Overview

Papua New Guinea is ranked **158** out of **188** countries on the Human Development Index (HDI) – which is apparently the lowest in the Oceania region.

Quick Facts & Figures

- **88%** of its population still live in rural areas mostly in clans and tribal groups hence access to basic services is limited.
- **40%** of people live below the poverty line.

Here below shows the livelihood landscape in Papua New Guinea:

- **80%** of the population depend on subsistence agriculture and fishing for survival.
- **70%** of the population are excluded from formal financial sector services.

Our communities experience challenges with regards to market access due to poor product quality and infrastructure and low production capacity by farmers hence low outputs. This statistics will grow if a holistic approach to livelihood is not addressed.

Facts & Statistics

World Vision PNG works to reduce poverty level by encouraging savings, building sustainable income and access to finance, developing self-reliance, sustenance and resilience, integration with nutrition, and promoting youth employability.

WV empowers individuals to develop resilient sources of income for their households to sustainably grow communities. Communities’ wellbeing is strengthened through the layering of multiple projects targeting the same households – equipping them with the tools and information they need to ensure gains are made holistically, across health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene and in access to education.
Objectives

- Support producers to mobilize into functional groups and deepen trust within and between market actors
- Equip households with the financial tools, information and networks to grow their businesses and improve the wellbeing of their families
- Improve their productivity and production quality
- Readiness for market access and private sector engagement initiatives
- Throughout, build communities’ resilience to and preparedness for external shocks, such as extreme weather events, through crop diversification, climate smart agriculture initiatives and prudential savings culture

FY21 Statistic Achievements

Papua New Guinea

- 19,633 men
- 19,589 women
- 21,004 men
- 20,010 girls
- 438 with disability
- 819 with disability
- 46 with disability
- 36 with disability

Programming Approach

- Savings for Transformation (S4T)
  Project model that establishes and empowers saving groups, which is member-owned and composed of a small number of people who save together in a safe, convenient and flexible way that allow improvement of the quality of life in a household through education, farm inputs, payment for access to health, etc.

- Building Secure Livelihoods
  Focuses on strengthening families’ ability to build self-efficacy and secure livelihood through addressing natural, social and economic constraints that limit their aspirations, self-worth and future potential. It takes into account gender equality and social inclusion, as well as financial and economic inclusion. It also instills an understanding of risk, a culture of mitigation, adaptation and preparedness and future planning. The approach fosters increased productivity, profitability, and sustainable management of all resources.

- Resilient and Inclusive Social Enterprise (RISE)
  An innovative business training program targeted at the household level, which gradually grows into community-scale social enterprises by using a series of tailored training ‘streams’. Business owners are supported to develop their business models, while achieving greater social or community impact, improved gender norms, and disaster resilience.
Local Value Chain Development (LVCD)
Aims to increasing income and improve their livelihoods of producers by expanding their knowledge in particular value chains and market demand, as well as how to create sustainable business models by linking them to relevant market actors.

IMPACT +
Is an integrated life skills approach to adolescent engagement that addresses key sectoral issues facing adolescents in a holistic way. The goal of this model is to enable adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, transition well into adulthood as active citizens empowered with competencies, values, confidence and social connectedness.

Cross-Cutting Themes

Gender Equality, Disability & Social Inclusion
WV systematically encourages participation and involvement of female and people living with disability in all livelihood projects. For example in the savings groups women and people living with disability not only have the capacity to contribute to decision-making, but can influence better outcomes in terms of encouraging savings. Through the Child Focused Disaster Risk Reduction project in Madang, a community hazard risk mapping training was conducted to 50 ward disaster management committee, of which 10 females and 40 males participated.

Climate Change & Resilience
Guided by “National Climate Compatible Development Management Policy” & “PNG E-Agriculture Strategy”, WV takes into account the impact of climate change and possible disaster into project designs. WV incorporates resilient and sustainable farming practices (e.g. intercropping), nature-based livelihood practices (e.g. mangrove planting) and climate resilient food crops (improved varieties of taro, yam, etc.) as a holistic approach to improve livelihood in communities. Savings and financial literacy trainings are introduced as a disaster risk reduction mechanism.

Peace Building
WV equips and empowers girls, boys, young women and young men to be channel of peace, agents of change and healing among their peers and in their communities by using contextualized WV approaches to peace building education, peace road and IMPACT clubs. The children, in and out of school youths are trained and supported to manage and resolve conflict within personal relationships and peer networks, to model active citizenship and implement peace building initiatives strengthening culture of peace in their communities and to engage in and employment opportunities and other livelihood activities.

Youth Engagement
In alignment with “National Youth Policy 2020-2030”, WV takes special need and concern of youth into account and supports in-school and out of school youth via two tract approach; 1. strengthened skills and knowledge in building positive relationships, conflict resolution, and 2. Out-of-school youth via improved productivity and employability skills such as leadership, goal setting, and specific vocational and technical skills.

Policy & Advocacy
WV program design aligns to PNG government’s strategy and priorities. Aside above mentioned, WV prioritizes strengthening financial literacy & inclusion and promoting accessible financial services with reference to “PNG National Financial Inclusion Strategy 2016-2020”; and works to promote sustainable agriculture, improved food security & nutrition for households, and increased income & employment opportunities in alignment to “PNG National Food Security Policy 2018-2027”.
Project Highlights

PNG Economic Development Project – ANCP

Donor: DFAT  Project Duration: July 2015 - June 2017
Budget: USD 858,186  Location: Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB), Madang and East Sepik

“I have already bought chickens (with SG share-out) and sold the first lot. With that I sent my first born to boarding school.” - Danaru SG Women’s FGD, Madang

Productive Partnership in Agriculture Project (PPAP)

Donor: World Bank  Project Duration: August 2016 - June 2019
Budget: USD 3,456,000  Location: Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARoB), Madang, East and West Sepik

- 64% success rate for cocoa planting in Sepik, of which 1,065 people targeted for cocoa planting, 690 people successfully planted cocoa
- 95% success rate for cocoa planting in Madang, of which 600 people targeted for cocoa planting, 569 people successfully planted cocoa

ANCP Financial Literacy and Inclusion Project (FLIP)

Donor: DFAT  Project Duration: July 2017 - June 2020
Budget: USD 2,407,00  Location: Autonomous Region of Bougainville (all districts); East Sepik Province (Maprik District); Madang Province (Middle Ramu District); Sandaun Province Nuku District

- 3224 direct participants benefited from the savings for transformation program of which 51% were women
- There is a significant increase in the proportion of HHs who are now able to pay for children health costs. The most striking evolution is in Sepik, increasing from 17% to 40%.

AHP Child Focused Disaster Risk Reduction

Donor: DFAT  Project Duration: January 2018 - 30 December 2022
Budget: USD 96,000  Location: Raicost and Sumkar, Madang Province

- In collaboration with Self Help Centre, the project engaged a sign language teacher to narrate in sign language on topics related to climate change, how to prepare, cope and respond to disaster. The videos were shared to the 12 target schools and 10 communities.
- Over 249,130 people have benefited, including 66,282 men, 78,445 women, 50,661 boys and 53,748 girls. Of these, 11,012 are children with disability.
- Through the project, children learn about the ecological importance and different uses of mangroves as a natural defense of the coastlines, swamps and breading space for fish stocks.
Rispektim Yu Yet, Rispektim Narapla, Na Yumi Sanap Wantaim (Respect Yourself, Respect Others and Let’s Stand United)

Donor: European Union (EU)  Project Duration: October 2019 - October 2023
Budget: USD1,655,500  Location: Lae, Morobe Province
- 60 teachers have been trained on the contextualized Respect curriculum.
- Respect Curriculum is a manual used to approach working with youth (12-25 years) in-and-out of school and developing skills and knowledge in building positive relationships, conflict resolution, and among out-of-school youth, developing skills relating to productivity and employability such as leadership, goal setting, and specific vocational and technical skills.

Wellbeing Outcomes to end Violence, Enable livelihood and improve Nutrition (WOVEN)

Donor: MFAT  Project Duration: June 2020 - June 2025
Budget: USD$1,228,224  Location: Central (Kieta and Panguna) and South (Bana, Buin and Siawai) in Autonomous Region of Bougainville

I am so thankful to WV for helping us establish S4T savings groups in Mokorino. I have witnessed a lot of transformation in my village. Before we never had the savings mentality, so when it came time to pay school fees, we found it very difficult” Joel, Chairman of a Savings Group and trained on financial literacy, budgeting, savings and family healthy relationship.

Building Resilience Communities in Madang

Donor: PNG Incentive Funds/DFAT  Project Duration: June 2020 - May 2022
Budget: USD 598,878  Location: All Districts, Raicost and Sumkar District in Madang
- Successful rice farming, milling and packaging support and training for 679 farmers (354 females & 325 males)
- 881 farmers (lead farmers and contact farmers) received and planted climate resilient seedling
- 528 of the 881 farmers are women farmers, exceeding project target of 375 women farmers

Strategic Partners

Government Partners
- Department of Agriculture and Livestock
- National Department of Education
- Morobe Provincial Education Department
- Provincial Department of Agriculture and Livestock (PDAL) – Madang, Western, Morobe,

Other Partners
- Care International
- ChildFund
- Cocoa Board of Papua New Guinea
- National Agricultural Research Institute
- National Research Institute (NRI)
- PNG Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Tribal Foundation
- UN Food & Agriculture Organization

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