

# Agreement sees women complete training, open accounts

MORE than 30 women from villages in the Usino local level government, Madang, have opened new MiCash Mobile Bank accounts with Nationwide Microbank (MiBank), according to Ramu NiCo company.

The company in a statement said this followed an arrangement between Ramu NiCo Community Affairs Agriculture Department and MiBank.

The 33 women were participants

of a five-day intensive training on poultry production and sustainable livelihood from June 1-5 conducted by Ramu NiCo.

Ramu NiCo field staff arranged with Nationwide Microbank for officers to travel to Iguruwe village last Wednesday for rural women farmers to open up new bank accounts after the training.

The bank's officers explained various banking facilities offered

by the bank such as MiCash mobile phone banking, MiPikinini Savings account and other services, before helping the women to open their bank accounts.

Zone Two women group secretary Philinda Jeffrey thanked Ramu NiCo field officers for providing training so women could know their potential in rural development.

She acknowledged MiBank stat-

ing that many times rural women were reluctant to go to banks in town as they were turned away due to many bank policies and processes that clients were to follow before opening accounts.

"We are grateful for having officers from Nationwide Microbank to come right to our village and our doorsteps to give awareness and allow us to open new bank accounts," Jeffrey said.