

# CHILDFUND PNG ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15



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ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 12 organisations which assists more than 15 million children and families in 58 countries. ChildFund Australia is a registered charity and is fully accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which manages the Australian Government's overseas aid program.

ChildFund began work in Papua New Guinea in 1994. ChildFund PNG operates with a national office in Port Moresby and undertakes child-focused community development programs in the Central and Gulf Provinces focusing on health, education, food security, water and sanitation, child rights, HIV and AIDS and gender-based violence

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**Front and back cover:** Youth from Rigo district taking part in a ChildFund PNG media literacy program

# From the country director

**ChildFund's work in Papua New Guinea has resulted in significant improvements to the lives of more than 28,000 children and their families over the past year.**

**P**apua New Guinea (PNG) is a country known for its unpredictability and is often referred to as the land of the unexpected. After great political uncertainty in the previous financial year, the situation during 2014-15 has been much improved.

The PNG kina has stabilised to a great extent, and the average inflation was around five per cent. Infrastructure improvements have been a prominent feature in the capital, with new roads, flyovers, beautification and sporting facilities constructed for the Pacific games.

The production and export of gas from the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project is also now underway. How much the people of PNG will benefit from this project is yet to be seen, however the Government, through the Department of National Planning and Monitoring, is working towards developing a PNG Development Aid Policy.

The government's decision to establish Tuition Fee Free (TFF) primary education is continuing, although there have been some issues around the timely disbursement of funds to schools. Though we are witnessing increased enrolment, challenges related to school infrastructure and teacher capacity still exist. Similar challenges exist with the provision of basic health services.

The much talked about Lukautim Pikinini Act, 2009 (PNG's Child Rights Act) was put under review over the last year, with the revised act ready to be presented to Parliament for approval.

ChildFund PNG is also experiencing increased stability. We have been fortunate to receive a variety of significant grants, which will enable us to provide more and improved services to vulnerable children and families.



New funding from the New Zealand Government and the European Union has enabled ChildFund to establish itself as a leading organisation working to provide support services to survivors of gender-based violence. In addition, ChildFund PNG has been awarded for the first time a USAID grant for a Climate Change Adaptation project.

At ChildFund PNG, we are very excited about expansion in our work, and the increasing recognition given to the organisation and its work with children. I would like to thank our dedicated staff for helping bring this to fruition.

I would also like to extend our thanks to our many supporters, ChildFund Alliance members, our multi-lateral and private sector donors, and of course our partners here in PNG – the communities with whom we work, local civil society organisations and government bodies.

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**Manish Joshi, Country Director  
ChildFund Papua New Guinea**

# 2014-15 Highlights



ChildFund staff advocating for the new Global Goals to prioritise an end to violence against children

## EDUCATION



18 SCHOOLS provided with supplies and equipment



12,391 COMMUNITY EDUCATION MATERIALS distributed



1,119 CHILDREN AND YOUTH took part in capacity-building programs



13 CHILDREN'S CLUBS established



Mukuna harvests tomatoes from his backyard garden for dinner

## LIVELIHOODS



122 HOUSEHOLDS assisted with knowledge and materials to establish backyard gardens for nutritional/food security

During the 2014-15 financial year, ChildFund Papua New Guinea implemented a range of projects benefiting over 28,000 children and their families in Rigo and Kairuku Districts in Central Province and Kerema District in Gulf Province.

HEALTH



2 HEALTH CENTRES renovated



328 HEALTH PATROLS to remote villages conducted



22 HEALTH CENTRES provided with supplies and equipment



3,332 CHILDREN BENEFITED from health service treatments



24 VILLAGE HEALTH VOLUNTEERS trained



ChildFund educates communities on how to avoid and treat drug-resistant tuberculosis



Mothers gather at a ChildFund maternal and child health workshop in Rigo District

WATER AND SANITATION



289 PEOPLE benefitted from 10 NEW WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



19 COMMUNITIES developed Disaster Preparedness Plans

# Mobile health services for children

**Immunisation patrols are reaching remote communities in PNG**



Village health volunteers provide life-saving immunisations to children in remote communities in PNG

Immunisation is considered one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions in the world. In fact, immunisations prevent two to three million deaths across the world every year from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and measles.

Unfortunately, Papua New Guinea (PNG) has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the region, largely due to the remote location of much of its population. It is not uncommon for families to be hours by foot from the nearest health service so children often go without medical care.

According to the latest Human Development Report, in 2013 only about one in two children in PNG were immunised – down from 58 per cent in 2008.

Low immunisation coverage meant an

outbreak of measles in October 2013 spread quickly, leaving thousands of children and adults at risk in the Pacific Island nation. Unfortunately, even though this safe cost-effective vaccine is widely available, measles remains one of the leading causes of death among young children.

To support the PNG government in delivering vaccinations for children, ChildFund PNG has introduced immunisation patrols – mobile clinics that travel into remote villages with medical staff and supplies to immunise babies and toddlers.

With some communities almost unreachable, health workers are often forced to walk through jungle terrain and wade through waist-high rivers to carry out their work.

Baby health checks, growth monitoring

and malnutrition checks, as well as antenatal care for mothers and family planning services are also included in the patrols.

In the last financial year, more than 3,300 children in PNG benefitted from ChildFund's health programs, which included vaccination services through ChildFund-supported immunisation patrols. ChildFund also conducted a campaign to eliminate measles in 100 rural villages in response to the recent outbreak.

Tetanus vaccinations for women and girls of child-bearing age are being provided as well, as a precautionary measure, since tetanus is one of the major contributors to the high maternal mortality rate in PNG.

# Collaborate to achieve change



Children in PNG's rural Rigo district

Thank you to our ChildFund Alliance partners who have supported ChildFund Papua New Guinea's child-focused development programs



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*ChildFund PNG would also like to thank our Community Development Committee members, Village Health Volunteers, children, youth and their communities for their support.*

## Financial report

Financial Report For Year Ended 30 June 2015

Income Statement	2015 (PGK)	2014 (PGK)
Income	4,593,443	4,502,048
Expenditure	4,560,052	4,481,353
Excess of Income over Expenditure	33,391	20,695

Balance Sheet	30 June 2015 (PGK)	30 June 2014 (PGK)
Total assets	1,829,861	821,033
Total liabilities	1,410,500	435,063
Net assets	419,361	385,970

