The overarching mission of this CIPE project is to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem for women in Papua New Guinea by providing assistance through the Women’s Business Resource Centre (WBRC), integrating entrepreneurship into the curriculum of Papua New Guinean universities, and providing technical assistance and advocacy trainings to women’s business organizations. The project launched in 2015 as a joint initiative between the Australian and US governments.

Women in PNG face daunting legal and cultural challenges that make engaging in commerce difficult. As a result of the CIPE project, women are empowered to play an increasingly important role in the political and economic life of PNG, and are less frequently the victims of domestic violence.

PARTNERS:
**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

CIPE’s initiative consists of three major components:

- Establishment of the WBRC in Port Moresby on November 2016: The WBRC is a resource hub for women of all economic backgrounds to access vital resources for economic empowerment, the lack of which is crippling female entrepreneurship in PNG. The Center provides training opportunities to women entrepreneurs, as well as hosts mentorship programs, networking opportunities, and guest speaker events. It also provides a fully equipped childcare facility for its users, so that women with children are not excluded from receiving the WBRC services.

- Integrate entrepreneurship into the curriculum of PNG universities: CIPE is partnering with four leading universities in PNG to help them incorporate instruction on entrepreneurship into their curriculum, with the goal to make entrepreneurship a more viable career path to young Papua New Guineans. CIPE has partnered with William Davidson Institute (WDI) at the University of Michigan, which is the world’s leading expert on entrepreneurship education.

- Provide technical assistance to women’s advocacy groups: CIPE has played a key role in building advocacy groups and continuing to provide technical assistance to a variety of women’s groups in PNG. Current CIPE efforts in this space are around affecting public policy change that support women in commerce and to address challenges women in business face in PNG.

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