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Lisa Martin receives ACFID Media Award for series on domestic violence in PNG

Australian Associated Press Canberra political reporter, Lisa Martin, has won ACFID's 2016 media award for her coverage of domestic violence in Papua New Guinea.

The Award, presented at ACFID's National Conference in Melbourne this evening, recognised Martin's substantial contribution to raising awareness of the dire situation faced by women and children in Papua New Guinea who experience domestic violence.

ACFID's judging panel commended Ms Martin not only for the pieces but particularly her significant follow up on the key issues. This included one-on-one interviews with the Papua New Guinean Prime Minister and posing questions in a public media conference.

ACFID CEO, Marc Purcell, said: "This award was created to recognise journalists who shed light on complex subjects and share stories on the lives of people in developing countries.

"This series was so important because it enabled the voices of the women experiencing these situations to be heard, particularly those seeking refuge at the Haus Ruth shelter in Port Moresby.

"In addition to this series, Ms Martin's consistent reporting on development issues has provided the basis for informed debates to take place amongst the public and within the NGO sector."

Mr Purcell added: "The calibre of journalists and pieces submitted for nomination continues to be extremely high and we would like to recognise their continued, critical work on issues such as these."

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Notes to Editors

Lisa Martin will receive her award at the [ACFID Conference](#) Gala Dinner on Wednesday 26 October at the Hawthorn Arts Centre in Melbourne.

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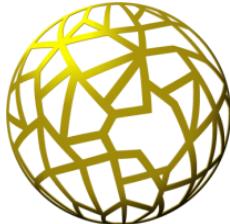
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