

# ANNUAL REPORT

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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 ever Family and Sexual Violence Counselling Hotline which operates in Port Moresby and provides national coverage for survivors.

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During the past financial year, the COVID-19 pandemic has required the ChildFund Papua New Guinea team to operate within a completely new environment: a 'new normal'.

This has required us to explore new ways to work within this emerging context and, at times, figure out strategies to work around it.

Yet despite the many challenges brought on by the pandemic, we have remained committed and energetic, and have still been able to reach the most vulnerable children and communities through our programming. Working collaboratively with our local partners, we have continued to ensure that the children we support have opportunities to lead a safe, healthy, and dignified life.

ChildFund continued to deliver a range of projects in our education and health portfolios by working tirelessly with our community volunteers and staff. I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our frontline volunteers during what has been an extremely difficult year.

Throughout the last 12 months, ChildFund has also continued to build on its work with young people across the country. Our Youth Champion project has equipped young people with the skills and tools they need to create peaceful societies, and understand the value of conflict resolution.

We were also excited to start the Education Emergency Response and Recovery Plan (EERRP), with funding support from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and the Australian Government.

This project was designed to prepare the country for the arrival of the COVID-19 virus, and maximised the expertise of NGOs on the ground in PNG, including UNICEF, Save the Children and World Vision. Working in partnership with the National Department of Education, this collaborative approach has ensured that students could continue learning during this global health crisis.

The 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain has also expanded during the pandemic and has proved to be a crucial service for people affected by violence. Our counsellors have been working 24 hours a day to provide psychosocial support and advice to survivors of violence.

This year also marked the signing of protocols to jointly address gender-based violence and family and sexual violence, by all concerned departments in East New Britain Province. This is a pioneering development, and we expect that other provinces to follow suit in the future.

Any challenge can be overcome if you have a dedicated and passionate team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teams across the country. I would also like to thank our donors and stakeholders – it is their ongoing support that makes this work possible and allows us to empower children with healthcare, education, and leadership opportunities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anand Das".

**Anand Das**  
**Country Director**  
**ChildFund Papua New Guinea**

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say:

# I AM SAFE

## Papua New Guinea helpline responds to COVID-19 crisis

When COVID-19 began to spread in PNG, the incidence of gender-based violence increased. This crisis prompted an urgent expansion of ChildFund Papua New Guinea's 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain, a tele-counselling service providing support to people experiencing sexual and gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Established five years ago in response to PNG's endemic levels of family violence, the national helpline offers callers help on issues ranging from crisis counselling and safety planning to suicide intervention and referral to support services.

Additional counsellors and information officers were recruited and trained, allowing the service to expand the hours until later at night.

This ensured that the helpline has the capacity to respond to a rise in GBV incidents, spurred by lockdown measures and increased economic uncertainty within families.

The helpline now offers additional support to children and adolescents experiencing prolonged distress, in recognition of the secondary impacts that the pandemic may have on their psychological wellbeing. Under the Covid Response Program, with support from the Australian Government, we carried out communication and community engagement activities, food security initiatives, built handwashing facilities in schools and delivered training on child protection.



Jenny, age 7.

# I AM EDUCATED

## Supporting teachers and parents with resources to help children learn

Sam Kila is an eight-year-old boy living in the Central Province of Papua New Guinea. His school is a part of the Together for Education program – a collective program working with local partners to upskill teachers to support students like Sam.

When Sam first started school his teacher, Mr Ivia, said that he was able to identify some learning difficulties. "Sam could not identify letters, write or read. He could not count from 10 to 100. His literacy and numeracy skills were poor."

The Together for Education program ran workshops for Mr Ivia and other teachers to develop an outcomes-based curriculum. The program supported teachers with the resources and support for teachers to implement the new way of teaching. After this, the teachers had the confidence to deliver their lessons.

The program helped Sam's parents set up a home library and supported him to attend a reading club.

It has supported his parents to work closer with the school and teachers to make sure that Sam has the resources he needs to

receive a quality education and help him reach his full potential.

The program is currently running in 50 schools in the Rigo and Kairuku Districts and has made a significant difference in Sam's life. Today, he can read and is a confident, engaged student with a bright future.



Students studying at a school in Papua New Guinea.

# I CONTRIBUTE

## Youth involvement in peacekeeping activities

Papua New Guinea experiences income inequity, high population growth and high rates of crime, conflict and violence. ChildFund is working with local partners to equip 240 young men and women to be Peace and Protection champions. In this role they will lead peer education, advocacy and awareness activities aimed at promoting peace, preventing violence, and understanding the justice system.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea was supported from European Union (EU) and Australian NGO Cooperation Partnership (ANCP) and will work in partnership to implement the project in four districts across Papua New Guinea.

Youth Peace and Protection Champions have been equipped with the necessary skills and tools to promote peace, resolve conflict and prevent future violence.

This will see 240 young women and men from the target districts in Central and Morobe to be trained as Youth Peace and Protection Champions and will be equipped with advocacy and lobbying skills. The core resources in this program are a youth peace manual and a peace toolkit which are delivered based on a peer education approach.

They will further be supported to roll-out peer education sessions in

their communities targeting children and young people as well as lead awareness raising activities and promoting the equal participation of women.



Mother and child in PNG.

# I HAVE A FUTURE

## A mother's determination to access rural healthcare

Esther embarks upon the familiar walk to the health clinic 8km from her home in remote Central Province, Papua New Guinea carrying her one-year-old son Max, who has had a persistent cough for so long that Esther cannot remember when it first appeared.

Like many mothers in Papua New Guinea, Esther knows the signs of tuberculosis. Papua New Guinea has one of the highest rates of tuberculosis in the world. Worldwide, one in 10 people with tuberculosis is a child. In Papua New Guinea, it is one in four.


To get her children treated Esther must pay to travel to Port Moresby and find a place for her family to stay there for up to a week. Esther has made the trip at least 10 times since Max was born.

In ChildFund's experience working in Central Province, health clinics are often ill-equipped, and families are forced to seek treatment in Port Moresby. If families cannot afford the cost of travel, they remain undiagnosed and remain infectious to other members of their community.

ChildFund is committed to ending tuberculosis in Papua New Guinea. ChildFund is developing and implementing health programs that bring together healthcare workers, children, and their families in remote villages to diagnose and treat children like Max.



Esther and Max.



Students in Papua New Guinea.

## I CONTRIBUTE

### Young people are leading resilience training

The Rights, Respect, Resilience is a five-year project implemented by ChildFund Papua New Guinea in partnership with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). It is part of a five-country program supported by ChildFund New Zealand, with funding support from the Australian Government's Australian NGO Cooperation Partnership (ANCP) program.

The Rights, Respect, Resilience component will increase the social and emotional skills of young people in schools and communities in Central Province and National Capital District (NCD) so they can build better futures and act for positive change. It is important that young people have opportunities to build their social and emotional skills so that they can develop safe, equal and respectful relationships and stand up for their rights.

Violence against women and children is a significant public health issue in PNG. Levels of gender-based violence (GBV) are estimated to be some of the highest in the world outside of a conflict zone. Generational cycles of violence are perpetuated by witnessing and experiencing violence, and harmful forms of masculinity.

The program is operating in 16 secondary schools in the Central Province and National Capital District to educate secondary students and out-of-school youth on child protection and the impacts of family and sexual violence.

Over the course of the program, staff were trained in 16 secondary schools to be able to support the emotional learning of their students on social and emotional learning core competencies, and gender equality.

After being a part of the program students said that they had increased knowledge and skills to think about and address gender-based violence. They also knew where to seek support. The goal of the program is to challenge gender norms and promote gender equality to young people in schools.

This program is part of ChildFund's commitment to equip young people with the social and emotional skills to be resilient and to be able to achieve their full potential. As part of this program, they are offered leadership opportunities and can access systems and processes that are designed to be more inclusive of young people and enable their healthy development of their social and emotional skills.

THANK YOU

## COLLABORATING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE

ChildFund Papua New Guinea would also like to thank our Ward Councillors, Community Development Committee Members, Village Health Volunteers, Global Partnership for Education, Human Rights Defenders, children, youth and their communities for their support.



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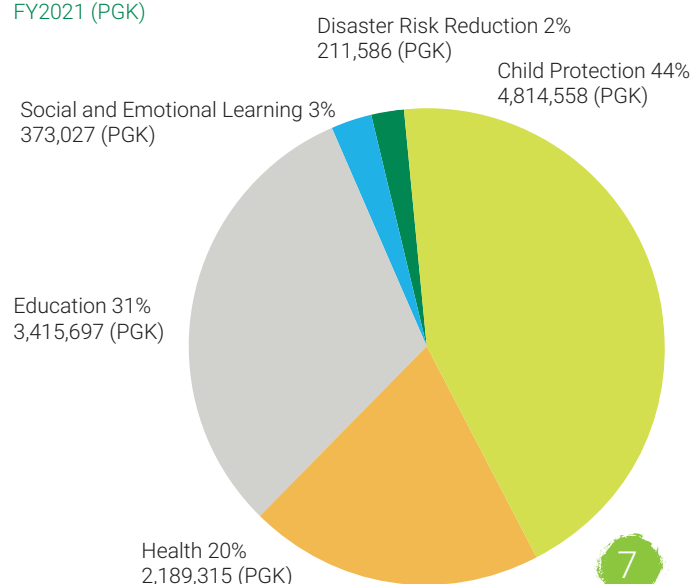
## FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report for year ended June 2021

REVENUE	FY20 (PGK)	FY21 (PGK)
Donation	2,606,718	2,366,887
Grants	7,923,599	10,032,188
Other income	115,630	41,518
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>10,645,947</b>	<b>12,440,593</b>

EXPENDITURE	FY20 (PGK)	FY21 (PGK)
Program and projects	8,956,390	11,004,184
Program support	1,048,219	910,868
Accountability and administration	654,669	550,574
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>10,659,278</b>	<b>12,465,626</b>

PROGRAM EXPENDITURE  
FY2021 (PGK)



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