

# Meri Seif — Women-Only Safe Bus Service, Port Moresby

Gender Equality · Good practice · Papua New Guinea

Quality score: 63/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

After a 2014 study found over 90% of Port Moresby women had faced transport violence, the city launched women-only 'Meri Seif' buses with female crews and fixed timetables; the fleet grew from 1 bus and 21,000 riders in 2014 to 11 buses and 600,000+ riders yearly by 2019.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                       | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Transferability / replicability | 2/3   |
| Impact on gender equality       | 1/1   |
| Effectiveness                   | 1/1   |
| Efficiency                      | 0/1   |
| Evaluated outcomes              | 0/1   |
| Sustainability                  | 1/1   |
| Achievement / evidence          | 1/1   |
| Gender-mainstreaming embedding  | 1/1   |
| Curator validation              | 0/1   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[National Capital District Commission \(NCDC\), with UN Women Papua New Guinea and the Government of Australia](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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