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REPORT PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Our Vision for every child, life in all it's fullness.

Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

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We are thankful to World Vision for bringing us knowledge on how to build toilets, the proper ways of using them, and steps of handwashing; also, the water supply system in our community, our children are now healthy because we have a good water supply and they use it to bathe. I see that compared to the past, our lives are now much better than it was before. **J**

Yanauo Kapara Village, Markham District

FOREWORD



Message from the National Director

2024 has been a year of remarkable progress and impact for World Vision Papua New Guinea! We've witnessed incredible transformations in communities across the nation, thanks to the unwavering support of our generous donors and partners. From improved access to clean water and sanitation to empowering communities through emergency response, TB/HIV and health initiatives, education and sustainable economic empowerment programs, we've seen real, lasting change.

Our work wouldn't be possible without our wonderful staff and the incredible generosity of our donors and supporters. Your contributions, both big and small, have fueled our efforts to break the cycle of poverty and create a brighter future for PNG. A huge thanks for your commitment to our shared vision for vulnerable children.

We are also deeply grateful for the strong partnerships that amplify our impact. Our collaboration with local partners, Government and World Vision International provides invaluable resources and expertise, allowing us to implement effective, evidence-based impactful programs. And the continued support from World Vision Support offices, in particular World Vision Australia, has been instrumental in driving sustainable development across PNG. Together, we are making a real difference! Looking forward, we are excited to build on this momentum as we celebrate 50 years of independence in 2025.

We are committed to continuing our humanitarian and development work empowering communities, working with the government, to create lasting change. Join us as we continue to transform lives and build a brighter future for the children and families of Papua New Guinea.

Chris Jensen WVPNG National Director

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2024 Highlights

WVPNG, in partnership with Global Fund, NDoH, PHAs and local partners, implements TB and HIV Prevention, Testing and Treatment Cascade across in PNG. Aside from providing medical supplies/ medicines to all 22 provinces, 12 provinces received additional governance, capacity building, infrastructure and treatment delivery support.

For general population HIV testing cascade; 283,094 people were tested for HIV, out of which 9,930 Tested positive and linked to care (3.51% positivity); whereas 160,611 ANC attendance among pregnant mothers were achieved for elimination of vertical transmission (Mother to child), with 83,545 tested for HIV, out of which 1,438 tested positive for HIV and linked to care (1.72% positivity).

In terms of **TB Prevention, Treatment and Care**, 45,308 (23,435 male, 21,873 female) TB Cases were notified and started on treatment nationally; including 10,215 children (5,375, boys and 4,840 girls).



Under DFAT support, WVPNG strengthened leadership and governance of Provincial Health Authority (PHA) and District Health Services in Western Province, Specifically, 8 quarterly Provincial TB Advisory Group meetings were held to foster stakeholder engagement: 12 TB Core Group meetings and 34 case management meetings at districts were conducted for better TB service coordination and care quality. 2 District Health Services organized Quarterly Partners Meetings and Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) Reviews to boost ownership. 3 guarterly supervisory visits by WPHA resulted in accreditation of the Morehead Health Center as a new Basic Management Unit (BMU) in South Fly District. Trainings on TB Advocacy, Communications, and Social Mobilization, integrating GEDSI principles, were delivered to the Western Province Council of Women.

In Western, support was provided for **Essential TB Services,** including logistical help to transport presumptive TB cases/samples from communities to diagnostic/health centers in 4 districts, and the training and deployment of 251 community-based TB treatment supporters who facilitated treatment, contact tracing, active case finding, and TB education within 649 communities, schools, and churches. The communitybased approach allowed WV to reach 78,857 individuals with essential TB info across 4 districts; facilitate retrieval and resumption of interrupted treatment for high success rates; and manage repatriation of TB patients who completed treatment or showed improvement. Additionally, 12 integrated health patrols with partners were supported to provide health education, clinical care, and treatment to remote communities.

WVPNG also worked to **empower TB patients** via 37 monthly meetings, resulting in enhanced support services, including transport and nutrition assistance. To this end, 87,978 lunch packs & 3,571 food vouchers were provided to TB patients on Daru Island while 2,355 patients (2,070 DS and 285 DR TB) across 4 districts were provided with daily Directly Observed Treatment (DOT), contributing to high provincial treatment success rate. As series of **technical capacity building** were also provided to 284 health workers, including management of Drug Sensitive TB, Programmatic Management of Drug Resistant TB, Child TB, Microscopy and GeneXpert, eTB module, etc.

In National Central District, 99 community-based TB Volunteers (Treatment supporters) across three electorates were trained and deployed to facilitate treatment, contact tracing, active case finding, and TB education. 1,946 awareness sessions were held in 3 electorates, schools, and churches, reaching 21,853 individuals with vital TB information, during which presumptive TB cases were identified and referred for assessment and testing. 7,320 TB cases were confirmed and started treatment. Additionally, care for 7,290 TB patients in the 2023 Cohort continued, with 92% successfully completing treatment, above the national target of 85%.

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PNG is reaching milestones in the reduction of TB with increased Government commitment and dedication by partners across all 22 provinces.

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2024 Highlights

Under DFAT support, WV continues to assist PHA and District Health Authorities in reducing mortality and morbidity rates of children under 5 by improving **routine immunization services** via health care facilities, mobile clinics, and integrated quarterly outreach. 13,687 children under 1 year received all basic vaccinations per the immunization schedule (NIS Indicator) across Western Province.

As part of health system strengthening, WV supported Western Provincial Health Authority in **Public Financial Management (PFM)** strengthening and planning, as well as **Integrated Financial Management System** training in collaboration with the national government.

Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture is a key WV approach. In Delta Fly District of Western Province, 2 district level Nutrition Dialogues with local stakeholders were conducted, including 15 representatives from Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL), Community Development Department, Ward Councillors, Anglican Church of PNG Health Services, lead farmers, VHAs, faith leaders, women group, and Parent Support Groups. The Dialogues resulted in recommendations on better stakeholder collaboration on nutrition interventions.



WV believes children are agents for change; while **child participation** is key. WV collaborated with Tai, Kenewa, Awaba, Biula and Balimo Urban schools in Western Province to empower children for better nutrition outcomes.

3 School Nutrition Clubs were set up; with 24 student leaders (12 boys & 12 girls) and 5 teachers trained to lead the planning and implementation of Nutrition Club Activities. 289 students (144 boys & 145 Girls, including 2 CwDs) participated in educational activities led by Nutrition Clubs, including Balanced Meal Plate Activity, Nutrition Cue Card Game, Blind Taste Test, and Mind Mapping. Students also joined "Balanced Meal Lunch" activity to prepare and enjoy their own balanced meals while practicing proper hygiene.

On Universal Children's Day, a **Nutrition Workshop** was conducted for to drive children's understanding and demand for a balanced diets. 20 student representatives (including 1 CwD) participated, whom all indicated increased nutrition knowledge and willingness to contribute to improved healthy nutrition practices at home, school and communities. The teachers also expressed enhanced knowledge on the importance of nutrition and its contribution to children's education. 2 International Events were hosted to educate caregivers/ communities and address food taboos, reaching 1216 people (551 men, 645 women, 10 boys, 10 girls).

Under MFAT support, WV integrated **"Positive Deviance/ Hearth"** (PDH) with livelihood interventions in ARoB. PDH is a behavior change approach used to rehabilitate underweight/wasted children without medical complications, sustain their rehabilitation, and prevent future malnutrition.

A nutritional status assessment was conducted in targeted communities, identifying 62 malnourished children (6-24 months old). WV worked with VHAs to share key positive practices (local solutions) with caregivers via 12-day 'Hearth' sessions, where malnourished children were also fed a nutrient-dense meal prepared by caregivers using low-cost, local ingredients under guidance. Weekly home follow-ups were conducted by VHAs after "Hearth." After a month of PDH rehabilitation, all 62 children showed improved nutritional status, surpassing 60% of growth monitoring rate.

WV is an active member of **National Nutrition Technical Group** that led in development and review of the Infant and Young Children's food supply (Control) Act 2023 (previously Food Supply Act 1970), which was launched in 2024. WV also hosted one of the Nutrition Multi Sectoral Stakeholders' Quarterly meetings to share learnings of the Positive Deviant Heart (PDH) Model and now engaged in ongoing discussion with University of Goroka on introduction of PDH to its Nutrition Course.

Furthermore, WVPNG joins the World Vision International global initiatives to end child hunger through the ENOUGH Campaign which was launched in November 2024 by the Vice- President JBK on his visit to PNG.





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We have come up with different menus for the children and these menus contain nutrients that will be beneficial to these children, just like medicine that's given in a hospital, this is medicine in food that we are giving to these children to help them regain their health. Says Ms. Kepon.



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WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

2024 Highlights

Under support of DFAT, successfully organized and managed the first ever National WASH Symposium in PNG in October 2024, bringing on board 200 diverse WASH practitioners and representations from the government at national, provincial and district levels; research institutions and universities, WASH consortium partners, civil society and private sector. The Symposium provided an inclusive platform to show case WASH sector achievements across country, score the opportunities, promote further collaboration, facilitate shared learning and best practice, as well as amplify the importance of WASH in the national grid.

WVPNG also leveraged media advocacy, particularly during global observances such as World Water Day and Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) Day. Through partnerships with the WASH PMU, NDoH, and NDoE, WVPNG has participated in EMTV's "In Focus Show", reaching more then 4 million viewers nationwide, as well as FM100's "Talk Back Show" and NBC Radio & TV to advocate for sustainable WASH policies, governance, and resource management.

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DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

The Upper Highland Region faces significant gaps for WASH access, hindering development outcomes for education, health and livelihood. In particular, Southern Highland Province (SHP) is highly susceptible to climate risk, including the recent El Nino. Depletion of natural resources and water shortage contribute to tensions and conflicts. As part of **drought preparedness**, WV established 8 **Community-Based Disaster Risk Management** (CBDRM) Committee in Mendi, Imbongu and Kagua Erave Districts in SHP. The Committees were trained and supported to conduct participatory risk assessments, which informed the planning of WASH and livelihood preparedness interventions in communities.

To enable strengthening of WASH governance and service delivery, WV constituted and formed a functional **District Ievel WASH Committee** (17 members- 2 female & 15 male) for the Nipa Kutubu District government of SHP for the planning of **5 Year District WASH Plan** development to provide strategic blueprint for WASH investment. This Committee will oversee WASH planning and operations in 5 LLGs, reaching approximately 175,000 people.

Meanwhile in South Bougainville Region, 14 **communitylevel WASH Committee** was established, trained and supported to independently track community progress towards attainment of ODF status, reporting both to WV and Regional WASH committee.

Particularly under EU support, using WV's **Impact Club** model, 70 youths have been equipped with active citizenship and soft skills to contribute to community development and then provided **technical/vocational training**, so that they were empowered to participate in economic activities related to Water supply connections, repairs and maintenance and general basic WASH construction. This also ensured better program sustainability and social cohesion.

In Western Province, WV drilled 24 **boreholes** which were equipped 16 with hand pumps and rehabilitated of 16 **rainwater harvesting systems**, providing safe and sustainable access to water for a total of 16,277 people in 2 districts (8,011 in South Fly, 8,266 in Delta Fly). Meanwhile, 54 communities were safely triggered for behavior change using the **Community-Lead-Total Sanitation** (CLTS) approach, with 10 communities selfdeclaring **open defecation free** status. This is a great step towards ensuring inclusive universal access to climate resilience WASH services in these communities.

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It was through the involvement of World Vision that we now know more about the importance of hand washing and how it can prevent us from getting sick and potentially missing out on school, says grade seven student Ruth from Western Province.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Under support of UNDP, WV worked with Riwo communities in Madang to pilot the construction of 10 mud crab fattening farms. Under the newly developed Protected Area Business Plan, mud crab is identified as a strategy to promote innovative and alternative revenue generating activities whilst minimizing environmental impact, serving as a sustainable incentive and financing for management of the Ecologically Critical Area (ECA). The mud crab farm is currently being managed by the Community Representative Committee (CRC) which WV established and trained on biodiversity, climate and mud-crab farming. Not only does this approach empower local ownership but also ensures that the farms are managed in inclusive ways that benefit everyone. There are about 100 mud crabs being fattened and will be ready for the market in April 2025.

As a foundation for the **nature-based and climate smart livelihood** support, under MFAT support WV facilitated development of the **Community Based Disaster Management (CBDRM) Plans** for Torau Communities in ARoB, which were successfully launched in November 2024.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES REACHED





33,025

total beneficiaries

These plans were consultatively developed with the community representatives and local level government leaders of the Torau Constituency, Panguna District in Arawa. Given the Torau communities are located within a gazette Protected Area, the CBDRM Plans is a guiding document for the discussion and agreement on alternative sources of income and livelihood activities as coping strategies; while protecting the ECA.

Under DFAT support, WV installed **household solar power** in over 5000 selected households across 128 communities South and Central ARoB; as part of empowerment approach under the Community Government Institutional Strengthening Program (CGISP), to promote effective Community Governments (CG) and deliver tangible development projects in a democratic and inclusive manner. The installation of clean energy promotes lighting, safety and livelihood opportunity for families. WV PNG is collaborating with the Bougainville Technical College (BTC) students to support the installation and training for the solar lights in communities as a way of empowering and enhancing **youth employability**. WV will continue to support household solar installation for 56 communities in North ARoB.

Under EU support, WV supports women to unlock

"floriculture" as an untapped industry for women economic empowerment. Aside from establishing women lead florist/ farmer system to cascade climate-smart technical training for florists, the florists also received floricultural inputs post-training to build their business. For better sustainability and local ownership, a greenhouse was successfully constructed and launched in November 2024 in Butibam community, Morobe Province. This greenhouse will now serve as the stock centre for a variety of flowers for the florist ladies in Butibam and over 200 women in neighboring 6 communities involved in the floriculture business as their source of livelihood..

Savings for Transformation (S4T) is a WV modelthat strengthens community-saving groups for better resilience, especially in rural setting where access to bank and finance service is limited. Members of S4T Groups, including men and women, are trained and supported to save money together for identified needs, such as education, health, nutrition, emergencies, and business development. This safe, flexible system provides foundation for economic development, women's empowerment, household resilience, and social cohesion. In 2024, WV established/ strengthened 85 S4T groups across ARoB, Western, Madang and Morobe Province, which accumulated USD188,119 in savings collectively.

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I encourage them (community members) to do more gardening so they can harvest food from their garden and prepare balanced meals for their families. Says Alphie from Balimo District.

EDUCATION

2024 Highlights

WV supports the rollout DFAT-funded Partnerships for Improving Education (PIE) program. In collaboration with the National Department of Education, WVs works to enhance access, equity, and student learning outcomes in early grades through a systems-strengthening and capacity development approach. Currently WV leads on the technical monitoring all school level routine data collection for 750 AQEFA and regular schools across ARoB, Central and Sandaun Provinces.

WV provincial teams of education specialists conduct routine monitoring as well as AQEFA (Achieving Quality Education for All) assessments. AQEFA schools refer to elementary schools that have utilized the Achieving Quality Education for All Fund, while Routine schools are those that have received literacy and numeracy training through the PIE program. Routine monitoring involves lesson observations, teacher learning circles and school checklists. The collection of school level data is a significant as it tracks progress and reviews impacts and gaps of education support / investment.









6,771

total beneficiaries

So far, **104 elementary schools** were monitored and evaluated across 11 districts in 3 provinces, with a total of 312 lessons observed. Additionally, 302 elementary teachers were monitored; who covered 6,411 elementary students, including 3,228 boys and 3,183 girls.

WV is an active member of the **PNG Local Education Group** (LEG), chaired by the Secretary for the NDoE and supported by the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), aiming to support education system through comprehensive sector restructuring, as outlined in the 1-6-6 basic education reform and the National Education Plan (NEP) 2020–2029.

WV is a member of the task force established in 2023 by National Department of Education (NDoE) to drive the partnership compact development and support the implementation of the sector restructuring outlined in the 1-6-6 reform and NEP. On February 5, 2025, WV joined other Development Partners (DPs) and the Secretary for the NDoE in signing the **Partnership Compact 2025**, which a key strategic document to guide the "1-6-6 Basic Education Restructure Reform" in PNG for the next four years.



Teachers are now equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to teach their students and I have seen how the teachers have embraced the concept of scripted lessons and how the training will help our children's futures.

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CROSS-CUTTING

2024 Highlights

Gender Equality Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI)

A total of 259 participants, including leaders, teachers, and Village Health Volunteers from 35 communities, attended the GEDSI training in Western Province. The training focused on addressing various forms of **Gender-Based Violence (GBV**), reinforced by strong social norms and cultural taboos.

25 **male GEDSI Champions** emerged to lead sensitization efforts, mobilizing men to uphold the rights of women and PwDs, and empower them to take leadership roles and participate in decision-making at all levels. This shift in attitude led to the rise of many female community leaders and a significant reduction in GBV, as men take pride in seeing their wives, sisters, or daughters in leadership roles instead of restrictive traditions.

1,594 participants participated in the **"Celebrating Families"** Training workshops which targeted parents, caregivers, faith leader and community influencers. The participants reported improved understanding of their roles and ways to create nurturing and supportive environment for their children.

The approach also changed the perceived value and contribution of men vs women in a family setting; which then cascaded to the children in the family. This model is currently being replicated in other versatile environment, especially in the Highlands Region to promote community and family cohesion.



Faith and Development

Faith leaders and churches are key stakeholder and authorities in communities in PNG, making them crucial partners to shape attitude and behaviour for development outcomes.

656 Faith leaders received trainings to serve as facilitators for WV's **'Empowered World View'** model, which used religion doctrine to empower faith leaders to identify and value the resources to foster peace in fragile contexts and be able to adapt church practice to address peace in their communities. This initiative equipped these faith leaders with the confidence, new approach to articulate local religion teaching to their congregation and strengthen communities' faith/ cohesion as they face violence. It also led to recognition of women as leaders in their communities as the faith leaders have embraced the fact that all genders are equal and endowed with talents and potential to transform communities.

Through the "Faith in Action for Peace" Project, a Trainer of Trainers (ToT)Training was organized on **"Becoming One"** Approach for 14 faith Leaders and WVPNG staff. The approach equipped the participants with knowledge and skills to improve family cohesion in alignment with local religion/ biblical teachings of harmonious living in a family. Feedback from faith leaders suggests that the "Becoming One" approach is effective in counselling sessions addressing GBV and domestic violence issues among couples within church congregations, leading to improved family cohesion. Following the completion of the training manual's contextualization, the scaleup of this approach is now underway in WVPNG's programming.

Community accountability

WVPNG Safeguarding Incidents Preparedness Plan (SIPP) and Community Feedback mechanisms were developed and approved for rollout in 2024. A total of 21 participants (6 women & 5 men) who are members of the Cooperative Farmers Groups of 2 LLG in Usino/Bundi District of Madang attended the Community Feedback Mechanism and SIPP trainings.

As a result, the Cooperative Farmers Group adopted the SIPP and are currently using it to track safeguarding incidences within their group. Community Feedback mechanism was set up with stakeholders for 3 projects in Southern Highland, Madang and Western operational areas, ensuring inputs from community received to improve program delivery to meet the needs and expectations.



Duncan Mugume from WV Uganda facilitating Becoming One Modules in Port Moresby Papua New Guinea.

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HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE (ENGA LANDSLIDE)

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES REACHED

8,521 total beneficiaries

ACHIVEMENTS

30 Latrines 4 Mulitaka 8 Pokalip AP & Primary 18 Yambali

13 Water Tanks 1 Mulitaka 3 Pokalip AP

9 Yambali Including 2 x Gravity Fed Systems







NFI Kits consist of Hygiene kits Mosquito nets, Blankets, Towel, Jerry cans, Sleeping mat, Tarpaulin, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Sanitary pads, Buckets



1.712 Training and Awareness 50 people trained operations and maintenance

30 people trained safeguarding and protection 1,628 hygiene awareness & IEC's distributed 4 tents for Child Friendly Space









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Through World Vision's Better Enhanced Agriculture for Nutrition (BEAN) project, Benny the father of two-year-old Joshua, is a witness to this nutritional transformation. For two years, Bennie had struggled to feed his son. Little Joshua is a special needs child due to cerebral meningitis, who had never eaten solid food, relying solely on sunshine milk to keep him going. I am overwhelmed with joy to see my child eating mashed nutritious food that he has never eaten before.

Benny David Balimo Urban, Western Province

MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN TARGET FOR FY24



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World Vision PNG Financial Programming Expenditure - October 2023 - September 2024





Spend Per Sector in (US\$)



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