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ChildFund Papua New Guinea is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent and non-religious 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 with children, their communities and local organisations and governments to create lasting change, respond to humanitarian emergencies and promote children’s rights. Projects are implemented in the Central Province and National Capital District. With a focus on maternal and child health, including nutrition and water and sanitation; education through the Child-Friendly School framework; protection and resilience against family and sexual violence; ChildFund PNG also priorities climate change and disaster preparedness. 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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The 2016-17 financial year was challenging but ultimately successful, with ChildFund Papua New Guinea expanding its program work in the areas of education, child protection, gender-based violence and health. We also increased our rural footprint, with ChildFund programs now extending to communities in the Kairuku-Hiri, Abau and Rigo districts of Central Province. Ultimately, our overarching aim is to increase the number of children we serve, and it is rewarding to know that each year more children in PNG benefit from ChildFund programs.

For the children of PNG, there have been significant developments. Most importantly, the Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015, which upholds child rights laws in Papua New Guinea, was finally passed and gazetted by Parliament in 2016. This is welcome news, and in response the PNG Government has now established a new office for family services within the Department for Community Development and Religion (DfCDR). The DfCDR launched its corporate plan, and ChildFund and other child-focused organisations are contributing to ongoing implementation discussions.

Unfortunately, Papua New Guinea remains the land of the unexpected, and general elections held in June brought significant upheaval. Extreme shortages of medical supplies were also impacting the country during the year, and the FOREX situation continues to have a negative impact on local businesses. The negative impacts of El Nino slowly reduced, and communities are now on the path to recovery.

Yet despite this unforeseen difficulties, our work has continued apace. It has also been a year of partnerships for ChildFund, with the development of new working relationships, and strengthening of existing ties, with both international and civil society organisations. This has included working with the National

Agriculture Research Institute (NARI) on climate change interventions, and partnering with the PNG Counsellors Association to boost the capacity of PNG’s counselling profession, and ensuring graduates have the necessary practical skills needed to provide psychosocial support.

At an international level, ChildFund has joined a World Vision led consortium focused on elementary education focusing on 100 schools in Central Province. ChildFund is also implementing a range of child protection projects, focusing on improvements to village court system, and working on respectful relationship projects with 16 secondary schools.

The ChildFund PNG managed hotline – 1 Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain – completed its mid-term evaluation, with many significant achievements highlighted, as well as lessons learnt and action points for the future. Our focus is on ensuring that we build awareness among the broader population on the vital, and life-saving, services and referrals the hotline provides.

We enter the new financial year ready to meet new challenges, and provide even greater support to Papua New Guinea’s most vulnerable children and families. During the next year, ChildFund PNG will be almost doubling its size in terms of funding, reach and staffing. Our work would not be possible without our large network of support. I would like to thank our dedicated staff, as well as 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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I AM SAFE



PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The threat of drought, bushfires and crop failures is a reality for many rural communities in PNG. In some villages, water shortages have forced people to dig holes in river beds to access water, or walk long distances to the larger rivers.

Working in partnership with the National Agricultural Research Institute and the Central Province Department of Agriculture and Livestock, ChildFund has implemented a new project in 12 climatic vulnerable communities to improve food

and nutrition security through the use of more innovative and climate-smart farming practices.

Over 300 farmers were given seeds and tools, and took part in agricultural and financial literacy training. "Many people do not understand their surrounding ecosystems and how their individual actions can have long term consequences," says Jerome Wafia, a ChildFund project officer.

ChildFund has also helped local communities to build rope and washer pumps, to improve farming irrigation systems.



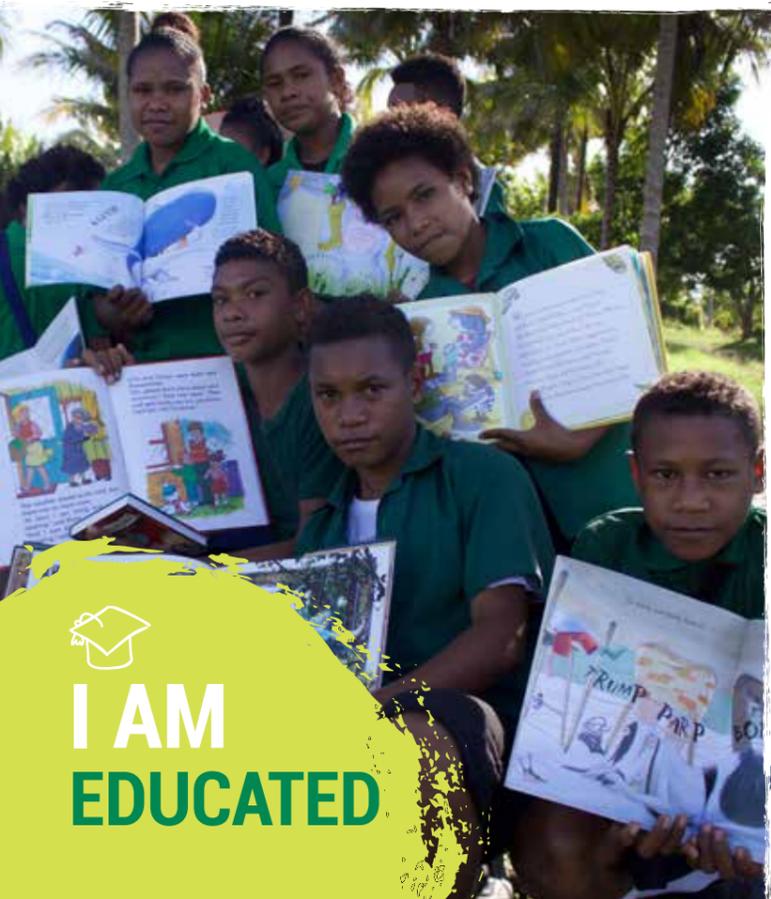
I AM HEARD

A DAY TO CELEBRATE CHILDREN

Students from local primary schools in Rigo District celebrated Children's Open day with drama, song and dance, as part of ChildFund PNG's Child Friendly School Project.

This event also provided a platform for young people to express their opinions on issues important to them. Based around the theme 'break the cycle of silence', students from Digorobu performed a drama which focused on the importance of access to education for all children, and the right for proper care and protection.

Meanwhile, the Magautou students used the art of dance to express their right to know their cultural heritage and identity. Toule students sang about children's rights and the right to be heard, while a parade of students from both primary and elementary levels at Boregina highlighted the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



I AM EDUCATED

THE JOY OF READING

Girabumagana Primary School does not have a library or reading books. Due to its remoteness, it is difficult to find teachers, and class sizes are large. Many children walk between 1-2 hours daily to reach school, and resources are few once they arrive.

This is not unusual, with schools in this district facing similar challenges. In the last year, ChildFund PNG delivered over 6,000 books to 10 schools in Rigo and Kairuku-Hiri Districts, as well as school desk, chairs and bookshelves.

When Girabumagana Primary School first created its library corners in the two available classrooms, students flocked in, spending most of the day reading quietly, or just looking at the pictures in the books.

ChildFund's education officer John Kaupa said: "Reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them. Through reading, we hope it helps boost the literacy levels of children."

A HEALTHY START TO LIFE

In Papua New Guinea, one in 20 women die of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth in rural areas; many injuries and postnatal infections are preventable.

Due to distances involved, and lack of available transportation, many women end up giving birth at home. Even when able to reach a local clinic, basic supplies are often lacking. As such, ChildFund PNG has provided birthing kits to mothers, health facilities and village health volunteers to counteract these dangers.

Each birthing kit consists of soap, sterile gloves, a scalpel blade with handle, a perineal sheet, an absorbent under pad, safety razor, mucus extractor, gauze swabs, providone iodine solution, abdominal pad, a packet of wipe for baby and a waste bag.

ChildFund has also distributed newborn kits to rural mothers. These consist of a health record book, umbilical cord clamp, 12 nappies, a set of safety pins, baby oil, lotion, powder, bath soap and baby clothes.



I HAVE A FUTURE



PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING SUPPORT TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN

PNG experiences some of the worst statistics for violence against women in the world. It is estimated that more than two thirds of women experience physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime.

In 2015, ChildFund PNG and its partners established the country's first ever Family and Sexual Violence Counselling Hotline – 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain. As well as telephone counselling and safety planning, counsellors provide information and referrals to a wide range of gender-based violence (GBV) service providers and face-to-face counselling services including police, medical services, safe houses and legal support.

In emergency cases, counsellors can talk to the police on the client's behalf, then call the

survivor back to assure her that help is on the way. The hotline is available nationally and offers callers three languages – English, Tok Pisin and Hiri Motu.

In the two years since its launch, the hotline has received calls from around 8,000 women, men and children. Analysis of call data has found that:

- family and sexual violence, followed by relationship issues and child welfare concerns are the top presenting issues for callers;
- in more than half of the calls relating to incidents of GBV, the perpetrator was an intimate partner; and
- one-quarter of all callers were provided with crisis counselling and safety planning.

In Maryanne's case, the hotline provided a life-saving service when she was threatened with violence by her partner. Counsellor Grace used the 1-Tok Helpim Lain's service provider database to find the number of the nearest Police Station. The police arrived within 15 minutes, escorted Maryanne to safety and apprehend her husband. In the days following the event, Grace provided ongoing counselling, helping Maryanne with a range of options to improve the situation for her and her children.

With increased promotion of the service across the country, calls to the 1-Tok Helpim Lain are increasing and the helpline will continue to play a critical role in answering calls for help, providing counselling and making referrals to a range of services.

COLLABORATING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report for year ended 30 June 2017

Income Statement	2017 (PGK)	2016 (PGK)
Income	6,465,206	5,634,233
Expenditure	6,581,331	5,688,409
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(116,125)	(54,176)

Balance Sheet	30 June 2017 (PGK)	30 June 2016 (PGK)
Total assets	3,019,612	1,614,129
Total liabilities	2,770,541	1,248,933
Net assets	249,071	365,196

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