



Our vision: a global community, free from poverty, where children are protected and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Our mission: to work in partnership with children and their communities to create lasting and meaningful change by supporting long-term community development and promoting children's rights

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

Annual Report

COUNTRY DIRECTOR overview

The 2012-13 financial year has been a year of change for Papua New Guinea. Peter O'Neill was sworn in as the 19th Prime Minister in August 2012. While the election did cause some disruptions to field activities, ChildFund continued to make important progress in delivering improvements to almost 8,000 children and their families in 26 communities in Papua New Guinea.

School enrolment has increased to 70 per cent, an increase of 17 per cent since last year, due to the Government's free primary education policy. ChildFund has been working to help increase access to quality education by improving school facilities for children and providing training for teachers.

ChildFund has continued its important work on raising awareness on prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS. We partnered with the National HIV Training Unit to provide training for youth from 12 communities to raise awareness within their villages through theatre.

Our health programs continued to grow – mobile immunisation patrols reached seven new communities, providing essential vaccinations to over 700 children who may not have been vaccinated without the patrols. The enactment of the PNG *Child Rights Act* in Rigo district was an important step in raising awareness of child rights. ChildFund conducted advocacy sessions



with schools, communities and village leaders on child rights and protection.

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

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

FINANCIAL report

INCOME STATEMENT	2013 (PGK)	2012 (PGK)
Income	3,709,792	3,787,713
Expenditure	3,671,671	3,733,439
Operating surplus/(deficit)	38,121	54,274

BALANCE SHEET	2013 (PGK)	2012 (PGK)
Total assets	864,628	863,718
Total liabilities	663,087	700,298
Net assets	201,541	163,420

CHILDFUND in PNG

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 16 million children in over 50 countries.

ChildFund began work in PNG 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 and HIV and AIDS.

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PROGRAM achievements

ADVOCACY

- As a member of the Coalition on Children's Rights, ChildFund PNG took part in a campaign to stop violence against children before, during and after the general election.

CHILD RIGHTS

- 74 community leaders from 12 communities were trained on Child Rights.
- 14 Child Rights and Child Protection awareness sessions were conducted with district officials, caregivers, parents and children in 7 communities.
- 806 birth registrations were completed with ChildFund's support.

EDUCATION

- Three schools were renovated and 200 school desks provided to 7 schools, along with new teaching aids.
- ChildFund facilitated the education and training of 6 School Board of Management members.
- Seven education awareness sessions were organised in rural schools.

HEALTH

- 20 village health volunteers and 17 village birth attendants were trained.
- 796 infants and young children were immunised.
- 14 health outreach patrols took place, with assistance from district health teams to 7 remote communities.
- 30 health awareness sessions focused on maternal and child health were organised in 7 communities.

HIV AND AIDS

- 12 HIV and AIDS awareness sessions were conducted with youth, and over 4,200 condoms were distributed.
- ChildFund organised theatre training for 12 youths from 12 villages to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS.
- 571 education materials were distributed to communities, focused on HIV and AIDS.
- ChildFund facilitated the training of 17 new members of the District AIDS Council.

LIVELIHOODS

- 138 families have established new backyard gardens, with ChildFund providing training and equipment.
- 14 nutrition awareness sessions were conducted with mothers and caregivers in seven communities.
- Seven rural schools were provide with agricultural-related supplies, including tools and seeds.

WATER AND SANITATION

- 10 water and sanitation trainings were conducted with communities.
- 101 new household latrines were constructed, and 11 rain water catchments begun in two communities
- Over 500 educational materials focused on the promotion of health and hygiene were distributed to communities.



200 new school desks were provided



Over 700 infants and young children were immunised



Learning about water and sanitation at World Water Day celebrations



Over 100 new household latrines were built.



Backyard gardens ensure better nutrition for children and mothers

PREVENTION and protection



This year, ChildFund Australia launched a report into family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea (PNG), revealing extreme levels of violence against women and children, and the need for programs that work with men to change prevailing social norms that allow such brutal and widespread violence to occur.

The report, *Stop Violence Against Women and Children in Papua New Guinea*, draws together existing research as well as ChildFund's own field research conducted in Rigo District, Central Province and features candid interviews with women and children who have suffered severe physical assault and sexual abuse. The report also includes interviews with men who are standing with women in the fight for change.

While there is no official data on violence against women and children in PNG, studies indicate that violence occurs in more than two-thirds of families. Many researchers believe this is just the tip of the iceberg, a view supported by ChildFund's research. Most women interviewed in Rigo District had experienced violence and said their children were often present when their partners were violent towards them.

Monica Richards, who manages Haus Ruth, Port Moresby's main women's shelter, says about 60 per cent of children who come to the refuge with their abused mothers have also been hurt. "Most [men], when they touch the women, they touch the children as well," she says. Alarming, children younger than 16 represent half

the people who seek medical help after being raped.

ChildFund has used its research findings to develop a new program that will provide support and medical care for women and children who have been assaulted, and prevent violence over the long-term. This community-based program includes the following initiatives.

Prevention: Working with men to understand, challenge and change violent attitudes and behaviours. Engaging schools to teach children conflict resolution skills, open communication techniques and the importance of respecting girls and women.

Education: Increasing awareness of the medical, counselling, legal and security services available to women and children. Communicating these messages via different media (paper, radio, text message and community engagement) and by influential agents (village leaders, churches, schools).

Protection: Providing a mobile health clinic to cover 19 remote rural villages that do not currently have access to medical and support services. The clinic will be staffed with two specialist nurses to provide potentially life-saving medical assistance and two trained counsellors to provide support, referrals and information on survivor rights (including reporting violence and equipping them with medical certificates). Services at a rural district hospital will also be improved, giving survivors of violence greater access to the care they need.

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