

Grow Healthy, Grow Strong

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Photo: Grow Team Member Thalia Wats visiting Sister Elizabeth Noah at Rabaul Provincial Hospital



COMING UP NEXT MONTH:

Our scheduled health worker training in March will be addressing disability inclusion. We have invited a disability specialist from Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities (pictured above) to lead discussions. This has been a topic that the health workers have welcomed and they are looking forward to gaining new skills to support patients with disabilities.

We are also striving towards a more disability inclusive community engagement and hope Callan Services will support us by providing us with practical suggestions we can implement.

GROW PROJECT UPDATE

This month, the GROW team has been busy hosting more community engagement events at the remaining wards of the Sinivit Local Level Government area. We have already held two more parent group discussions and have plans for two more next month. The response continues to be overwhelmingly positive, with upwards of 20 participants at each session. Parents have fed back that these sessions were informative and gives them a platform to discuss child nutrition unlike what they have experienced before.

Meanwhile, our team continues to support health care workers at our target facilities of Rabaul Provincial Hospital, Rabaul Urban Health Centre, Warangoi District Hospital and Vunapope Hospital. The monthly Nutrition Advocacy Group met earlier this month to discuss and finalise a busy training calendar for 2024. We will cover topics such as disability inclusion in health practice, importance of immunization for children, making the most of locally available foods.

Our project aims to build capacity both at the community and health services levels to complement each other. We hope that working this way creates more awareness about stunting and child nutrition so that people understand how to prevent it as well as how to identify and treat it.