



# Papua New Guinea

## Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project

### Location

Milne Bay and Central Province, Papua New Guinea

### Partner

United Church in Papua New Guinea

### The Situation

Most of the population of Milne Bay Province of Papua New Guinea live a traditional lifestyle. Many are living below the poverty line with few opportunities for employment or enterprise.

Only 32% of the population have access to 'improved' water supplies and water borne diseases such as diarrhoea are rife. Poor health hinders people's livelihood and stops people from being able to fully participate in their communities.

Water collecting remains largely the responsibility of women and children who walk long distances to collect water from wells, springs and rivers.

Furthermore, the lack of education within communities regarding sanitation and hygiene contributes to

illness and mortality.

### The Project

The project works to improve community health and productivity by providing access to sustainable, accessible and safe water supplies and sanitation facilities. By reducing the time taken to access clean water, women are able to contribute to the sustainable development of their community.

Access to clean water is provided to villages through a variety of mechanisms, including rain water tanks, gravity systems, piping and deep wells.

Workshops and training are held in the community to raise awareness of hygiene, sanitation and health.

### Achievements

The project now reaches across Milne Bay Province and Central Province. Communities have expressed great appreciation for the project.

The burden on women to travel significant distances to collect water has been reduced and people now have more time to focus on their livelihoods and to participate in church and community activities.





Several villages have Water Management Committees that oversee the management and upkeep of the water infrastructure.

Because of the increasing problems with HIV & AIDS, the health awareness programme has been expanded to include this area.

### The Future

UnitingWorld will continue to work with partners in PNG to expand this project within Milne Bay and Central Province in order to reach as many people as possible.

Water infrastructure will continue to be complemented with sanitation facilities and education and training programs focussing on hygiene, sanitation and health. This will include a focus on HIV/AIDS.

### Get Involved

We invite you to get involved with the project by supporting the work financially, praying for the success of the project and receiving regular updates.



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