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ChildFund Papua New Guinea is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in developing communities.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 11 organisations, which assists more than 13 million children and families in over 60 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 works in partnership with children, their communities and local organisations and governments to create lasting change, respond to humanitarian emergencies and promote children’s rights. Most projects are implemented in the Central Province and National Capital District with a focus on maternal and child health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, and child protection and resilience against family and sexual violence. ChildFund PNG also priorities climate change and disaster preparedness. In 2015, ChildFund PNG established the country’s first ever family and sexual violence counselling hotline, which provides nationwide telephone counselling, information and referrals.

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**Front cover:** Mamopi (centre), age 7, and friends, Papua New Guinea.



## FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



In my first year as Country Director, I am pleased to share with you the many achievements of ChildFund's work in Papua New Guinea.

It has been a significant year for the country, with the Papua New Guinea Government

hosting for the first time the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. This saw many political leaders converging in Port Moresby in November, and shone a spotlight on the many struggles and difficulties Papua New Guinea faces as a developing nation.

For ChildFund Papua New Guinea, our programs to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families has continued apace.

The 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain project, the country's only tele-counselling service, continued to build its network with partners from all across the country. It also recorded a huge increase in the number of calls from survivors of gender-based violence seeking counselling and referral services.

An evaluation of our maternal and child health and nutrition project had positive feedback and also highlighted lessons we as an organisation can learn from. The results showed greater health and hygiene awareness and practices in communities where ChildFund Papua New Guinea is working, and better health outcomes for mothers and newborns.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea's project aimed at strengthening the justice system in rural areas continued to empower young people in their communities to work together with

local child protection officials to protect vulnerable children, while also ensuring that child protection issues were being addressed through the proper channels.

During the year ChildFund Papua New Guinea staff visited many elementary schools in remote parts of Central Province, to train teachers and help school boards develop School Learning Improvement Program (SLIP) plans.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea also established many new partners, who we are looking forward to working with in the future. Partners like Library For All are helping to improve the learning outcomes of children attending remote schools with limited access to educational resources.

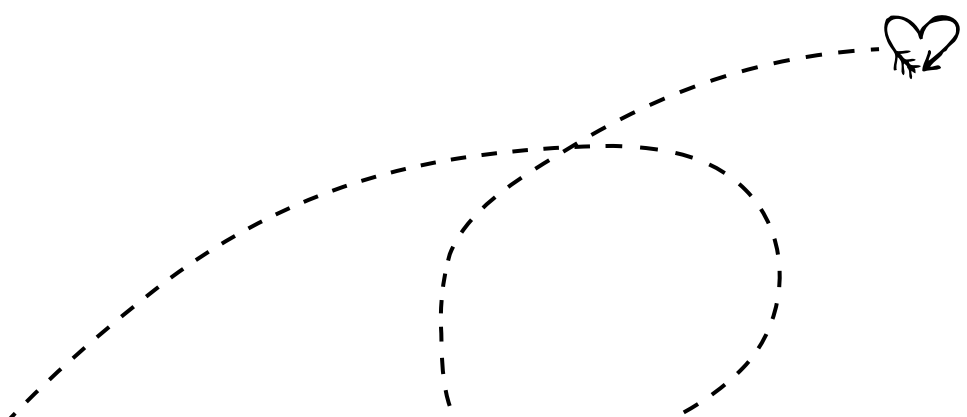
Our aspiration is for more children in Papua New Guinea to be able to say: "I am safe. I am educated. I am heard. I have a future." The work we undertake is not without its challenges - including the remote nature of many communities, the lack of basic health and education infrastructure, and the more than 800 languages spoken in the country - but we know positive change is possible.

With the energy and dedication of our staff, and the ongoing commitment of our many donors, we can ensure more children experience a childhood in which they are safe, nurtured and given access to opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridgette Thorold".

**Bridgette Thorold**  
Country Director  
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# I AM SAFE



## A HELPLINE FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS

Regina grew up in poverty after her father died. She felt like an outcast at school because her mother could not afford to buy new clothes, shoes or books, or pay for her bus fare to school.

She became isolated from her peers and developed low self-esteem.

When Regina was 14 years old she was sexually abused. She was lured to a hotel room by a man in his 50s from her community.

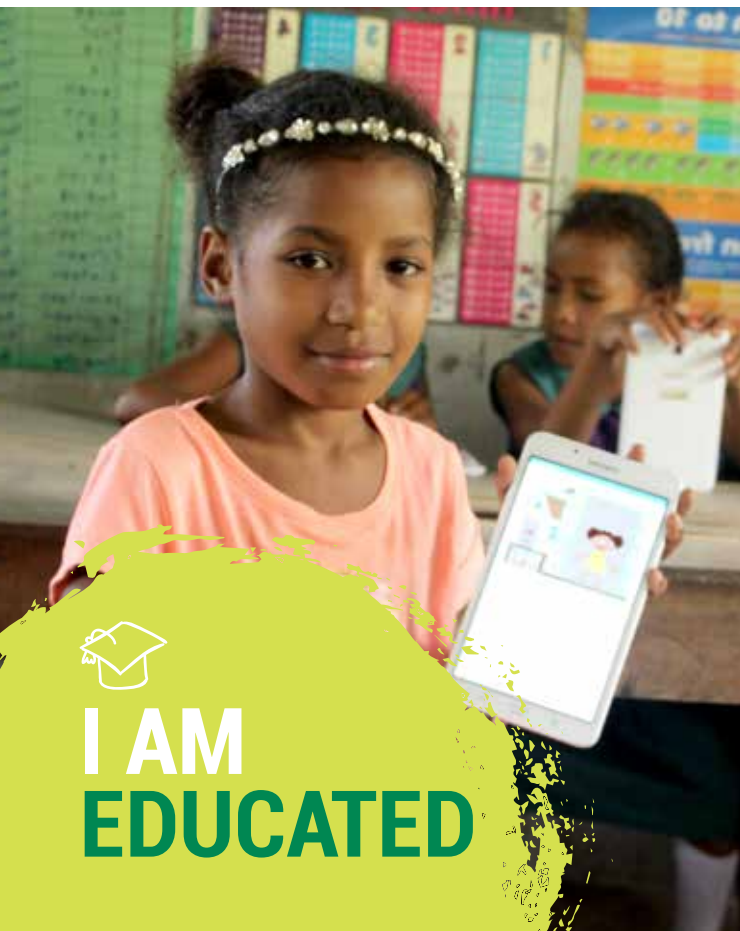
The abuse continued after the hotel incident until Regina sought help through ChildFund Papua New

Guinea's 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain, the country's first national violence helpline.

A counsellor from the helpline helped Regina escape her abuser and recover emotionally from the abuse. Today, Regina has regained control over her life.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea's 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain provides survivors of gender-based violence and their families with comprehensive support.

Survivors of assault who contact the helpline have access to information, confidential counselling and referral to other service providers such as safehouses and police.



# I AM EDUCATED

## A NEW CHAPTER FOR STUDENTS

Primary schools in rural Papua New Guinea lack basic equipment and resources to help teachers prepare and present their lessons more effectively.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea, through the Together for Education project, is providing ongoing coaching to elementary school teachers so they can develop their skills in preparing and presenting lessons that are fun, creative and child-friendly.

Partnering with Library for All, the project has delivered hundreds of e-books on tablets to schools in remote communities. For many children like Delyne, age 10 (pictured left), these are the first locally-sourced stories they have ever seen or read.

"I was not able to read before, but when my school started using the tablets I learnt to read," Delyne says.

"I love the stories and illustrations in the books."

Delyne's peer Orere, age 8, says: "I look forward to coming to school so I can use the tablet and read the beautiful stories inside."



## EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP AND LEAD

ChildFund Papua New Guinea is building the capacity of young people in remote communities to lead the way in making Papua New Guinea safer for children.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea believes that engaging young people and equipping them with skills in advocacy and leadership enables them to take ownership of child protection issues and influence parents, caregivers, community leaders and their peers in key decision-making processes. It also empowers them to hold accountable the people in their communities who are responsible for protecting children.

Over the past year dozens of young people have completed training sessions on public speaking and advocacy, and learnt about the laws and referral pathways for child abuse cases.

Youth have also learnt how to develop content and materials to engage community members. A key part of this has been learning how to use video – an influential

platform in Papua New Guinea – to tell their stories and raise awareness of children’s rights and child protection.



  
**I AM  
HEARD**

## STRONG AND HEALTHY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

In Papua New Guinea, many children have to drop out of primary school because of serious illness. Without help, they may never be able to get the education they need.

Mamopi had been sick for a while, but no one had been able to tell his parents what was wrong with him.

He was too weak to go to school, and his parents had to miss a lot of work to care for him, which left them struggling financially. They spent all their savings on medications, but nothing helped.

Heather (pictured above right with Mamopi), a health volunteer trained by ChildFund Papua New Guinea, convinced Mamopi’s family to have him tested for tuberculosis. When the test came back positive, Heather helped Mamopi and his family



develop a treatment plan, and showed them how to administer the treatment and how to best care for Mamopi.

Mamopi says: “Now, I am feeling very strong and healthy. I fear if we did not meet Heather, I would still be sick and I would not be able to go to school. Now, I’m back in school and playing with my friends.”

  
**I HAVE A  
FUTURE**



# I HAVE A FUTURE



## THE SIMPLE THINGS SAVING LIVES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On the afternoon of 20 July 2018, Aiva turned up at a health centre in remote Papua New Guinea with birth pains. That night she delivered healthy twin boys.

This was Aiva's fourth pregnancy and second delivery at a health centre with a trained health professional.

"Although I was surprised to have two babies I'm glad it was here at the clinic and not at home, as I knew they would be OK," Aiva says.

Aiva (pictured above, far right, with her twins) is from a remote village in Central Province. Women in her village often walk for hours to the nearest health facility to give birth and endure a 180km ride to Port Moresby if they have complications during childbirth.

Papua New Guinea has some of the world's highest rate of deaths in childbirth. Many mothers have no choice but to give birth at home, with the help of untrained relatives or traditional birth attendants.

Women living in Aiva's village, where ChildFund Papua New Guinea works, often have to walk several kilometres to the closest health clinic, which has two trained health workers and limited facilities.

Jacinta is one of two community health workers who service almost 10,000 people in the area. For a long time Jacinta's clinic, which was once a classroom, struggled for resources.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea has been helping to upgrade the clinic, including installing solar panels

so there is reliable electricity for health workers and patients. "It used to be a real struggle in the night, when I had to attend to an emergency and I had to go by torch light," Jacinta says.

Jacinta and her fellow community health worker now also have a network of trained village health volunteers who can assist mothers in emergencies and encourage people in their villages to go to the clinic to give birth.

These village health volunteers play an important role in teaching pregnant women about the dangers of giving birth at home, as well as monitoring women who may be at risk of complications.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea is helping to take some of the burden off mothers by partnering with village health volunteers and local health officials to provide mobile outreach clinics in remote villages.

For many people in remote villages like Aiva's this is a rare opportunity to speak face-to-face with trained health professionals.

Jacinta says this work is encouraging more and more women to give birth at a clinic. It is a decision that many, like Aiva and her mother, are glad they made.

"I assisted Aiva when she delivered her second and third baby in the village," Aiva's mother says. "I'm so happy we brought her to the clinic this time.

"If she had been at home, I would have panicked when I realised there were two babies.

"I would have been very scared."



**THANK YOU**

## COLLABORATING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE

Thank you to the following organisations and individuals whose generous support and assistance is vital to the work of ChildFund Papua New Guinea:



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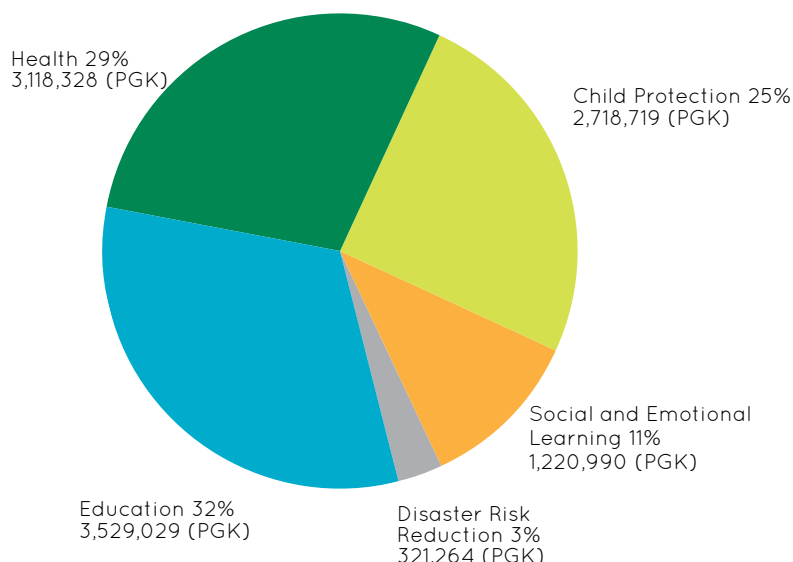
## FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report for year ended 30 June 2019

REVENUE	FY1819 (PGK)	FY1718 (PGK)
Donation	2,615,489	2,442,038
Grants	9,359,366	7,990,157
Other income	58,701	28,032
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>12,033,556</b>	<b>10,460,227</b>

EXPENDITURE	FY1819 (PGK)	FY1718 (PGK)
Program and project	10,908,330	9,221,524
Program support	832,485	931,124
Accountability and administration	289,027	308,669
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>12,029,842</b>	<b>10,461,317</b>

PROGRAM AND PROJECT EXPENDITURE  
FY1819 (PGK)



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