

# ANNUAL REPORT

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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 the developing world.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 11 organisations which assists more than 14 million children and families in 63 countries.

ChildFund Australia is a registered charity, a member of the Australian Council for International Development, and fully accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which manages the Australian Government's overseas aid program.

ChildFund began work in Papua New Guinea in 1994, and undertakes child-focused community development programs in Central Province and the National Capital District. Key programs are implemented in the areas of maternal and child health, including nutrition, and water and sanitation, education through the Child-Friendly Schools framework, protection and resilience against family and sexual violence, and disaster and child protection.

ChildFund PNG has established a Family and Sexual Violence Counselling Hotline which operates in Port Moresby and provides national coverage.

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## FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

**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 livelihoods. Our new Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2020 has established an overarching aim for our work: to enable children and youth to be safe, confident and resilient, able to play active and constructive roles in an increasingly turbulent world.

All projects implemented in PNG are consistent and complementary to the PNG Government's own development aspirations. ChildFund believes it is essential that we work in partnership with government bodies, private organisations and non-government organisations, as they are key stakeholders in our work.

In 2015, ChildFund PNG turned its attention to one of the biggest human rights challenges faced in the country – violence against women and children. In addition to launching the country's first ever family violence hotline, ChildFund is working at the grassroots level to change community attitudes, establishing community-based human rights defender groups in urban and rural areas, and ensuring safe houses are available for survivors of family and sexual violence.



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*

**Manish Joshi**  
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## I AM SAFE

### HEALTHCARE FOR MUMS AND BUBS

**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.

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.

The outreach services are many and varied, and prioritise 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 HEARD

### CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPIONS

**AS PART OF** ChildFund's Adaptive Resilient and Productive Agriculture Project, funded by USAID, 24 youth have been trained as Climate Change Champions (CCCs). Responsible for building community awareness and teaching climate change adaptation activities, the CCCs work closely with community representatives to formulate community action plans, which include a range of climate change adaptation activities.

The project is being implemented in 12 climate-vulnerable villages in Central Province, and teaches youth how human activities contribute to climate change and impact the environment. Given that many youth in rural areas of PNG are illiterate and rely on agricultural activities for a livelihood, the education they receive benefits them personally, while also giving them the opportunity to use 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.



## I AM EDUCATED

### A PLACE FOR CHILDREN

**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.



## I HAVE A FUTURE

### 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.



## ANSWERING CALLS FOR HELP

**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."

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Financial report for year ended 30 June 2016

Income Statement	2016 (PGK)	2015 (PGK)	Balance Sheet	30 June 2016 (PGK)	30 June 2015 (PGK)
Income	5,634,233	4,593,443	Total assets	1,614,129	1,829,872
Expenditure	5,688,409	4,560,052	Total liabilities	1,248,933	1,410,500
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(54,176)	33,391	Net assets	365,196	419,372

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