



## SDP Overview

**Our programs are currently focused in the Western Province where they are coordinated with the 5-year Development Plan and framed after consultations with the relevant stakeholders. Currently we are delivering the following development initiatives for benefit of the people.**



### Health Programs:

- Our Aerial Health Patrols fly into remote communities to deliver primary health care (vaccinations, WASH programs, family planning, maternal health and outpatient clinics). We visit 20 airstrip communities on a regular basis and, with the delivery of our second aircraft, this service will be expanded to cover 65 rural airstrip communities across the province.
- Based on this highly successful outreach program, we are currently planning to launch a parallel system of River Health Patrols with an experienced partner.
- We fund several NGO's to operate in the province (Marie Stopes, World Vision, Rotarians Against Malaria).
- PNGSDP has been actively supporting the Balimo hospital and stands ready to help reform this facility by strengthening its management, improving its equipment, and recruiting doctors and other health professionals.
- We have assisted the Covid-19 response by delivering PPE for community health workers, police and defence force personnel; by providing awareness training; and by creating a triage centre at the Balimo hospital.
- We are working with partners to use modern satellite communications technology to link remote rural health centres to the outside world so they can receive much-needed help and support.

### Education Programs:

- We have developed the Balimo Campus. It has a current enrolment of 210 FODE students and is being upgraded into a teacher training and health worker training facility. The first intake of tertiary students is planned for early next year. It will also undertake in-service teacher training to support our e-learning initiative.
- This e-learning trial is an innovative education initiative using modern technology to support teachers and students in remote communities by connecting them to libraries, lesson plans, and lessons through the internet and other broadcast channels. The initiative is currently being tested in some 60 schools with a view to rolling it out across the province once we have a successful model. This could be used throughout Papua New Guinea.
- We are also improving school facilities, having constructed 40 new classrooms and associated staff housing. We are currently renovating high school dormitories and have paid school project fees to assist schools to implement their own improvement programs





## Creating Jobs:

- The Balimo Campus is there to prepare Western Province people for employment in Western Province as teachers and health workers.
- The Daru hatchery is being rebuilt to restock the river system and underpin a commercial aquaculture industry for food security and exports.
- It is part of a Joint Venture partnership in the South Fly area that will produce and process black pepper and vanilla for export. This commercial agribusiness will employ 250 workers and support 500 smallholders.
- We have approved funding to put the rubber industry on a sound commercial footing so it can operate sustainably without ongoing subsidies. We are now waiting on agreement from North Fly Rubber so we can revitalise a modern extension and logistics service for the Lake Murray growers as the first phase of a major industry restructure.
- Our construction programs in Daru, Balimo and Kiunga create local employment opportunities.

## Enabling Infrastructure:

- We have undertaken to refurbish and maintain all rural airstrips in Western Province to provide access for remote communities. When we started this initiative, only 13 airstrips were operational. We can now fly into 42 and by mid next year all 70 airstrips should be operational again.
- A new terminal is being constructed at Kiunga airport with co-funding from PNGSDP and the Member for North Fly.
- PNGSDP funded the upgrading and maintenance the Western Province telecommunications network so that it can deliver 4G internet and mobile phone connectivity. We are now investigating coverage gaps and working out the best way of rectifying these problems.
- The Balimo road will be rebuilt over the coming months to provide all-weather vehicle access between the Campus and the town.
- We are providing clean water solutions by installing filtration systems on the Daru bores and providing a reticulation pipeline to connect a community to Kiunga's water supply. We have funding approved for a major upgrade of Daru's water supply system and are now waiting the MOU to be signed before proceeding.
- We are waiting on an MOU before proceeding with a major rebuilding of Daru's power system.





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The Long Term Fund is invested carefully and professionally to generate the income needed to pay for our current development programs and, just as importantly, to preserve this capital for the benefit of future generations. Prior to mine closure, only the income derived from the Long Term Fund can be used for development programs. After mine closure, we can spend the income plus 2.5% of the capital base each year on development programs which benefit the people of Western Province.

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It takes good governance to invest the funds wisely; spend the money efficiently and effectively; and protect against leakage to individuals who do not work for the benefit of communities.

PNGSDP's rigorous governance is unrivalled in PNG. It compels us to be open and transparent so that our stakeholders can see exactly what we do. The four-tiered structure of checks and balances was recently tested and reaffirmed by the Singapore Supreme Court.



- **Independence:** We are an incorporated company limited by guarantee.
- **Constitution:** The Program Rules specify the purpose for which we were established; how our investment income is to be managed and spent; and various other rules.
- **Oversight:** Our Board of Directors must operate within the Program Rules; Members act as “guardians” by making sure the organisation complies with the Program Rules. Only people who pass the “fit and proper” test are appointed to the Board. The Advisory Council operates as a sounding board for the CEO. These arrangements are there to ensure the rules are strictly followed.
- **Transparency:** PNGSDP is under formal obligations to:
  - Audit its accounts which we do on an annual basis with a top quality independent auditing company.
  - Commission periodic independent reviews by qualified outsiders.
  - Hold an Annual Review Meeting in Port Moresby to inform the public about our operations.
  - Both our annual reports and the independent reviews must be readily available to the public (see our website [www.pngsdp.org](http://www.pngsdp.org)).
  - It is very clear who the Board and Members of PNGSDP are. It is clearly stated on our website.

The Directors of PNGSDP are actively working for the benefit of the people of the Western Province, in collaboration with our stakeholders.