



Papua New Guinea

Mobile Health Clinics

Location

Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea

Partner Church

United Church in Papua New Guinea

The Situation

The population of the Milne Bay Province face many problems mostly related to the remoteness of the islands and their communities. The majority of the population of over 200,000 have limited access to government services such as education and health care.

Maternal death, infant mortality and malnutrition amongst children are all major issues in the Milne Bay Province. These are made worse by a lack of community awareness of issues associated with maternal and child health. Government Health Services are provided through Community Health Centres and Aid Posts, 20 of which are run by the United Church. Funding, medicines and supplies for these services are provided by the

PNG Government. However, the funding available is inadequate to cover the costs of running the centres, especially in the Milne Bay region where travel is difficult and expensive.

The Project

The focuses on mother and child health are one of the most important aspects of the mobile health clinics. These provide communities that cannot access a Health Centre or Aid Post with immunizations and health care for pregnant women and their children. Nurses travel by small boats to the remote island communities every month.

UnitingWorld is providing the funds for the fuel needed to run the mobile clinics and for the servicing of outboard motors twice a year. Funds are also being provided for the office support that is needed to help manage the activities across the health centres.

Achievements

The clinics have been very success with the overall number of clinics





undertaken by the 12 centres being 50 per month. The clinics are serving a total population of 45,600 people in over 150 different remote locations. A local office clerk has been employed to assist with the administrative work of the project.

The Future

It is hoped that with the introduction of the mobile health clinics many people will seek medical assistance especially during pregnancy. The regular visits of the mobile clinics will help to change community attitudes about healthcare, disease control, maternal health and nutrition



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