SEEING CHILDREN and their families with improved access to basic rights and services, and with greater capacity, knowledge and skills to manage their own lives, brings great satisfaction and an important sense of belonging and fulfillment to our valued team of staff at ChildFund Papua New Guinea.

We are proud to be working in close partnership with some of the 85 per cent of the country’s population who live traditional village-based lives, dependent on subsistence and small cash crop agriculture.

ChildFund has an important role to play in improving living standards for children in a country where over two million people out of approximately 7.3 million (2011 census), still live in poverty.

Unfortunately, in 2016, PNG has still not been able to achieve any of the Millennium Development Goal targets which relate to children. Achieving the targets established in the new Sustainable Development Goals will be difficult, but not impossible.

During the last 12 months, ChildFund PNG has implemented a range of projects aimed at addressing all forms of poverty experienced by our target communities. This includes interventions in education, health, family and sexual violence, climate change, water and sanitation, and disaster and child protection.

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Our experience working in many of the world’s poorest communities with highly vulnerable children has made clear that reducing violence is not only imperative to alleviating children’s suffering, but also key to ending extreme child poverty.

At ChildFund PNG, we are very excited about the expansion of our work with children, and the increasing recognition given to the organisation. I would like to thank our dedicated staff for helping bring this to fruition.

I would also like to extend our thanks to our many supporters, ChildFund Alliance members, our multilateral 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.

Yours sincerely,

Manish Joshi
Country Director
ChildFund Papua New Guinea
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ChildFund PNG’s Integrated Maternal and Child Health
and Nutrition Project provides a range of primary
healthcare services for mothers and children, while also
building the capacity of local health service providers.
This also includes the management of health outreach
services in six wards in Rigo and Kairuku-Hiri Districts,
working in partnership with local health workers.

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improvements in health outcomes for children and
mothers. Pregnant women are provided with pre and
postnatal care, with neonatal care services available for
infants born early. Immunisation programs (for mothers
and children), family planning, nutrition assistance, growth
monitoring, and detection and treatment of common
illnesses, including TB and malaria, are also available.

In partnership with the Department of Health, ChildFund
is also running a series of health education initiatives
for parents which cover topics such as HIV and AIDS,
reproductive health, common childhood illnesses, water
and sanitation, and hygiene.

I AM EDUCATED

ODDIE IS 15 years of age and is in primary school. She is
one of 1,500 students from 10 schools in Central Province
who are taking part in children’s clubs developed by
ChildFund PNG, as part of an education project being
implemented across schools in Rigo and Kairuku-Hiri
Districts. In addition to the children’s clubs, with
the support of ChildFund each school has also
established a health club, reading club, and music
and arts club for all students enrolled.

Oddie says: “We had only two teachers
teaching all the grades this year. That means
that each day my classmates and I would
have to wait for an hour or more before
someone came to teach us. But now we
have the children’s club, so I am happy
because I will learn new things.”

Oddie is the head of her reading club and
took part in leadership training organised by
ChildFund, along with 30 other club leaders.
Aimed at increasing the level of involvement children
have in the decision-making process at their school,
participants were given the opportunity to learn new
skills in club management, child participation and
creative pursuits. ChildFund is also working with teachers
to build their capacity in child-friendly learning methods.

IN CENTRAL PROVINCE, malnutrition rates among
children is approximately 12%. Many parents do not
attend well-baby clinics once a child’s immunisations
are complete, and as a result the development of young
children is not regularly monitored. Children suffering
from even moderate malnutrition are at greater risk of
opportunistic infections, such as pneumonia, diarrhoea,
and tuberculosis, which can lead to child mortality.

improve their new skills and knowledge to empower other community
members. Since the program began, two villages have now
begun planting rosewood trees as a reforestation exercise, which
will stabilise river banks, reduce the impact of flooding, and save
water during prolonged dry seasons.

NEW FARMING
TECHNIQUES

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD NELSON is from a small village in
Rigo District. Until last year, he had never seen or eaten
a carrot. Now, they are a regular and nutritious part of his
diet.

Les, Nelson’s father, took part in ChildFund-supported
training a few years ago, and has just completed a
refresher course. Today, he has greater knowledge
on farming methods, drought tolerant crops, pest
management and harvesting, and food processing
techniques. Les says: “Before, we hardly ever planted
carrots because we thought they grew best in cold
climates.”

Les’ farming activities have now moved from subsistence
to income producing, with each carrot he sells bringing
in approximately US$0.30 - US$1.00. Les is one of more
than 60 farmers in Rigo who are now successfully growing
vegetables in their backyard. Not only has this seen
household incomes increase, but family diets have also
improved, resulting in fewer cases of child malnutrition.
I AM SAFE

IN AUGUST 2015, ChildFund Papua New Guinea launched the first ever national crisis hotline, in partnership with PNG’s Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee and FHI 360. This was in response to the epidemic levels of violence perpetrated against women and children, with an estimated two-thirds of women in PNG experiencing physical or sexual violence during their lifetime.

The hotline is the first service in PNG to have professional counsellors available 12 hours a day, from 7.00am to 7.00pm. Calls to the hotline are free, and counselling is available in PNG’s three national working languages – English, Tok Pisin and Hiri Motu.

Trained phone counsellors provide information and crisis counselling at the time of the call. Referrals can also be made to a range of support services, including the police, medical help, legal assistance, safe houses, counselling services, family support centres and child welfare services.

Since its launch, calls for help have come in from all 22 provinces across PNG, and encouragingly, men have made up around 50 per cent of callers – not only those who have experienced abuse themselves but men who want to change their violent behaviour.

ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence says: “A service like this is a positive step forward to address the extreme rates of violence in PNG, which is devastating families and communities. Reducing the level of violence in homes and communities is critical for children’s wellbeing, and the future development of the country.”

The 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain is a partnership between ChildFund Papua New Guinea, CIMC (FSVAC) and FHI 360, supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme, USAID, ChildFund New Zealand and ChildFund Australia.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report for year ended 30 June 2016

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