



Tokstret Radio Project first started in 1997 as a pilot radio program on the National Broadcasting Corporation of Papua New Guinea (NBCPNG). The program provided a forum for discussion of reproductive and sexual health issues and a clinical session enabling spontaneous feedback on health issues.

Discussion of sexual issues brought criticism from those who felt such issues should not be discussed publicly, while to majority of Papua New Guineans, tokstret brought empowerment and free medical advice right into their homes. Funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the focus of Tokstret Programme was "Empowerment of Women."



Since the program's inception, it has established itself as a very informative program addressing real issues affecting ordinary Papua New Guineans and has contributed to breaking down of barriers and inhibitions around sexual health.

Today, our project focus covers Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH), as part of our contribution to informing and educating young people about reproductive and sexual health issues.

Since embarking on this project, the YWCA has played an important role in disseminating information to people in rural areas through the National Broadcasting Corporation of PNG.

Project Goal

To have contributed to a better quality of life for all Papua New Guineans by improving reproductive health and enabling a more balanced relationship between population and development.

Project Output

Increased availability of reproductive health information, education and services, including counseling, for adolescents & youths in selected areas, about their reproductive & sexual health rights and empowering them to make informed decisions.

Project Outcome

To have contributed to increased use of:-

- Quality reproductive health services, information and counseling, and
- Gender sensitive reproductive health information, education and communication promoting behavioral changes towards reproductive and sexual health practices.

Tokstret Radio Program

This a two hour talkshow on the NBC's Karai Service.

Program times

8.10pm – 10.00pm every Tuesday night on NBC Karai National Service

Talk Back Numbers

325-0084/ 325-9382

Some of the issues affecting young people we discuss are:-

Abstinence

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Alcohol

- Its effects on teens
- Its effects on teens health

Sex

- Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health
- Teenage Pregnancy

Marijuana

- About marijuana
- Its use among teens