

Digicel Foundation

Annual Report

2021 - 2022





HELPING TO CREATE
A WORLD WHERE NO ONE
GETS LEFT BEHIND



Digicel Foundation

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REAL
PEOPLE
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EMOTIONS
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IMPACT



**“WHERE DIGICEL AS
A BUSINESS GROWS
SO TOO MUST OUR
COMMUNITIES GROW”**

Denis O'Brien

Patron's Message



I am very pleased to introduce Digicel PNG Foundation's latest Annual Report, covering the period from April 2021 to March 2022. This Annual Report marks the end of my 14-year journey at the helm of Digicel PNG Ltd and Digicel PNG Foundation, with the sale of Digicel Pacific to Telstra Corporation Limited.

Since the establishment of Digicel PNG Foundation in 2008 our ethos has been that as our business grows, so too must our communities. I could not be more proud of all that we have achieved thanks to our committed staff and volunteers within the Digicel family. Through the leadership of Maria Mulcahy, Global Chair for Digicel Foundation and Serena Sasingian, CEO of the Foundation, we have ensured that our work is visible in all 89 districts of PNG through our investments in education, health, and community development.

I am a firm believer in the power of education as a critical enabler for economic growth. Therefore, I am delighted that we signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Department of Education, formally recognising Digicel Foundation's work in the education sector to date. This year we also endeavored to tell our remarkable story through a film documenting the history of the Foundation so far, titled "Leave No One Behind". We were inspired by the stories of missionaries such as Dr David Mills, Fr John Glynn and Jessie Pryor, who all served in some of the most remote and marginalised communities and villages in the country. These exemplary people embody the Foundation's vision, as they help to create a world where no one gets left behind.

As I depart from my active role within Digicel PNG Ltd to take up a role on the new Board of Digicel Pacific Ltd, I am grateful for the journey thus far. I have always loved PNG and the islands of the Pacific and I have incredible memories of the many welcomes I have received, from classroom openings to meeting beneficiaries of our programs.

As you open these pages, please take a moment to be inspired by our small team who are committed to delivering sustainable results for communities across the country. I have no doubt that the work of Digicel Foundation and our time-proven approach of good, effective, community-led development will continue successfully. I hope you enjoy reading the stories in this annual report!

Denis O'Brien

Patron

Chairman's Message



2021 marked the end of an era with the sale of Digicel Pacific to Telstra Corporation Limited. I wish to acknowledge the tremendous contribution made by our Patron, Denis O'Brien to the socio-economic development of PNG.

The Foundation has over its history invested K161 million into health and education projects across the country. We are proud of our footprint, and wish to thank Maria Mulcahy, Global Chair for Digicel Foundation, whose leadership along with the Management team has enabled us to keep achieving results.

I also extend thanks to all our Board Members for their volunteer service in not only attending meetings but visiting communities to monitor our various projects.

We are nearing completion of the Digicel PNG Foundation Strategic Plan 2019-2022 and can reflect on our achievements as an organisation, as we continue to drive our health and education programs. Our education initiatives have expanded to include child literacy programs and most recently, education television. We continue to support key health providers with initiatives that include rolling out ambulance services and delivering solar fridges so that people can receive crucial, temperature-dependent vaccinations. We also reinstated the Men of Honour Campaign, recognising 12 outstanding men from the four regions of PNG who are working to address violence and build long-lasting peace.

Our Foundation continues to strengthen and refine its governance processes to ensure we have the highest standards of compliance. This includes passing another financial audit with unqualified accounts.

We are eternally grateful for the support we receive through our partners who undertake life-changing work in their communities, and our contractors who traverse the length and breadth of PNG to help build the nation.

By working together, we endeavour to create a world where no one is left behind.

Michael Henao
Chairman

CEO's Message



Another challenging year has come and gone and I am proud of what the Foundation has achieved through our hardworking staff and volunteers. The uncertainty that came with the COVID-19 pandemic certainly made it difficult for us to plan ahead. However, we were still able to deliver our projects and programs for the benefit of our people.

There was sadness with the end of Denis O'Brien's legacy at the helm of Digicel PNG and Digicel Foundation. But we were excited to document the journey of the Foundation through our film, 'Leave No One Behind', launched in March and widely watched across the nation. When we reflect on the journey to date, we stand firm and proud of our commitment to ensure that every district in the country receives both funding and infrastructure support to help address crucial education and health needs.

This year we decided to dream a bit bigger and venture into the TV space, launching our three-hour TV block on TVWan called "BeLit". Through our partnership with the Department of Education, we acquired and began broadcasting their EQTV content for schools across the country. This is the beginning of our digital strategy where we aim to give as many people as possible access to the education tools they need to succeed.

I am proud of the twenty-one new partners that have received funding through our Community Grants Program for projects including health, education, water and sanitation hygiene (WaSH), agriculture and gender-based violence, reaching thousands of people in need. I am continuously inspired by Digicel staff who put up their hands to run projects in their communities. In this report you will read one such story from Esther, a member of our Facilities team, who ran a project to bring fresh water to the people in her community in Buranie settlement, Port Moresby.

I wish to thank Denis O'Brien for the great vision, passion and leadership he has brought to Digicel Foundation this year, and Maria Mulcahy for her steadfast leadership in guiding the Foundation over the last thirteen years. They can both be so proud of what they have achieved for the people of PNG. I also acknowledge the Board and management of the Foundation, and the staff of Digicel, who work so hard to make sure we are creating a world where no one gets left behind.

Serena Sasingian
CEO

Board Members



▲ MICHAEL HENAO - Chairman



▲ SERENA SASINGIAN - CEO



▲ COLIN STONE - Digicel PNG CEO



▲ HELEN GEGEYO - Public Officer



▲ FR JOHN GLYNN - Board Member



▲ BRIAN MALONE - Board Member



▲ JANOS KATTER - Board Member



▲ CALEXTUS SIMEON - Board Member



▲ KETAN MEHTA - Board Member



▲ JUSTIN HALLET - Board Member



▲ LORNA MCPHERSON - Board Member



Our Team



Left to right: Helen Mela (Finance and Administration Manager), Anthony Timothy (Program Officer), Valda Kereu (Program Manager), Ambrose Pupuna (Project Officer), Serena Sasingian (Chief Executive Officer), Denise Wong (Administrative Assistant), Arua Mea (Project Manager), Joanita Nonwo (Program Officer).

Who we are

OUR VISION

A nation where there is equal access to opportunities so that no one is left behind.

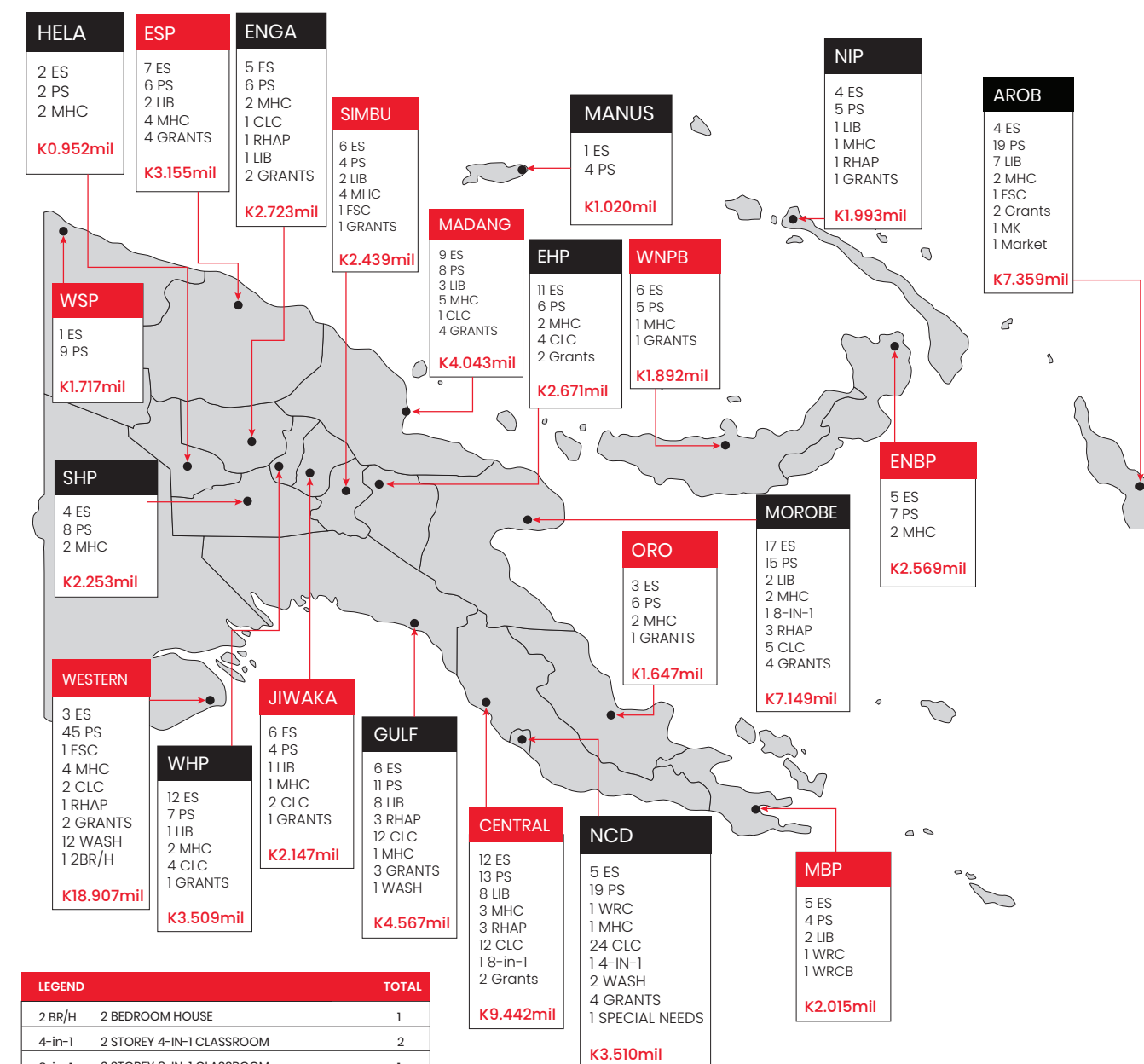
OUR GOAL

A connected, educated, safe and healthy PNG.

OUR MISSION

In partnership with others, we deliver vital infrastructure and social programs to connect Papua New Guineans and their communities to opportunities for sustainable development.

Investment to date



LEGEND		TOTAL
2 BR/H	2 BEDROOM HOUSE	1
4-in-1	2 STOREY 4-IN-1 CLASSROOM	2
8-in-1	2 STOREY 8-IN-1 CLASSROOM	1
CLC	CLC OPEN HALL STEEL KAPPA STRUCTURE	66
CM	OPEN AIR COMMUNITY MARKET	1
ES	ELEMENTARY SIZE DOUBLE CLASSROOM	135
FSC	FEMALE SAFE-HAUS CENTRE	5
GRANTS	COMMUNITY GRANTS	42
LIB	REWARD LIBRARY	33
M&K	OPEN MESS & KITCHEN FACILITY	1
MHC	MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC [AMBULANCE]	43
PS	PRIMARY SCHOOL SIZED DOUBLE CLASSROOM	198
RHAP	RURAL HEALTH AIDPOST	12
WASH	WATER AND SAFE HYGIENE FACILITIES	3
WRC	WOMEN RESOURCE CENTRE	3
WRCB	WOMEN RESOURCE CENTRE BUS	1
TOTAL INVESTED IN PROJECTS		PGK K149 million

Digicel
Foundation
Investment Footprint
2008-2022



**AN INVESTMENT IN
KNOWLEDGE PAYS
THE BEST INTEREST**

Benjamin Franklin

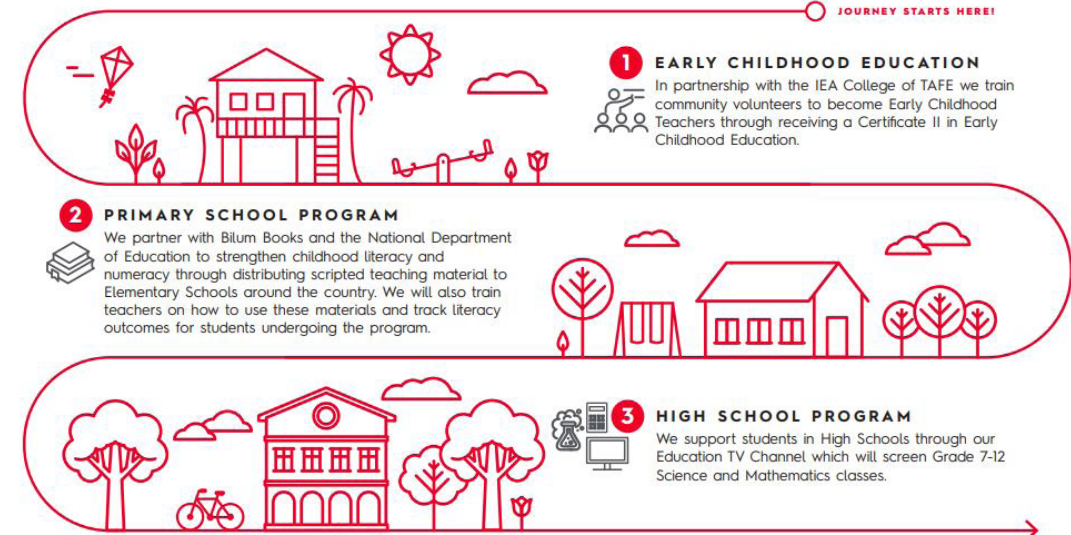
Education

BUILDING LITERATE COMMUNITIES

Digicel Foundation

We are creating educational pathways for the next generation to access opportunities!

JOURNEY STARTS HERE!



Underpinning this is our infrastructure program where we build classrooms and WASH facilities for schools that demonstrate good governance and communities who show community ownership over their children's education.

Why we invest in education

Since 2008, Digicel Foundation has invested heavily in its education portfolio to ensure the next generation of Papua New Guineans have access to broader opportunities. A good education opens the door for children and youth to escape poverty, as it enables them to live a higher quality of life as an adult who can absorb knowledge and make informed decisions about their career, health and life path.

A child is more likely to drop out of the formal education system if they are unable to read and write. In PNG, the lack of adequate qualifications for teachers in elementary schools, the lack of educational materials, overcrowded classes and little incentive for qualified teachers to work in rural and remote schools has resulted in children not adequately learning how to read and write. Consequently, drop-out rates for primary and secondary school students are high, with the average education amounting to approximately six years.¹

Providing second-chance opportunities is critical for people to re-enter the education system. Every year PNG enrolls over 350,000 students in elementary schools; however, only about 34,000 complete their studies through to Grade 12. For this reason, our education pathway programs focus on assisting children throughout their education journey, starting with support to teachers at early learning centres through to providing digital initiatives to high school students.

¹https://www.theglobaleconomy.com/Papua-New-Guinea/Primary_school_starting_age/

Key programs

Early Childhood Education Program

The Early Childhood Education Program aims to improve standards in teaching for early childhood teachers from Community Learning Centres, in accordance with the Government of PNG’s Early Childhood Education Policy. Teachers play a critical role in the development of a child’s educational journey. Many teachers in Early Childhood Centres are volunteers and are not formally trained. This year we partnered with the IEA (International Education Agency) College of TAFE and early learning centres in Central Province, National Capital District (NCD) and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) for teachers to remotely undergo a six-month course to attain a Certificate II in Early Childhood Care and Development. This program was delivered through a mixed modality of residential blocks and weekly online classes.

Tablets were distributed to teachers to complete the course online via the learning platform, hosted by the IEA College of TAFE. Teachers implemented the learning from the course in different ways including encouraging students to bring fruits for their breaks instead of consuming junk food.

Below is the list of teachers and schools that participated and completed the course:

Teachers	Schools
Kila Mari	Rohana CLC Community Learning Centre, Tubusereia Village, Central Province
Lillian Kilib	Pari Early Childhood Development Centre, Pari Village, NCD
Patricia Hane	Virtues Early Childhood Centre, NCD
Mary Lou	ATS Pakap Grammer, NCD
Beatrice Tomonu	Gem Tora, NCD
Deroanna Besiaro	Salvation Army Phonics Schools, NCD
Hanebada Lagaru	Sunrise Phonics School, NCD
Dairi Ume	Bethel Crusade Preschool, Pari Village, NCD
Rayheb Sabie	Tsiroge Early Learning Centre, Buka
Helen Pama	Aldona Kindergarten and Play School, Buka
Kylie Poli	Aldona Kindergarten and Play School, Buka
Florence Monei	St Christopher ECE, Buka
Irene Kisu	Marlix Early Learning School, Buka
Rhay Malikes	Mary Immaculate Heart Early Learning School, Buka
Daphne Wayne	Dove Early Learning School, Buka
Lovelyn Waris	Beautiful Temple Early Learning School, Buka

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- ▲ Sixteen teachers completed the program from AROB, NCD and Central Province
- ▲ 16 early learning centres and 368 students reached

CASE STUDY:

Early Childhood Education Program Helps Teacher



Teacher Patricia Hane (left) with an assistant and her class

Patricia Hane is a teacher from the Rohana Child Learning Centre at Tubusereia in Central Province, who took part in our Early Childhood Teacher Training Program in partnership with the IEA College of TAFE. Through the program she learnt vital skills, including child-centred instruction and classroom management, enabling her to teach in early childhood education.

“This is my fourth year of teaching in this school and it’s interesting. I am learning the importance of developing skills in handling little ones and seeing how creative they are and their interest in something. And the most important thing is knowing the child’s need and their daily routines: what they like to eat, playing with friends and their interest in participating in class activities, both indoor and outdoor.”

Prior to the training, Ms Hane had little experience in dealing with students and classroom scenarios. But after the training she has found it interesting to observe children’s behavior and how they relate to other children and to the teachers. “After the training,” she said, “I knew how to handle situations... and I am able to use creative ways to engage them in learning.”

Daphne Wayne was one of eight teachers from the AROB accredited with a Certificate II in Early Childhood Education and Development.



“I would like to say thank you to Digicel Foundation for making this possible for us. It is another milestone for us, in the AROB batch, as we work towards independence. We know us teachers will contribute to the independence of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.” - Daphne Wayne

Literacy Enrichment and Education Development (LEED) Program

This year, we continued the roll out of the LEED Program to improve the low levels of literacy and numeracy for students entering primary school from elementary school. LEED combines teacher training and mentoring, with an important component being the use of Bilum Books material in schools to complement the English Standards-Based Curriculum (SBC). “Bilum Books SBC English for PNG” is an all-in-one literacy program, designed for PNG children whose mother tongue is not English. The program was developed with the input of PNG educators, ensuring that materials are both culturally relevant and support the strands and content of the Department of Education’s standards-based English syllabus for PNG. We partnered with the National Department of Education and the Provincial Education Departments in Central Province and the AROB to roll out the training.

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- ▲ 10 LEED trainers (five in AROB and five in Central Province)
- ▲ 67 schools (32 in AROB and 35 in Central Province)
- ▲ 170 teachers trained (76 in AROB and 94 in Central Province).

This year we ran Teacher Training courses in a total of 67 schools across Central Province and AROB. Four months after teacher training was completed we conducted literacy assessment tests. The purpose of these tests, which involved pre-tests and then post-tests spaced six months apart, are to provide statistical evidence of improvements in the literacy levels of students who participated in the LEED program. Two groups of schools were engaged: a group of 20 schools who were given access to Bilum Books, and a control group of 12 schools who did not have access to Bilum Books. Altogether, 501 students participated in the pre-test stage of the literary assessment.

To have completed the assessment in a remote region of PNG in the grip of a pandemic is a commendable achievement. The commitment of the Assessors to make this happen is laudable. Analysis of the assessment data shows the performance of LEED students is clearly ahead of those from the control group schools; compelling evidence that the use of Bilum Books is enabling teachers to successfully teach the foundational skills of English literacy.



Eight graduating teachers after receiving their Certificate II in Early Childhood Education and Development, with Digicel PNG Foundation CEO Serena Sasingian.

CASE STUDY:

Going the Distance

Andrew Ase walked for two days to attend his LEED Program training.



“We walked two whole days and arrived at Lilo Primary School around 9pm, stayed the night and then walked to a place where PMV vehicles drop off and pick up. We were lucky enough to get on one PMV and arrived in Port Moresby on Saturday night. The training is very helpful and I do not regret walking the long distance to attend. I am now better equipped to teach my students!”

- Andrew Ase, Head Teacher at Blessed Peter Torot Primary School, Tapini, Goilala District, Central Province

Carolyn Dobi said that in her six years of teaching in that area, not once has she heard about such training.

“I’m privileged to be a part of this training and I want to take back what I’ve learnt to the school I teach in. We don’t have elementary schools up in our area so we’re forced to teach Grades one and two in our Primary School. Now I have the knowledge of using the Bilum Books teacher’s guide and the student book based on the Elementary schools Standards-Based Curriculum.”



- Carolyn Dobi, Senior Teacher at Blessed Peter Torot Primary School



LEED Training of teachers for partner schools in Central Province.

School Infrastructure Program

The School Infrastructure Program is the flagship program of Digicel Foundation. Most schools in PNG have not had continuous investment in infrastructure, either to upgrade classrooms or to maintain school facilities. Classrooms in rural and remote schools are often built from traditional bush materials or semi-permanent structures that are not conducive for learning.

Digicel Foundation provides schools with an opportunity to upgrade or improve their classroom infrastructure by applying for a fully-funded project grant. Just one additional classroom space provides a permanent, sustainable solution and a better learning environment which includes less overcrowding. Our lightweight, steel-kit double-classrooms are solar-powered, have ramp access, fit 40 desks, and include a teacher’s office space as well as a water sanitation component consisting of toilets, bucket showers and a 9,000 litre water tank.

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- Four double classrooms built
- Two Community Learning Centres built

Building Conducive Learning Environments

Education infrastructure remains a core focus for the Digicel Foundation. There is an enormous need to help schools provide for their growing number of student enrolments. To date, we have built 335 double classrooms in all 89 districts of PNG. Our Projects Team receives more than 100 applications every year for support from the LEED program. In this financial year we built double classrooms in the following schools:

1. Jim Taylor Memorial Primary School, North Waghi District, Jiwaka Province
2. Kondopi Primary School, Tambul Nebliyer District, Western Highlands Province
3. Messi Primary School, Namantanai District, New Ireland Province
3. Unda Primary School, Wapenamanda District, Enga Province

Digicel Foundation is proud to work with our contractors to build education and health infrastructure in communities all over the country. We have a team of thirteen contractors that bid for building projects. These contractors are the backbone of our infrastructure team. Each year we host two contractor training sessions that cover compliance requirements, building designs and other factors to make sure contractors are ready to handle the challenges that projects bring. A number of these contractors have developed into successful local businesses and we are proud to have played a role in their success.

“As a new contractor, I came to this training with a profit-oriented mindset. After today’s presentations my mind has changed - I now have a desire to work in partnership with Digicel Foundation to help build this nation through building infrastructure in rural and remote areas all over PNG.”

- Jeffery Maliou of Nat-Tawi Construction.



CASE STUDY:

Humble Beginnings to Chaperz Construction Limited

For local contractor Charlie Tumun from Jiwaka Province, it has been a fulfilling journey being engaged by the Foundation from the beginning and now running Chaperz Construction Limited.

While working for a foreign company as a welding tradesman in 2010 Mr Tumun saw the need to invest in his own countrymen. “I saw that my skills made plenty money for the company. It was after I was promoted to a supervisory role as a factory foreman that I thought, why not use my knowledge to start something for myself and employ my own people who are unemployed? That was when I went and registered my company.”

During his employment, he was approached by a Project Manager from AusAid who had noticed his skill and helpfulness.

“I took the opportunity to tell him that I had already registered my own company but was having trouble getting contracts. He got my phone number and saved it in his phone.”

Eventually Mr Tumun was laid off from work, which led him back to his village where he started his own workshop just to get by. He then received a call from the Project Manager, who was now working for Digicel Foundation and needed contractors for a building project.

“I told him I was available to start. He asked for my email address which I did not have. At that time I didn’t have my own car, or my own office - I used an office that belonged to one of my good brothers, and I also used his email to send invoices until eventually I created my own account.”

Mr Tumun’s company, Chaperz Construction, was then engaged to build the first double classroom for Kalige Primary School in Western Highlands Province in 2012. Chaperz Construction, now a master contractor under the Foundation, has since built a total of 25 primary school double storey classrooms, 14 elementary buildings, four libraries and two aid posts, in the challenging environments of provincial PNG.

“Project sites are the toughest to work with in terms of moving cargo from the ship to the smaller water crafts, to transport onto land. If we see that the distance is not too far we carry the things and walk but if it is somewhere on the mountains, we get assistance from a helicopter by loading things into a net and which the helicopter takes to the location.”

“Because of the help I received from the Foundation in investing in my business through project engagements, not only have I benefited but my workers also have benefited greatly.”

- Chaperz Construction built the double classroom at Jim Taylor Memorial



New double classroom at Jim Taylor Primary School, Jiwaka Province

Digital Education

Access to quality educational content and learning opportunities remains a challenge for the vast majority of Papua New Guineans. To increase literacy and economic opportunities for young people, the Foundation entered into a partnership with Digicel TV to pilot the concept of an Education TV Channel. Through our partnership with the National Department of Education, Digicel TV and The Voice Inc., we launched a pilot educational television channel on TVWan called “Be Lit”. Be Lit is broadcast in three-hour daily blocks and focuses on creating content for students in the areas of maths and science, aiming to make education more accessible for students studying from home and for rural and remote schools around the country.

The Be Lit channel screens the Education Department’s EQUITV Science and Mathematics series for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8. The Voice Inc., a youth development organisation, has also partnered with the Foundation to produce a talk show called “Youth Tok”, to be screened on Be Lit, which explores topics relating to health and social issues. The Be Lit programming block airs from 9am to 12pm for the duration of the academic year. Depending on the success of the pilot, the aim is to expand programming to become a full channel in the next financial year.

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- ▲ Be Lit channel launched on 10 September 2022
- ▲ Three hours of TV time per day



Be Lit launch



MoU signing between Digicel Foundation and Department of Education

“Where there is a school there is a teacher but in the case where there is no teacher present the next best option is the Education channel, which can play a role in ensuring there is some contact with students. We thank Digicel Foundation for an initiative that means a lot to every child and every family. When you touch education you touch the heart of every Papua New Guinean.”

- Secretary for Education, Dr. Uke Kombra.





HEALTH IS WEALTH

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Health

BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Why we invest in health

At the core of Digicel Foundation's investments is the belief that a healthy community is a vibrant community.

Papua New Guineans continue to die from preventable diseases because health care remains inaccessible for the vast majority of people. PNG has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world, with approximately 215 women dying per 100,000 live births.² While PNG's infant mortality rate in 2021 was 38 deaths per 1000 live births, a decline of 2.69% from 2020, it is still one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world/Pacific region.³ Covid-19 put a great strain on what was already a very under-resourced health system, and now is a system recovering from the effects of the pandemic.

Digicel Foundation tries to address these challenges by partnering with existing health service providers, to further enhance their work.

Key programs

COVID-19 response

To support the roll out of Covid-19 vaccinations, we assisted two District Health Centres by purchasing solar-powered vaccine fridges through the MAF Technologies.⁴ The two health centres were namely:

1. Yengisa Health Centre, Enga Province

Yengisa is a remote health centre managed by Kompam District Hospital located in the Wapi Council of Kompam District. It is a 20 minute flight due north of Kompam, or 2-3 days walk if you are fit enough. Its people speak a mixture of Enga and Lembena, the language of the border regions. The predominant illnesses are malaria, typhoid fever, and diarrhoeal illnesses. Tuberculosis is becoming increasingly common. The health centre is quite large and when fully functional provides space for 8-10 inpatients and obstetric care in addition to outpatient care. Solar powered vaccination fridges allow for an established maternal and child health program.

2. Kanosia Health Sub-centre, Central Province

Kanosia Health Sub-centre is managed under the Diocese of Bereina, Catholic Health Services. Since the establishment of the Sub-centre 25 years ago, it has never had a vaccine fridge. It serves a large rural population providing basic primary health care including some maternal and child health services, but is not able to provide basic immunisation to children under the age of five or to women of child-bearing age. The Sub-centre refers these patients to the nearest health centre approximately 20 km away. For many years, women and children in this catchment area have had to walk this distance in order to receive immunisations. With the installment of equipment such as a vaccine fridge, many children and women now have access to this vital service which in turn, improves immunisation coverage across the entire area.

² <https://www.unicef.org/png/what-we-do/health#:~:text=With%20a%20maternal%20mortality%20ratio,Asia%20and%20Pacific%20region%20average.>

³ <https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/PNG/papua-new-guinea/infant-mortality-rate#:~:text=The%20infant%20mortality%20rate%20for,a%202.62%25%20decline%20from%202019.>

⁴ MAF Technologies (formerly CRMF) is an inter-denominational and a non-profit mission organisation which has been based in PNG for over 60 years

Covid-19 kits

Digicel Foundation assisted Provincial Hospitals to manage the effects of the spread of the virus by purchasing 100 Covid-19 kits. Kits included hand sanitizers, masks, gloves and awareness material on the pandemic. These kits were distributed amongst 14 of our regional offices, listed below, who gave the kits to their local hospitals:

Kokopo	Kimbe
Buka	Kavieng
Manus	Goroka
Hagen	Madang
Wewak	Vanimo
Lae	Alotau
Popondetta	Kiunga

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- 100 Covid-19 kits donated
- Two solar vaccine fridges donated



Staff at Lopi hospital receiving COVID-19 kits

CASE STUDY:

Building Healthy Populations



A special occasion for the Kanosia community in the Hiri District of Central Province, welcoming a new vaccine fridge, sustainably run by solar power.

John Yakam, Officer in Charge of the Kanosia Sub-centre, was elated by the donation of a vaccine fridge from the Catholic Health Services - Diocese of Bereina, thanks to the Health Investment Program from the Digicel Foundation.

“I have been trying my best to do immunisations in this facility but never did. I have been struggling to get some vaccines from the nearby health centres, but the usual answer I receive is that there are not enough in stock.”



With the Sub-centre’s new fridge, he is expecting more mothers to turn up with their babies for their crucial immunisation, a key component in protecting children against deadly diseases.

Rural Ambulance Network

Digicel Foundation has donated 43 ambulances to Health Centres around the country. In 2020 we formed an official partnership with St John Ambulance Services to purchase two ambulances, supporting their vision to grow their services across rural PNG. Due to delays in shipping vehicles into the country because of Covid-19 restrictions, in January 2022 we were finally able to present the ambulances to Kundiawa Provincial Hospital, Simbu Province and Bereina District Hospital, Central Province.

Since the donation, statistics collected from both Kundiawa and Bereina hospitals over a three month period show the amount of patients that have been assisted by ambulance. Obstetric cases continue to be the highest number of cases attended to, followed by respiratory illnesses.

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- Total Number of Cases attended to in 2021 was 660 patients

The following table shows the number and variety of cases attended to with ambulance support.

Cases	Total #
Burns	7
Caridiac	42
Infectious disease	24
Medical general (other)	127
Obstetric/Maternal	218
Respitory	134
Snake bite	16
Toxicology	2
Trauma	88
Mortuary	2
Total Cases	660



St John Partnership: Mr Moeaputi's community clearing away road blocks

CASE STUDY:

St John Partnership in Simbu Helps Communities

During the 2022 National General Election, there were fights and roadblocks on the way into Kundiawa Town. But because of the respect for the service provided by St John, the community cleared the road to give St John access, showing the trust and appreciation the community have.

“Having to come from a very remote part of Chimbu (Karimui Salt-Nomane), we have no access to basic services when there’s roadblocks or fights,” said Mr Moeaputi, a community member. However, during this chaotic period, St John Ambulance responded to his call to assist his two-year old granddaughter who developed respiratory failure.

Weeks after his granddaughter’s rescue, St John Ambulance was approaching the same area and Mr. Moeaputi couldn’t let the opportunity pass without thanking them for their help; he and his tribesmen cleared the roadblock to make way for the ambulance to attend to another emergency in a nearby village.

Mr. Moeaputi expressed his gratitude for the presence of St John Ambulance and thanked everyone who works tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain the service in Chimbu Province, including in some of the remotest parts of the province.





EVERYTHING RISES AND FALLS ON LEADERSHIP

John C Maxwell

Leadership

BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES

Why we invest in leadership

In 2019 Digicel Foundation expanded its funding portfolio to include Leadership. We believe that in order for change to be sustainable and long lasting, we need to support strong, ethical and community-oriented leadership.

In a country as geographically challenging as PNG, with many government services lacking, churches or non-government organisations often step in to bring solutions to their communities. These institutions can be led by inspirational people who have committed their life to service, and they deserve our recognition and support.

Key programs

Community grants

Each year Digicel Foundation offers 20 Community Grants, worth K50,000 each, to local organisations that apply from across the country. The grants are to support projects in the areas of education, health and sustainable livelihoods. Past projects have included the construction of maternity wards and toilet facilities for schools, funding literacy programs, building of community resource centres, and many more. We do this because we believe that local leadership knows best how to solve local problems and must be supported with funding and capacity building. To date we have delivered 51 grants in 18 provinces around the country!

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- ▲ 20 grants given to local organisations in 13 provinces
- ▲ 51 grants given to date with 59,433 people impacted



Official welcome for senior executives of Telstra Group with Patron, Denis O'Brien and Global Chair, Maria Mulcahy

COMMUNITY GRANTS RECIPIENTS 2021

ORGANISATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	LOCATION
DEW Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited	Construction of training room/ Facility completion	Kieta	ARoB
Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology	Incentivising supervised births in rural PNG	All districts	Simbu Province
KB Education Foundation Inc	Installing water tanks for schools in Hela Province	Komo Magarima	Hela Province
Kakatilotilo Women's Association	Construction of Learning and Resource Centre	Alotau	Milne Bay Province
Chuave Youth Foundation	Rainwater tank distribution and installation in all provincial electorates	Chuave	Simbu Province
Waniati Development Association Inc.	Extension of maternal waiting house (postnatal building)	Goroka	Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province
Christian Leaders Training College	Health Centre extension for labour/ postnatal and general inpatient wards	Banz	Jiwaka Province
Aramba Development Foundation Inc	Extension of Rural Health Aid post building	South Fly	Western Province
The KiraKira Koita Magi Association Incorporation	Construction of Community Learning Development Centre	Moresby South	Port Moresby, NCD
Environmental Health Development Agency	WaSH Support Project	Finschhafen	Finschhafen District, Morobe Province
Witu Island Humanitarian Association PNG Inc	Naru Kemi (Good Water) or WaSH project	Talasea	Kimbe, West New Britain Province
Yamano Association Inc	Construction of Community Development Centre	Ambunti-Dreiker	Wewak, East Sepik Province
Outreach International of Papua New Guinea	Construction of the Ap Ma FODE Classroom in Samban Village	Angoram	East Sepik Province
St. Michael Catholic Church	Water Tanks and accessories or WaSH Project	Lae	Morobe Province
Caritas Care Givers	The Feminine RED Project (distributing reusable sanitary pads for girls in communities)	All districts	Madang Province
Callan Inclusive Education Resource	Promoting and protecting rights of persons living with severe multiple disabilities	North Bougainville	ARoB
Morobe Disabled Agency Inc	Construction of Morobe Disabled Agency Resource Centre	Lae	Morobe Province
HOPE Worldwide Papua New Guinea Inc	Distribution of water filtration kits to more than 400 households	Angoram	Two Sepik River villages, East Sepik Province
Dadi Landowners Association	Internet Service (E-Learning) for Widama Community School	Middly Fly	Western Province
E-didiman Initiative	The Wasman Initiative (a digital platform for citizens to assess government projects in AROB)	Buka	ARoB
Walia Warriors HIV/AIDS Care & Training Centre Inc	Renovation and extension of Care Centre	Hagen Central	Western Highlands Province

CASE STUDY:

Addressing PNG Maternal Health Care

Victor Timothy, a 2021 Digicel PNG Man of Honour, and his wife Sr Bolena Azimo have been selfless in serving their community by giving up their time, effort, money and land to assist pregnant women in disadvantaged situations, through the Waniati Maternal Waiting Hut.

With help from our Community Grants Program, the Waniati Development Association was able to construct a postnatal building in Okiufa Village in Goroka District. This building provides the essential support of housing mothers who would otherwise find it difficult during the referral process to the provincial hospital.

“It’s humbling to meet people who are so dedicated in committing their life to the betterment of their communities; it is very rare,” said Brian Malone, Digicel PNG Regional General Manager, during the opening ceremony of the waiting hut.

Mr Timothy thanked the Digicel PNG Foundation and other partners, saying “It serves the whole Eastern Highlands Province; that’s the only waiting hut. We even get mothers as far as Simbu and Madang Provinces.”

Waniati Maternal Waiting Hut now helps meet the increasing needs for better maternity and postnatal care within the Province, and contributes toward minimising the high rate of maternal and infant mortality in Eastern Highlands and PNG as a whole.



Victor Timothy and wife Sr. Bolena Azimo standing in front of the completed post-natal house

Kindergarten Lo Ples

Madang Country Women’s Association (CWA) is a community-based organisation, which runs projects that support women and children across Madang Province. With help from a Community Grant, Madang CWA was able to build 17 WaSH facilities for their ‘Kindergarten Lo Ples’ program based in Sumkar District, Madang Province. These schools did not have access to safe sources of drinking water since they were established in 2005. Through the project, each school received:

- ▲ One 1000 litre tank
- ▲ 17 toilet slabs
- ▲ 34 library packs (two per school).

391 students now have access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities in their schools thanks to this initiative.

Staff Engagement

At Digicel Foundation, giving back to community is our motivating priority. Through our staff engagement program, “Live Love Learn” (also known as 3L), annual grants are offered to staff to drive change projects in communities where they live. Grants are up to K5,000 for small projects related to education, health and community development. As part of the grant, recipients are given project management training and are supported by our Foundation team to execute their project.

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- 10 3L grants distributed across seven provinces

3L Staff Grants 2021-22

No:	Grant Recipient	Project	Project Location (Site)
1	Jeffery Mauri	Purchasing of library books for Sorovi Primary School	Ijivitari District, Oro Province
2	Reuben Togom Inua	Purchasing of library books for Yaken Primary School	Imbongu District, Southern Highlands Province
3	Maurice Wani	Purchasing of solar kits and its accessories for Pena Primary School	Dei District, Western Highlands Province
4	Patricia Kassman	Purchasing of medical equipment for Agevairu Aid Post	Kairiku District, Central Province
5	Gafen Ben	Purchase materials for TB Treatment Care Centre Building	Moresby North East District, National Capital District
6	Esther Talu	Water Supply project for O-Block, Tete Settlement	Moresby North West District, National Capital District
7	Lilly Gima	Purchasing of irrigation pump and water tank for Rio Primary School	Hiri-Koiari DisitRICT, Central Province
8	Jonathan Awa	Purchasing of Tuffa Tanks for Tiling Elementary School	Hagen Central District, Western Highlands Province
9	Blake Junior Angoro	Purchasing of sport equipment for Gav Stoa Settlement	Madang District, Madang Province
10	Nigel Wandik	Purchasing of Tuffa Tanks for Wusipi Elementary School	Wusipi Community, West Sepik Province

CASE STUDY:

Esther Talu Helps Community through 3L Program

How do we leave no one behind? By ensuring that we do what we can to help our communities when we have the opportunity to. Through the 3L program, Digicel staff have reached out and engaged with their communities to determine their needs and support them with project funding.

Esther Talu has worked for nine years with Digicel head office in Port Moresby as part of our Facilities team and is now a 3L Champion.

Thanks to the 3L program, Esther was able to donate a “Tuffa tank” water tank to her community at Tete Settlement, Gerehu Stage 2, Port Moresby, enabling residents to finally access clean water near to where they live.

“Thank you Digicel Foundation for helping us out. We used to catch cabs to other settlements that have water to refill our containers. Now we collect K2 from each household in the block and get their containers filled from our new tank. The money that is collected is then given to Eda Ranu to refill our tank.” - Esther Talu.



Digicel staff member and 3L Champion Esther Talu with Digicel Foundation CEO Serena Sasingian and other community leaders

Men of Honour

The Men of Honour Campaign is the Digicel PNG Foundation’s signature initiative to address gender-based violence. PNG is a patriarchal society, where men are in charge of all aspects of society ranging from inside the home to broader community decision making. Therefore, it is critical that men add their voices to speak against and stop the tide of violence that is sweeping the nation.

Through the annual Men of Honour Awards Program, we recognise men who help alleviate suffering in their communities and give them a platform to tell their stories. Men of Honour are those who act in meaningful ways to foster respect, encourage healthy relationships, and create positive opportunities for people. They strengthen their families, communities, and workplaces. Men of Honour respect the humanity of vulnerable children and adults, particularly women. Men of Honour may be well known, or they may be quiet workers and volunteers. They are found in villages and towns, in families, culturally diverse communities, trades, professions, neighborhoods, networks and organisations.

The key criteria for nominations include:

1. Men who have been actively involved in the area of peace building for more than three years (for example Village Court Officials, NGO leaders, teacher, pastor)
2. The nomination must clearly articulate how the man has displayed extraordinary courage to address violence and restore peace in the community
3. The stories can be verified by someone of good standing in the community.

This year we changed the focus of the Awards to identifying Regional Ambassadors, who promote human rights and address violence in their communities. 12 Ambassadors were identified and four of them received “Unsung Hero” awards. Unsung heroes are men who are largely not known for the inspiring work they do.

We acknowledge our valued Regional Award Sponsors: Bank South Pacific, Atlas Steel, Exxon Mobil and Santos.

Achievements in FY 2021/22:

- 12 Men of Honour Ambassadors identified
- 4 Unsung Heroes awarded

CASE STUDY:

Building Peace

An Ambassador from our Men of Honour Season 6, Preston Karue from the Momase Region, was part of the team that managed to negotiate peace in Kambaramba village, East Sepik Province, where approximately 43 houses were burnt down and 500 men, women and children were left homeless. With a background in the PNG Defence Force and in Health, he has always had a keen interest in disaster and emergency response management.

“When I was alerted to the issue I immediately reached out to my network and did an emergency flight into the area to assess the situation. From that point I worked with a few missionaries to ensure that emergency relief supplies were made available and the Governor’s office was notified so that peace talks could commence.”

Government and non-government organisations, as well as churches in Wewak and friends from around the country and overseas, assisted the crisis by donating K40,000 worth of goods and essential tools for the people to rebuild their houses.

Preston’s motto for his work on peacebuilding is ‘Responding with kindness helps to bring peace’.



Preston Karue



**MONEY IS A TERRIBLE
MASTER BUT AN
EXCELLENT SERVANT**

P.T. Barnum

Financial Statements

Digicel Foundation

Annual report of the board of directors
For the year ended 31 March 2022

The board of directors have pleasure in submitting the financial statements of Digicel PNG Foundation Inc. ("Foundation") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Objective and Purpose

- To foster, promote and assist the care and well-being of the people of Papua New Guinea through the promotion of education, health and related services for the betterment of their lives;
- To seek assistance from persons and private and public corporations to further promote and enhance its objectives;
- To seek assistance and/or affiliation with other international organisations having similar objectives to further enhance and promote its objectives;
- To apply its profits (if any) or other income of the Foundation in promoting its objectives; and
- To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Foundation.

Financial results

The Foundation made a profit (total comprehensive income) of K Nil for the year ended 31 March 2022 (2021: K Nil).

The Foundation is not-for-profit organisation and all projects and expenditures are fully covered from grants, contributions and other donor funding.

Board of directors

The following persons were directors of the Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2022 and as of the date of this report unless indicated otherwise:

Chairman	Michael Henao
Chief Executive Officer	Serena Sasingian

Directors

Colin Stone	Helen Gegeyo
Lorna McPherson	Eunice Gware (Resigned)
Ketan Mehta	Justin Hallett
Janos Katter	Fr. John Glynn
Brian Malone	Calexus Simeon

Dividends

The Foundation will prohibit the payment of any dividend or payment in nature of a dividend to its members.

Employees

The Foundation had an average number of employees of 10 (2021: 9).

The Foundation is incorporated in Papua New Guinea, and its registered office is at Young & Williams Lawyers, Francis Griffin Chambers, First and Second Floors, Tandy Haus, Section 1, Allotment 51, Hohola, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea.

For, and on behalf of, the Directors


Michael Henao
Foundation Chairman


Ketan Mehta
Foundation Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer Digicel PNG Limited


Serena Sasingian
Foundation Chief Executive Officer

This, the 22nd day of August 2022

Independent auditor's report

To the Board of Directors of Digicel PNG Foundation Inc.

Report on the audit of the special purpose financial statements

Our opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Digicel PNG Foundation Inc. (the Association), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Association as at 31 March 2022 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in Note 2.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Association in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Association.

Information other than the special purpose financial statements and auditor's report

The directors are responsible for the annual report which includes other information. Our opinion on the special purpose financial statements does not cover the other information included in the annual report and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information.

In connection with our audit of the special purpose financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the special purpose financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material

misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the special purpose financial statements

The directors are responsible, on behalf of the Association, for the preparation of special purpose financial statements that present fairly the matters to which they relate in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements and that are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Association's constitution and the needs of the members, and for such internal control as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the special purpose financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial statements, as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting estimates and the application of the accounting policies set out in Note 2 and the related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are

required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our report. Our conclusions are based on our audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the special purpose financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the special purpose financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Who we report to

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of the Association, as a body, in accordance with the Association constitution. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of Directors of the Association those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Directors of the Association, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



PricewaterhouseCoopers



Jonathan Seeto
Partner
Registered under the Accountants Act 1996

Port Moresby
23 August 2022

Digicel Foundation Statement of comprehensive income For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 K	2021 K
Income			
Grants from Digicel (PNG) Limited		5,383,654	5,289,950
Grants from Wapenamanda District Development Authority		463,636	-
Grants from PNG Sustainable Development Program (SDP)		148,568	134,365
Man of Honour Gala Night		72,727	-
Management Fee Income from PNG Sustainable Development Program (SDP)		-	3,844,925
Grants from North Bougainville Electorate		-	1,534,140
Other contribution income – Digicel (PNG Limited)		886,725	-
		6,955,310	10,803,380
Expenditures			
Projects and donations	3	(6,068,585)	(10,794,567)
Other expenses	4	(886,725)	(8,813)
		(6,955,310)	(10,803,380)
Net surplus			
		-	-
Other comprehensive income			
		-	-
Total comprehensive income			
		-	-

Digicel Foundation
Statement of financial position
As at 31 March 2022

		2022 K	2021 K
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Other receivables	6	239,378	1,320,779
Cash and cash equivalents	5	4,032,263	3,988,501
Total current assets		4,271,641	5,309,280
Total assets		4,271,641	5,309,280
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	4,249,136	5,309,280
Provisions		18,286	-
		4,267,422	5,309,280
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions		4,219	-
		4,219	-
Total liabilities		4,271,641	5,309,280
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		-	-
Total liabilities and equity		4,271,641	5,309,280

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on the 22nd day of August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Michael Henao
Foundation Chairman


Serena Sasingian
Foundation Chief Executive Officer


Ketan Mehta
Foundation Treasurer / Chief Financial Officer Digicel PNG Limited

Digicel Foundation
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Accumulated Surplus	Total
	K	K
Balance as at 1 April 2020	-	-
Net surplus for the year	-	-
Balance as at 31 March 2021	-	-
Balance as at 1 April 2021	-	-
Net surplus for the year	-	-
Balance as at 31 March 2022	-	-

Digicel Foundation
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 K	2021 K
Cash flows from operating activities		
Grants and contributions received	6,838,304	6,246,119
Project expenditures and operating costs	(6,794,542)	(8,426,931)
Net cash flow generated from/(used) in operating activities	43,762	(2,180,812)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	43,762	(2,180,812)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,988,501	6,169,313
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AT END OF YEAR	4,032,263	3,988,501

Non-cash transactions include grants from Digicel (PNG) Limited of K1,202,750 (2021: K1,111,908) and related project expenditures and operating costs.

Digicel Foundation
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Identification and activities

Digicel PNG Foundation Inc. ("Foundation") is a not-for-profit association incorporated in Papua New Guinea on 30 September 2008 under Section 7 of the Associations Incorporation Act. The registered office is at Level 1, Investwell Building, New Hohola Commercial Estate, Gordons, Port Moresby.

The principal activity of the Foundation comprises the distribution and utilisation of funds on a charitable basis for the purpose of building and developing communities across Papua New Guinea.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22nd August 2022. The Directors have the power to amend the financial statements after their issue.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and other generally accepted accounting practices in Papua New Guinea. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities. The financial statements are prepared in PNG Kina.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ from those estimates. Judgements that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements include:

Going concern

The Foundation's management prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis. In making this assessment, management considered the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the operations, financial performance and cash flows of the Foundation, as well as its related parties. As a result of this pandemic, the Foundation has experienced delays in the execution of agreed programs and projects, resulting in reduced level of operations, income and expenses, and cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2022. The management takes all necessary steps to ensure the Foundation's normal operations and sufficient future income in the form of contributions to maintain going concern. Further, the Foundation is not exposed to liquidity risk, as projects are financed only after the receipt of contributions and grants.

New and amended standards, and interpretations mandatory for the first time for the financial year ended 31 March 2022

- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2
- Amendment to IFRS 4, 'Insurance contracts' – Deferral of IFRS 9
- Amendment to IFRS 16, 'Leases' – Covid-19 related rent concessions (extension of time period).

These changes did not have any material impact on the Company.

New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 and not early adopted

- A number of narrow-scope amendments to IFRS 3, IAS 16, IAS 37 and some annual improvements on IFRS 1, IFRS 9, IAS 41 and IFRS 16
- Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of financial statements' on classification of liabilities
- Narrow scope amendments to IAS 1, Practice statement 2 and IAS 8
- Amendment to IAS 12 – Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction
- IFRS 17: 'Insurance contracts'.

The Foundation has conducted investigations and does not consider that there are any measurement or recognition issues arising from the release of these new pronouncements that will have a significant impact on the reported financial position or financial performance of the entity.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (*continued*)

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with maturities at acquisition of three months or less, excluding amounts held in debt reserve or interest escrow.

(c) Foreign currency translation

(i) Presentation and functional currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Foundation are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The functional currency of the company is the Papua New Guinean Kina which happens also to be the presentation currency. The functional currency reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances of the Foundation and is determined in accordance with the requirements of IAS 21.

(ii) Transactions and balances

In the financial statements of the Foundation, transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded in the functional currency at the actual exchange rate existing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are reported at the exchange rates prevailing at the year end. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is included as an exchange gain or loss in the profit and loss account.

(d) Related party relationships and transactions

Related party relationship exists when one party has the ability to control, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, the other party or exercises significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Such relationship also exists between and/or among entities which are under common control with the reporting enterprise, or between, and/or among the reporting enterprise and its key management personnel, directors, or its shareholder. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, and not merely the legal form.

(e) Good and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

- (i) where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- (ii) for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables. GST is included in the cash flow statement on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(f) Trade and other payables and accruals

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Foundation prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are paid within 30 days of recognition. These are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using effective interest rate method.

Accruals represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Foundation prior to the end of financial year which were not invoiced. The amounts are accrued for the period and are recognized at fair value.

(g) Financial assets

The Foundation classifies all of its financial assets in the measurement category 'Financial assets at amortised cost' (previously classified as loans and receivables). The principal financial asset held by the Foundation is cash, as other receivables are immaterial. The Foundation classifies its financial assets at amortised cost when the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows and the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). As of 31 March 2022, the Foundation had no financial instruments classified as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or financial assets at fair value

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

(g) Financial assets (*continued*)

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Foundation commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Foundation has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

The Foundation recognises an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all debt instruments. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Foundation expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms. To measure ECL, for the purposes of collective assessment, financial assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, such as days past due. Financial assets which are in default or credit-impaired are assessed individually.

(h) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities that are not classified as at fair value through profit or loss fall into this category and are measured at amortised cost. In both the current and prior period, all financial liabilities are classified as subsequently measured at amortised cost. These include trade and other payables.

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognized when extinguished (i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires).

(i) Rounding of amounts

Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest Kina.

(j) Projects costs

Project costs are recorded when incurred i.e. in the period in which service is provided. These costs are disbursed after they have been approved by the Board of Directors.

(k) Income recognition

Income is mainly comprised of grants and contributions transferred from a related party, Digicel PNG Limited and other private companies (donors).

Grants and contributions without specified purpose are recognised in the income statement on receipt of the funds from donors.

Where there are conditions attached to the grant or contribution relating to their use for specific purposes, received funds are recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until such conditions are met or services provided. Grants or contributions with specified purpose relating to the Foundation's projects occurring in the following accounting periods are therefore recorded on the statement of financial position as deferred income. Grants and contributions initially recorded as deferred income in the balance sheet are subsequently recognised in the income statement as the expenditure on the specific project is incurred. All grants and contributions received during years ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021 had specified purpose or conditions attached, resulting in nil surplus / (deficit) and nil equity position.

On certain situations where there is a delay in the receipt of funds for a specific project, the funds of the Foundation are utilized in order to carry out the project until such time the remaining funds are settled by the donor. Receivables due from donors are recognised in such situations.

The Foundation earns management fee income on projects being managed on behalf of the donors. Management fee income is recognized upon completion of the project i.e. in the period when donor confirms that the project is satisfactorily completed. The use of related funds is at management's discretion.

Digicel Foundation
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022

3. Projects and donations

	2022 K	2021 K
DPNG Projects and Program Costs		
Remuneration		
Salaries	1,331,655	1,025,081
Contributions	101,433	86,828
Administrations	7,762	81,899
	1,440,850	1,193,808
Education		
Primary School Program	549,602	1,775,234
Early Childhood Learning Program	382,648	660,102
Education Television Program	231,520	-
High School Program	227,461	2,736,256
	1,391,231	5,171,592
Health		
Vaccine Fridge	75,255	-
COVID-19 Kit	173,118	-
Community Based Rehabilitation	210,000	210,000
Health infrastructure	-	521,334
Maternal Health Program	-	155,805
	458,373	887,139
Leadership for Change		
Grants Program	1,001,757	1,022,596
Man of Honour Anti-violence Campaign	173,689	58,857
Documentary Film	200,000	-
Live Love Learn	47,013	60,280
	1,422,459	1,141,733
Communications		
Public Relations and Marketing Program	294,566	212,103
Digicel Foundation Episodes	28,747	54,441
	323,313	266,544
Strong Smart Sustainable Organisation		
Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation	77,068	16,496
	77,068	16,496
Logistics and Contingency		
Staff Travel and Accommodation	270,360	448,750
	270,360	448,750
Total DPNG Projects and Programs	5,383,654	9,126,062

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3. Projects and donations (continued)

	2022 K	2021 K
Partnership with North Bougainville Electorate		
Engineering & Installation	-	814,241
Materials	-	523,880
Logistic	-	126,414
Project Support	-	69,605
Total North Bougainville Electorate Projects	-	1,534,140
Partnership with PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited (SDP)		
Engineering and installation	-	-
Materials	-	69,772
Logistics	140,402	-
Project support	8,166	64,593
Total PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited Projects and Programs	148,568	134,365
Partnership with Wapenamanda District Development Authority		
Engineering and installation	217,431	-
Materials	188,651	-
Logistics	48,710	-
Project support	8,844	-
Total Wapenamanda District Development Authority Projects	463,636	-
Man of Honour Gala Night	72,727	-
Total Man of Honour Gala Night	72,727	-
Total	6,068,585	10,794,567
4. Other expenses		
GST receivable written off	826,725	-
Other expense	60,000	8,813
	886,725	8,813
5. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in bank	4,032,263	3,988,501
	4,032,263	3,988,501
6. Other receivables		
Advances to supplier	239,378	-
Receivable from North Bougainville Electorate	-	494,054
GST receivable	-	826,725
	239,378	1,320,779

7. Trade and other payables

	2022	2021
	K	K
Trade payables	6,324	1,352,425
Accrued expenses	720,957	1,026,690
Grants received for projects in progress	3,521,855	2,930,165
	4,249,136	5,309,280

8. Financial risk management

The Foundation is not exposed to any financial risk given that it is a not-for-profit entity and the nature of its operations, and there are no significant differences between the fair value and the carrying value of the Foundation's financial assets and liabilities.

9. Commitments

There are no capital commitments outstanding as at year end (2021: Nil). Further, the Foundation has no operating lease commitments or other commitments (2021: Nil).

10. Related party transactions and balances

As an association incorporated under Associations Incorporation Act, the Foundation has no registered shareholders or owners. The ultimate controlling party is Denis O'Brien, the controlling shareholder of Digicel Group Holdings Limited, and therefore ultimate controlling party of Digicel (PNG) Limited and its subsidiaries.

As a result, Digicel (PNG) Limited and its subsidiaries and the Foundation are entities under common control and related parties. For transactions with Digicel (PNG) Limited, refer to the Note 3.

i. Key management personnel costs

The remuneration of key members of management during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	K	K
Salaries and short term benefits	449,400	280,000
	449,400	280,000

No fees were paid to the board members in the current year (2021: Nil).

11. Contingent liabilities

The directors are not aware of any current actions against the Foundation. The directors believe that there are no contingent liabilities relating to legal or other claims existing for the period ended 31 March 2022 (2021: Nil) which would result in material loss to the Foundation.

12. Events after balance date events

There were no events that occurred after the balance date that would require an adjustment to or a disclosure in the financial statements apart from the events reported below.

Telstra acquisition of Digicel Pacific

On 14 July 2022, Digicel Pacific Limited was sold to a subsidiary of Telstra Corporation Limited. As a result of this transaction, the ultimate parent entity of Digicel (PNG) Limited and its subsidiaries, including the Foundation, is Telstra Corporation Limited.



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