



Papua New Guinea

Church Partnership Project

Location

Papua New Guinea

Partner

United Church in Papua New Guinea

The Situation

The people of PNG face a number of issues including violence, ill health and a lack of infrastructure. Many people have limited access to basic services, such as health, education and transport.

In the Southern Highlands tribal violence continues to cause death and destruction of property as unresolved conflicts escalate. This tribal fighting has forced many trained teachers to leave their positions in United Church schools in the region and a number of the schools have been burnt down.

Access to health care in PNG is very limited and HIV/AIDS is a major issue. The World Health Organization has categorised the situation in PNG as epidemic.

The Project

As part of an Australian government

AusAID funded program, seven PNG churches and their seven Australian Church partners are working together to strengthen the capacity of PNG churches to provide basic services to their communities.

Under this program UnitingWorld partners with the United Church in Papua New Guinea (UCPNG) to implement peace building activities, microfinance initiatives, teacher training programs, HIV/AIDS awareness, mobile health clinics and communication on social issues.

With support and planning from UnitingWorld our partner church, the UCPNG is responsible for implementing these activities.

Achievements

This project has enabled teachers to be trained and upon graduation return to their villages to commence teaching. This has not only increased access to education, but also improved the quality of teaching.

The CPP also includes a livelihood project, which has enabled women to receive skills training as well





as empowered them through training to establish a small business.

Two voluntary HIV/AIDS testing and counseling centres have been established and peace workshops have been held.

A range of staff, including Peace Building coordinators, a Human Resources Manager, National Health secretary, HIV/AIDS Co-ordinator and regional HIV/AIDS Co-ordinators have been employed to further the activities of the program.

The Future

The project aims to strengthen the local Church's institutional capacity for development and improved services to local communities in the areas of health, HIV/AIDS and education.

In particular, the CPP will focus on rural areas and promoting service provision.

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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