

CHILDFUND PNG ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14



ChildFund Papua New Guinea is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent and non-religious international development organisation working to reduce poverty for children in the developing world.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 12 organisations assisting more than 15 million children in 58 countries.

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: These children attend a ChildFund-supported school in Rigo District, Central Province.

From the country director

ChildFund's work in Papua New Guinea has resulted in significant improvements to the lives of more than 9,900 children and their families over the past year.



Manish opening a new water system

ChildFund Papua New Guinea is creating lasting and meaningful change for children and their families in PNG. Despite significant instability to the socio-political environment in the country, as well as changes to our funding model during 2013-14, ChildFund has expanded its community development programs and is now providing support to more communities than ever before.

ChildFund has continued to support the government's free education and healthcare policies by improving school and health facilities and providing training to teachers and health professionals in rural communities where we work. Even though the government's landmark 2009 *Lukautim Pikinini Act* (PNG's Child Rights Act) remains under review, ChildFund continues to promote and protect the rights of children in PNG.

ChildFund's work continues to grow. This year, we began supporting communities in Kairuku District in Central Province for the first time. We expanded our immunisation program to cover 124 new communities in Rigo District, providing hundreds of children aged 0-5 years with essential vaccinations and healthcare. With children highly susceptible to tuberculosis (TB), ChildFund PNG also



Children at school after being vaccinated against Measles

initiated a TB program for the first time to help combat the high rate of infection in the country.

In 2013 ChildFund decided to make violence against women and children a key focus of our work. ChildFund's report, *Stop Violence Against Women and Children in Papua New Guinea*, was launched in August 2013 and details the extreme levels of family and sexual violence in the country. This report received widespread media attention worldwide and laid the foundation for two major grants to support critical long-term gender programs. The Child Rights Coalition in Papua New Guinea, of which ChildFund PNG is an active partner, also launched a year-long campaign called *STOP - Violence Against Children* which began in June 2014.

ChildFund also began a new community-based disaster risk reduction project in Central Province this year. This work is vital as Papua

New Guinea is considered one of the most vulnerable nations in the Pacific to natural hazards and the potential impacts of climate change.

On behalf of ChildFund PNG and the communities we work with, I would like to extend my thanks to the commitment and generosity of all of our supporters. I would also like to thank the ChildFund PNG staff, who through their hard work have brought greater recognition to ChildFund from the Government, multilateral organisations, international non-governmental organisations and donors.

Manish

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

2013-14 Highlights

CHILD RIGHTS



431 BIRTH REGISTRATIONS were completed with ChildFund's support



SIX COMMUNITIES participated in child rights and child protection awareness sessions



ONE COMPUTER was provided to a District Civil Registry office to record and update information on birth registrations



1,470 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS were distributed to communities on child rights and the responsibilities of parents to protect children



Baby Whitey being vaccinated by a ChildFund-trained village health volunteer

HEALTH



18 VILLAGE HEALTH VOLUNTEERS were trained on safe birthing techniques



ChildFund conducted a campaign to eliminate measles in **100 VILLAGES** in response to an outbreak of the disease



21 HEALTH WORKERS were trained on tuberculosis (TB) detection and treatment



382 PEOPLE FROM 12 COMMUNITIES were provided with family planning services



OVER 700 COMMUNITY MEMBERS were reached by TB awareness sessions



13 SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS were conducted for communities with **3,304 CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED**



15 VILLAGE HEALTH VOLUNTEERS were trained on vaccinations and provided with immunisation patrol kits



2,400 HEALTH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS were distributed to **SEVEN VILLAGES**



2,236 INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN were immunised



Children's Day in Kokorogoro 10-09-2013 14:39

EDUCATION



ONE SCHOOL was renovated and the construction of **18 LATRINES AT FOUR SCHOOLS** commenced



150 SCHOOL DESKS were provided to four schools



18 SCHOOLS IN FOUR COMMUNITIES participated in education awareness sessions during Book Week, focused on the importance of reading



New desks for a school in Oman

During the 2013-14 financial year, ChildFund Papua New Guinea implemented a range of projects aimed at improving the lives of children and their families in Rigo and Kairuku Districts in Central Province and Kerema District in Gulf Province.

WATER AND SANITATION



10 RAINWATER CATCHMENTS and **59 LATRINES** were constructed for families in two villages



ChildFund organised World Water Day educational activities in **TWO SCHOOLS FOR OVER 600 CHILDREN**



TWO LATRINES were constructed at a community health centre



18 YOUTH received water and sanitation training



604 HYGIENE KITS, supplied by ChildFund PNG's partner Colgate-Palmolive, were distributed to school children



Hygiene educational materials were distributed continuously throughout the year with billboards erected in **SIX VILLAGES**

FOOD SECURITY



232 FARMERS were trained on backyard gardens, with the majority also provided with agricultural equipment



SEVEN NUTRITION AWARENESS SESSIONS were conducted for mothers and caregivers



EIGHT SCHOOLS received gardening kits to improve the nutrition of their students



10 rainwater catchments were constructed



Backyard gardens are improving nutrition

GENDER



10 DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS representing the police, health, community development, justice and education departments, received gender-based violence training



320 YOUNG PEOPLE received sexual reproductive health education from peer educators at their schools



20 COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ACTIVE YOUTH were trained on human rights and gender equality



19 COUNSELLING SESSIONS on sexual reproductive health, with support and referral services, were provided for youth



880 PEOPLE ATTENDED 13 AWARENESS SESSIONS on human rights, gender and women's rights



ONE REPORT was launched highlighting the high incidence of gender-based violence in PNG

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



29 PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS were trained on disaster risk management



36 YOUTH FROM 18 COMMUNITIES receiving training on participatory vulnerability community assessments



19 COMMUNITIES have prepared disaster profiles and community action plans, with ChildFund's support

Stop TB in my lifetime

This young woman is helping ChildFund to raise awareness of tuberculosis in her community so others do not have to go through what she endured



Nellie speaking to her village about TB

Seventeen-year-old Nellie lives in a village in Rigo District, Central Province. Most villages in this remote, rural area lack access to basic services, including healthcare. With Port Moresby more than three hours away by public motor vehicle (PMV) and only five local health centres in the district serving more than 7,800 people, many go without.

Last year Nellie contracted tuberculosis (TB) – one of the biggest killers in Papua New Guinea today. “This is how I knew and felt when I had TB. Firstly, I was losing weight because I was not eating properly. I was tired and sleeping a lot and had diarrhoea. I often could not get up or do work,” she says.

Papua New Guinea has the highest incidence of TB in the Pacific with the World Health Organisation estimating the country has over 20,000 new and relapsed cases diagnosed every year. TB is a critical problem in Central Province, where Nellie lives, because of lack of community awareness, poor treatment adherence and rundown health infrastructure.

Nellie is now healthy and TB free after she was supported by a ChildFund-trained village health volunteer (VHV) to complete her

six-month TB treatment plan.

“Richard Kora, our VHV, helped me a lot by encouraging me to take my medicine until I finished them,” Nellie says. “I should have died but because I took my medicine well and completed them I am feeling well and strong now.”

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Richard’s training taught him about direct observed therapy, more commonly known as DOT. DOT is considered the most effective strategy for ensuring TB sufferers correctly take their medicine. It involves health workers observing patients physically take their medicine for six months. This is the technique Richard used to help Nellie recover.

“I watched Nellie almost daily take her medicine and kept track of her calendared medicine in-take,” Richard recalls. “Each time, before Nellie ran out of her medicine that was supplied to her, I would catch a PMV to the district health facility in Kwikila Town to fetch more supplies.”



Richard, a ChildFund-trained village health volunteer vaccinating a child

Richard is one of two ChildFund-trained VHVs in Nellie’s village. Village health volunteers are critical in PNG communities where access to medical assistance and information can be hours away. ChildFund is supporting this government-sponsored program through capacity building and training for VHVs with funding from the English Family Foundation.

Health volunteers serve many roles in their communities. They often aid birth attendants, distribute anti-malarial medicine and bed-nets, conduct nutrition check-ups, administer vaccinations in children under five, provide family planning information and advice and collect community health data.

Now that she is well, Nellie is helping Richard and ChildFund PNG to halt the spread of TB by raising awareness of the disease in her village. This is part of a wider campaign called *Stop TB in my Lifetime* that is helping to halt the spread of TB in remote communities in PNG. ChildFund is working in partnership on this program with World Vision, the National TB program and Central Provincial Health.

As for Richard, one day he hopes to achieve his dream of becoming an accredited community health worker. Until then he will continue to support his village and help keep people like Nellie healthy.

Collaborate to achieve change



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

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Financial report

Financial Report For Year Ended 30 June 2014

| Income Statement | 2014 (PGK) | 2013 (PGK) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Income | 4,285,522 | 3,709,792 |
| Expenditure | 4,481,350 | 3,399,617 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | (195,828) | 310,175 |

| Balance Sheet | 30 June 2014 (PGK) | 30 June 2013 (PGK) |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total assets | 821,038 | 864,628 |
| Total liabilities | 313,010 | 160,772 |
| Net assets | 508,028 | 703,856 |

