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# Pawa Meri

An exciting series of films celebrating the unique role of women in modern Papua New Guinea

## Save Meri Skulim Meri

Susil Nelson (Port Moresby) | Director: Joys Egging

*Save Meri Skulim Meri* tells how Susil Nelson, an accountant based in Port Moresby works in a largely male dominated profession. She has also been supporting and inspiring young girls to receive an education and develop their careers. Hers is an uplifting story of how family support, hard work and perseverance can have a positive effect on the country.

## Never Give Up

Gina Baidam (Daru) | Director: Ruth Ketau

*Never Give Up* is a moving story of community worker Gina Baidam from the Western Province who is determined to bring a birthing facility to her community in Serimambu on the Fly River. As community members describe the struggles that pregnant mothers face in this remote community Gina takes the lead in finding assistance to improve their situation.

## Voice of Change

Sr. Lorraine Garasu (Bougainville) | Director: Llaine Munau

*Voice of Change* is set on Bougainville, an autonomous region of PNG coming out of a 10-year civil war. Humanitarian Sr. Lorraine lived through the crisis emerging as a mediator to promote peace and reconciliation. Now she leads the Nazarene Centre assisting individuals and families with their daily struggles, as Bougainville is not just rebuilding infrastructure but its people.

## Lapan

Miriam Potopi (Manus) | Director: Renagi Taukarai

*Lapan* is a film about Miriam Potopi, one of the first female village magistrates in PNG. Miriam's charismatic personality and her understanding of cultural laws and protocols make her a respected leader in her community. The film captures the many challenges Miriam has overcome in her life.

## Meri Markham

Jennifer Baing Waiko (Markham) | Director: Klinit Barry

*Meri Markham* takes us on a journey with Jenifer Baing Waiko. The film describes Jenifer's return to her community as a woman that has been educated overseas but has not forgotten her roots. Meri Markham follows her journey to stand for the 2012 Markham Open Election.

## Yu Ken Mekim

Rita Kare (Goroka) | Director: Janet Munaup

*Yu Ken Mekim* is a story that resonates with many Papua New Guinean women going into business. It is a glimpse into the motivations, heart-aches and sacrifices women experience when deciding to do business. Rita Kare sold food on the streets of Goroka and now successfully runs the Steakhaus Restaurant. The film explores Rita's and her husband Peter's journey of fulfilling their dream.



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