, Husbandry and Processing Training

Participants (Break-Up)	Age	Saure Village, Wewak District	Missim Village, Drekikier	Mundangai village, Rural Turubu LLG, Wewak District	Total	% out of 429 participants
Female Youth	15-25	3	34	15	52	12%
Male Youth	15-25	33	24	25	82	19%
Women	26+	16	23	47	86	20%
Men	26+	13	120	76	209	49%
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Table showing break-up of farmer participation=

The ‘Vanilla Cultivation, Husbandry and Processing Training’ conducted by the European Union co-funded STREIT PNG Programme in East Sepik Province is pulling together a high interest among Women and Youth who are usually left behind in programmes of this nature.

A total of 429 farmers attended first three trainings which include demonstration sessions. The trainings were conducted in Wewak and Ambunti-Drekikier Districts and 220 participants were Women and Youth representing a high 51 percent of total participants. The cultivation, husbandry and vanilla processing knowledge acquired by farmers are through hearsay and observations. The trainings with introduction of proper tools and equipment to process quality beans for improved income and livelihood are the first formal learning opportunities under STREIT. Trainings are conducted in collaboration with Provincial Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL). STREIT and partners will roll out more trainings in 2021.



Some women participants at the Saure village training in Wewak

## STREIT This Month

The highlight of October is the visit by an European Union delegation comprising Mr. Rene Mally, First Counsellor and Head of Cooperation, EU delegation in PNG; France Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Philippe Janvier-Kamiyama and Representative from the Government of New Caledonia, Mr. Alexandre Lafargue to East Sepik Province. STREIT PNG famers, families and children interacted supportively with the delegation. The important message to the families is to use the benefits derived from the Programme to look after their children as they are the future of the community and the country.

## Farmers happy with cloned cocoa seedlings

Some 56 cocoa farmers including women and youth in East Sepik Province were proud recipients of Cocoa Pod Borer (CPB) tolerant seedlings in October.

The STREIT PNG in close collaboration with the Cocoa Board and Provincial Department of Agriculture and Livestock, distributed 2800 cloned seedlings to 56 farmers of Haripmo, East Yangoru LLG, Yangoru-Saussia District, and one farmer in Saure village, Wewak District. Among the recipients were five mothers and eight youth (3 males and 5 females). Farmers receive 50 seedlings each to replace old cocoa trees.

## STREIT FACTS

**Full name:** Support to Rural Entrepreneurship, Investment and Trade in Papua New Guinea  
**Co-Financed:** European Union  
**Budget:** EURO 81 300 000/USD 89 470 440  
**Duration:** 1/JAN/2020 31/MAY/2024  
**Implementation:** United Nations joint programme  
**Administrative Agency:** FAO  
**Partners:** ILO, ITU, UNCDF, UNDP and Government of Papua New Guinea



*A happy family at Haripmo village with their cloned cocoa seedlings*

The seedlings were supplied from the Haripmo nursery set-up. Close to 20 000 seedlings have been distributed so far to farmers in East Sepik. Under the Programme, STREIT will continue to supply CPB tolerant seedlings and at the same time rehabilitate old cocoa trees in 10 districts of East and West Sepik Provinces. The cloned seedlings with rehabilitation activities are expected to increase production with improved income that will go directly into the pockets of rural farmers in 10 districts of the Sepik Provinces.

## STREIT farmers interact with EU delegation



*(L-R) Mr. Rene Mally, His Excellency Mr. Philippe Janvier-Kamiyama and Mr. Alexandre Lafargue checking a cocoa rehabilitation plot in Dagua LLG, Wewak, East Sepik Province.*

“Children are the future of the country, of the community, so we have to take care of our children, give them a good education, give them a good heart and let them grow up in peace and with joy. I’m really overjoyed to see all the children here and its beautiful,” said Mr. Rene Mally, First Counsellor and Head of Cooperation, European Union in PNG.

This message was conveyed to farmers and families taking part under the EU co-funded STREIT PNG Programme interacted positively with an European Union delegation on Tuesday 6 October. Accompanying the First Counsellor was France Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Philippe Janvier-Kamiyama and Representative from the Government of New Caledonia, Mr. Alexandre Lafargue.

France is a member State of the European Union co-funding STREIT. The delegation visited a Cocoa rehabilitation site being supported by STREIT, observed a Vanilla Training and a fresh fish market where women were presented with cooler boxes (Esky) to preserve fish under cold condition and increase shelf-life.

## Gender and Youth Inclusion

A female specialist has joined STREIT PNG this month and started planning for all men, women and youth to participate and benefit equally under the European Union co-funded rural development programme.

Patu Shang an International Gender and Youth Inclusion Specialist will meet the East Sepik Provincial Administration to form a Gender Mainstreaming Technical (GMT) working group that will comprise representatives of Provincial DAL and other line ministries, and other UN agencies partnering with FAO to implement STREIT, as well as stakeholders and beneficiaries from NGO’s, and representatives from youth and women groups.

STREIT’s objective is to increase sustainable and inclusive economic development through the creation of an enabling environment where women and youth are supported as well with improved incomes from Cocoa, Vanilla and Fisheries value chains through reduced costs and time, access to finance, availability and usage of digital tools and services.

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