



FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the *Working with Resettled Refugee Communities: Domestic Violence Prevention & Education* training kit.

The Office for Women, NSW Premier's Department has had great pleasure in funding this partnership project under the Women's Grants Program. Partnership Projects provide a unique opportunity for the community to work in partnership with the Office for Women and other key women's and community groups on social justice objectives for women.

This is the first time in New South Wales, that a training kit has been produced especially for staff in agencies who come into contact with refugee families who are either experiencing or at risk of experiencing domestic and family violence. This project has had a strong community focus. It focused on nine refugee communities: Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian, Afghan, Iranian, Iraqi, Sudanese, Somali and Sierra Leonean. Bi-lingual community workers from these communities were trained to conduct focus groups with women from these communities. Consultations have taken place with both non government and government staff.

Staff of the Office for Women worked on this project with the staff of the Centre for Refugee Research, University of New South Wales. I would especially like to thank the Centre Refugee Research and the project team for their dedication to the project. I would also like to thank the stakeholders who provided their expertise as the members of the advisory committee to the project, the bi-lingual community workers who conducted the focus groups, and the service providers who offered details about their experiences with refugee communities.

Most importantly I would like to thank the community members who participated in the focus groups. It is a great pleasure to see the outcomes of the research, consultations and focus groups in the *Working with Resettled Refugee Communities: Domestic Violence Prevention & Education* training kit.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Nori".

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