

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 – 2022

ChildFund Papua New Guinea is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in developing communities.

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ChildFund began work in Papua New Guinea in 1994 and works in partnership to create community and systems change which enables vulnerable children and young people, in all their diversity, to assert and realise their rights. Projects are implemented in seven provinces across the country, in both rural and urban settings, with a focus on maternal and child health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, and child protection and addressing family and sexual violence.

In 2015, ChildFund PNG established the country's first Family and Sexual Violence Counselling Hotline which operates in Port Moresby and provides national coverage for victims and survivors.

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The year 2021 was a landmark year for ChildFund Papua New Guinea. The year had its share of highs and lows, especially with COVID-19 still playing its part in disrupting normal activities, and with general elections also slated for the end of the financial year that is awaited with much anticipation

every five years. Our ever-resilient team did all it could in the year to make sure that we are committed in moving forward all our planned projects and activities to make children's lives and learning better.

It was a landmark year in the sense that we expanded our program reach in PNG by initiating program activities in new provinces and uncharted territories – Northern (Oro), Morobe, Madang, West Sepik and Western Provinces were the new additions. We also accounted for the highest budget in one financial year for Child Fund in the history of PNG.

Some of the key achievements have centered around concluding the Together for Education and AHP Disaster Ready 1.0 programs, moving forward with various concepts on social and emotional learning where we have development peace champions and strengthened village and district courts, completed the toolkit for teacher training institutions on comprehensive sexuality education and furthering the concept of rights, respect and resilience through the IMPACT project initiatives.

Other key achievements would include - creating a new niche in education in emergencies that including two components: psychosocial support and well-being and integrating disaster risk management in the school learning and improvement plan process. This will hold us good in the technical practice area in the emerging context of Papua New Guinea.

We continued our work with the health systems strengthening and disaster risk reduction, while building new bridges with our work on protection and addressing gender-based violence and violence against children through our service through the 1-Tok Helpim Kaunselin Lain.

The highlight in this regard was to be invited to the Public Hearing of the GBV Parliamentary Committee constituted by the Honorable Prime Minister, to talk about the Helpim Kaunselin service and look at prospects of making a stronger response by the government. We continued to

respond to COVID-19 pandemic during the year.

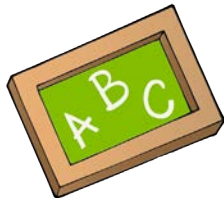
I would like to extend my gratitude for all the support we have received from all our donors, our teams in Child Fund Australia and Child Fund New Zealand. I thank all our partners, stakeholders and co-workers including our ever-energetic staff in making this possible.

Anand Kishore Das

Country Director
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2022 IN NUMBERS

3 EDUCATION PROJECTS



89,118 CHILDREN REACHED

5 HEALTH PROJECTS



9,312 CHILDREN REACHED

1 CHILD PROTECTION PROJECT



2,114 CHILDREN REACHED

353
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY



SUPPORTED THROUGH
OUR PROGRAMS

3 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROJECTS



7,103
TEACHERS



TRAINED TO BETTER
SUPPORT CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WE WANT EVERY CHILD TO SAY



I AM
EDUCATED

I HAVE A
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I AM
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FEATURE STORY: I CONTRIBUTE HERA IS LEADING HER PEERS

"I come from Gabagaba. I left school during year 10 due to COVID- 19 so I came back home to live in the village. I couldn't go back to school because of financial difficulties but as a big sister I wanted my younger siblings to carry on learning," said Hera (pictured above).

In Gabagaba, a small coastal village south of Port Moresby, Hera is teaching her peers about life skills development as part of ChildFund's Youth Peace and Protection Champion program.

Through her participation in the project, she has been able to find a new purpose when she couldn't return to school.

"A group like this, because from them I have learnt a lot. You know, as a young person I go through a lot of challenges.

Living in the village you must provide and do things to make your family happy and contribute."

ChildFund Papua New Guinea, in partnership with Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) is providing young people across the country with necessary tools and skills to promote peace, resolve conflict and prevent violence and become Youth Peace and Protection Champions (YPPC).

As a YPPC, Hera has gone through extensive training on awareness of rights, respectful relationships, non-violent conflict resolution and peace building.

Working alongside five other YPPC's from her village, they have each claimed a role in the group and together

they are creating an action plan to reach more young people in the community.

The group ran a peer education session with about 40 year 8 students. They drew on their training, running different energisers and brainstorming activities to encourage their peers to think about the issues they face and how to best overcome these challenges.

"I have ups and downs but through the advice and experience from this group, they help me a lot."

A Youth Peace and Protection champion leading a peer education session.



I AM EDUCATED

IMPROVING TEACHER SKILLS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

"I love seeing them continue to learn. My own son went through this school, and he is now in his second year of a business degree. I want that for the other children too," said Ragai, a teacher at Ginigolo Primary School.

In a small school of 300 students in the Rigo District of Papua New Guinea, Teacher Learning Circles (TLC) are upskilling teachers to better support their students.

The TLCs are a way for teachers to come together, identify their needs, skills, and ways they can support each other. ChildFund is also providing peer to peer mentoring to make sure teachers are empowered with the knowledge to plan lessons and the confidence to work create long-term school development plans.

Ragai has been a teacher at Ginigolo since 2003, but the TLCs are new. He says that he has experienced a change in the way the school is run and has seen the positive impacts this has had on children's education. "The TLCs also helped us learn more about classroom management. Before the kids would come and run around, but now they know how to behave in a classroom and what is expected of them when they come here to learn."

The teacher learning circles also give teachers new ideas and methods to improve the education of their students. "Sometimes I pair one who can read well with one who doesn't read as well so they can help each other."



I CONTRIBUTE

YOUTH PEACEKEEPING CHAMPIONS IN LAE

"It is common to see or hear about violence against children and young people in my community. I feel sad and heartbroken when I hear these stories," said Christine, 19-year-old Youth Peace and Protection Champion.

Despite economic growth, widespread poverty persists. Income inequity is growing and high population growth and inadequate formal employment opportunities have contributed to high crime, conflict, and violence rates in PNG.

Youth Peace and Protection Champions educate and empower young people to raise awareness and lead advocacy activities in their communities. These focus on peace promotion, conflict resolution, and respectful relationships.

The social service sector is ill equipped to respond to family and sexual violence, and many people impacted by these issues are not always aware of the laws or resources

available to them.

The Youth Peace and Protection Champions are leading peer education, advocacy and awareness raising activities aimed at promoting peace, preventing violence, and understanding of the justice system.

"Through ChildFund I developed my communication skills and learnt how to resolve problems peacefully and lobby my local leaders on issues that matter to me and other young people. As a Peace and Protection Champion I share these skills with other young people in my community."

I AM SAFE

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE HELPLINE IS KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Rising levels of gender-based violence during COVID-19 has increased the demand for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) resources. One resource, 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain, has supported children and families to access vital services to keep children safe in the home.

The 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain is the first toll-free helpline for survivors and perpetrators of violence in PNG. It was established in 2015 by ChildFund and local partners in response to PNG's high rates of violence.

In the last year ChildFund continued to train counsellors at the service to provide support to survivors of violence.

"When survivors, perpetrators and clients call in they see many issues, we can only address one issue and that's to do with counselling and try to stabilise their emotions, mentally, emotionally, and psychologically," said Lorna, a Senior Counsellor who has worked at the Helpline since 2017.

Trained counsellors – who offer callers help on issues ranging from crisis counselling, safety planning, and suicide intervention – can be contacted at any time of day from any of the country's 22 provinces via a toll-free number.

During peak periods, the helpline can receive up to 3,000 calls a day.

"My hope for the helpline would be to have a one stop shop for survivors of violence and to access all the resources they need in one place One day. It will be a long journey but one day."

I HAVE A FUTURE

PROMOTING COVID-19 VACCINE UPTAKE IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

"Many rural and remote communities don't want to receive the vaccine because there is a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding. There is the concept that the vaccine itself is not safe and so children and families don't get vaccinated," said McKenzie, District Health Worker.

Over the COVID-19 pandemic, ChildFund has worked closely with the Kairuku and Hiri District Health Administrations, healthcare staff at the 11 district health facilities and Community Health Volunteers (CHV) to raise awareness and provide education on the COVID-19 vaccination.

The community health volunteers were trained in advocacy, communication, and social mobilisation to raise awareness within their communities and drive vaccination uptake.

"We went with an integrated approach and had a good number of people that come to listen. It was positive because they saw us as health educators from the district, and we felt they trusted our information."

ChildFund will continue to facilitate COVID-19 vaccination training for 20 healthcare workers from the 11 targeted health facilities.



Students attending a peer education session at school.



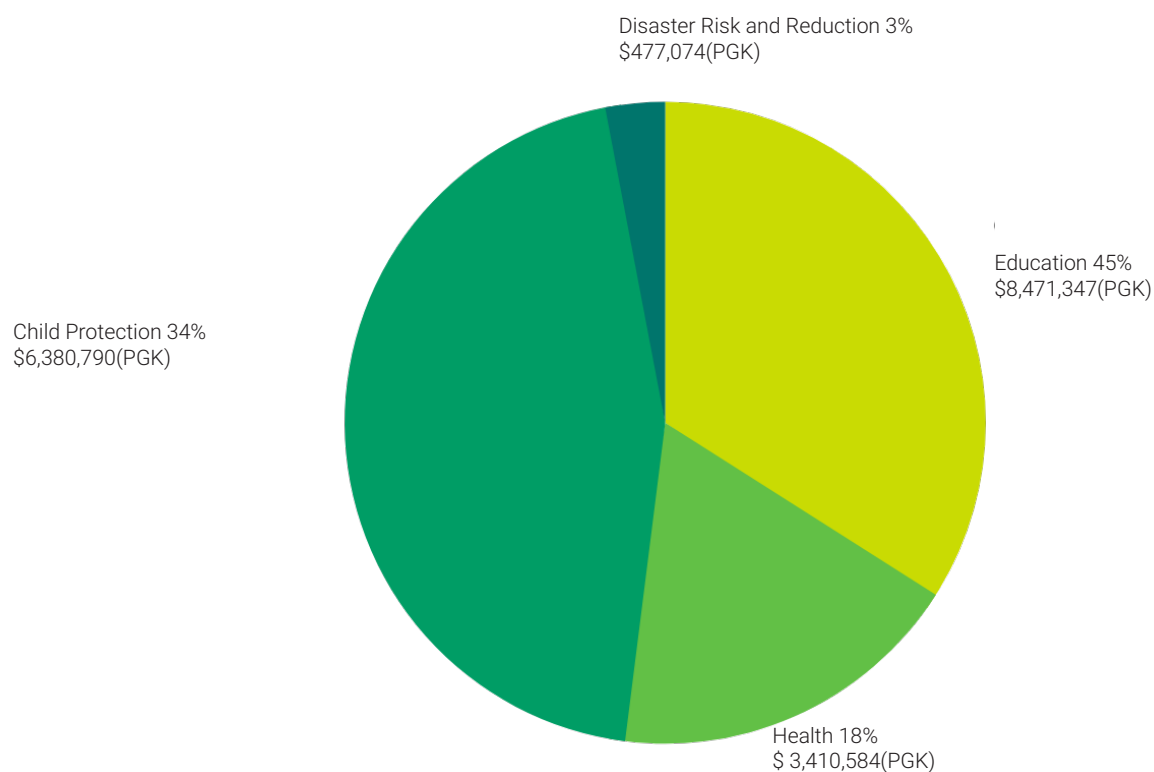
FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

REVENUE	FY21 (PGK)	FY22 (PGK)
Donations	2,366,887	1,818,282
Grants	10,032,188	18,059,312
Other income	41,518	6,019
Total revenue	12,440,593	19,883,613

EXPENDITURE	FY21 (PGK)	FY22 (PGK)
Program and projects	11,004,184	18,739,795
Program support	910,868	333,372
Accountability and administration	550,574	745,295
Total expenditure	12,465,626	19,818,462

PROGRAM EXPENDITURE FY2022 (PGK)



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