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My name is Nosaleah Ine and I'm from Papua New Guinea, my province is Eastern Highlands and I'm an Eastern Highlander. I joined Inap Nau Campaign as a youth influencer. We promote non-violent conflict resolution skills. And back in our communities we do awareness and one-to-one talk, we mostly tell the people about the rights and responsibilities.

I joined the Inap Nau campaign in 2021, so it's like almost four years now, yeah, it's almost four years. The positive thing that we've seen in the youths—most of them have changed. Back in our community in the past, a man can hit women in front of everybody but now we've seen change, even the little kids will tell you that women has the right to report you to the police, she's got a right so you don't have the right to bash her up or beat her in front of everybody. Even the kids, if you hit them in front of everybody or like if you give them a lot of work to do someone can report you because they know their rights and responsibility.

We roughly meet—do awareness to the community people like seven to eight times. When there's a workshop, and Oxfam calls for the Inap Nau campaign youths to come, most other youths are willing to come, so there are like 50 to 60 youths.

There's two couples in our community and they have lots of kids, the elder daughter, she's in high school now like in grade 9 or 10, she has another baby. That baby is like two to three years old and that mother used to tell that daughter to look after the baby all the time. But because the girl knew her rights and responsibility she told the mother that, "I have my rights to go to school, I have my other responsibilities to do, and that baby is not my mine to look after, so you yourself have to take care of the baby because that's your decision to carry, give birth to the baby".

I've seen that there's a change in my community so I'm really happy. There's more results from that campaign.

There are many outcomes, there are many results from this campaign we've been conducting in our community. There have been many changes. For example, some boys used to smoke drugs, and in the past, they were troublemakers like big-time thieves. They would snatch a phone and just run away.

They used to grab phones and run, but now they've changed. They've changed because they became aware of the Inap Nau campaign, got involved in it, and changed. They've stopped smoking drugs and have transformed from bad to good. They no longer do these things. There were rape cases too, especially involving young boys, but now they've become involved in the Inap Nau campaign, and they've stopped.

They've stopped committing these abuses because they realise that if they do, the community will hold them accountable for their actions. If we run a campaign for them and they see us, they would ask why we are doing these things. That's it, so we keep discussing this. If we do something else, the community might say, "You're campaigning for us, but we can't listen to your campaign". It's for you all now. You bring the campaign here, but you do other things instead, right? That's the kind of results we see from this campaign we're running.

As for me, I want the Inap Nau campaign group to be registered. It must be registered so we can access funding. So that we can access funding through our government. We can easily access it because there's funding for youth in the government, whether at the district or provincial level.

That's why I want this. I really want this group to be registered. You're going to need a business registration, I mean, you'll need a Tax Identification Number (TIN). I mean legally like register the group.

I would like to say that the Inap Nau campaign, I see now, has reached a point where it's slowing down a bit. It's at a point where it seems to be stopping a little, but I want it to keep going because I've seen many changes in the community because of Inap Nau. Many changes, so if this Inap Nau campaign continues, for me personally, I've seen that when there's a workshop, meeting, or gathering, it boosts the morale of the youths. This kind of thing makes us reflect and do it again. So we must remember and continue doing it; we must keep going. Doing good deeds, it's like boosting their morale.

And the things that Oxfam is doing, I mean, they boost our morale. What I want is for this to be ongoing. It must be ongoing, like having plans. And the kind of work they give us or bring to us—it shouldn't come, stop, and go. Doing just a little and then stopping. It must be ongoing, like a yearly plan or something like that. They must work with us, and another thing I want is for the work we're doing in the Inap Nau campaign—data must be recorded, it must be recorded. Data must be kept.

And they must show us. We do the work, so they need to give us a report. How is our work progressing? What's happening now, so we can improve. What gaps need to be filled, we will fill them. We will fill them through Oxfam or whoever is responsible for the Inap Nau youths. They should give us back reports or feedback.