



Celebrating International Women's Day 2019

Constable Sharon Kambari **Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary**



Constable Sharon Kambari is 32 years old and comes from East Sepik province of Papua New Guinea.

She has served in the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) for more than 12 years. Seven (7) years in Front-line policing, three years with the Criminal Investigation Division as a sex crime investigator and she is now in her third year with the National Criminal Intelligence Unit (NCIU).

She has faced a number of challenges during her policing career but being a female intelligence officer in a country where men come first in everything is very puzzling. Last September, she was appointed to the position of acting Inspector . Officer in Charge of the Metropolitan Intelligence Unit for a month to cover for her supervisor. This was the first time in the history of NCIU that a woman was appointed to such a role.

Constable Kambari has been breaking down barriers and challenging perceptions among her male colleagues demonstrating that whilst women are perceived to be not as physically strong as men, they are very capable in managing an intelligence space.

Constable Kambari says, %am grateful to be part of the International Association of Women Police and also would like to thank my sponsors for sponsoring my membership through policy 16 of the IAWP Adopt an Officer Program+.