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# ► Patron's message



As the Patron of the Foundation and Chairman for Digicel Group, I am delighted that this year marks the 10 year Anniversary of Digicel PNG Foundation.

At Digicel, we're all about helping to create a world where no one gets left behind. In 2007 when Digicel PNG launched its voice network we wanted to be a different type of multi-national company and knew it was the right thing to do to set up the Foundation so, in 2008, Digicel PNG Foundation was established.

We have a firm commitment to ensure that as our company grows so too must the communities that we operate in.

From small and humble beginnings we have seen our investment bear fruits throughout the country with 433 projects that have improved educational and health outcomes for 863, 500 direct beneficiaries in PNG. This is a total investment, at the close of this financial year, of USD 29.19 million.

One clear sign was when I had the pleasure of meeting Karen Adam, a young Papua New Guinean woman who is employed with Digicel PNG as a Document Controller with the Site Acquisition Team, Technical Department. When the Foundation completed its first education infrastructure project in Barakau Primary School in 2008, Karen's grade 7 class was the pioneer group of students to use the new classroom. Prior to receiving a new classroom, Karen and her classmates had lessons under makeshift shelters and trees.

If there was heavy rains, school was cancelled because students couldn't have class on the muddy ground. Karen shared that she was inspired by the Foundation's work and sought to find employment with Digicel, once she completed formal studies, so that she too could contribute through the company to assist young Papua New Guineans with similar experiences to what she had growing up.

Such testimonies are what provides the motivation for the Foundation to continue to invest in its core areas of education, health, community building, special needs and addressing violence.

We would not be able to celebrate our significant



achievements without acknowledging all our partners. A special mention to our building contractors who have erected our flagship double classrooms in some of the remotest parts of the country, the teachers that are grooming the next generation of leaders in the Early Childhood Centres that we support, our partners like WeCare and Cheshire Disability Services who are helping the most vulnerable people in our communities – congratulations on your huge efforts in ensuring we are contributing to a world where no one gets left behind.

Under the leadership of the current CEO, Serena Sasingian we seek to consolidate the work done to date by harnessing the power of our existing partnerships to shape a positive future for the next generation of Papua New Guinea.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard working staff of Digicel PNG Foundation who have gone out of their way to deliver projects all across the 89 Districts of PNG.

I would also like to thank the Management and staff of Digicel PNG Ltd whose support to the Foundation has enabled it to touch thousands of lives across the country.

We hope you enjoy the stories captured in this annual report and welcome your support going forward.

**Denis O'Brien**  
**Founder & Patron**



A delighted Isabelle Kila (centre) is grateful for the opportunity to share her story with Denis O'Brien (Digicel Chairman and Foundation Patron) and personally thank him for the assistance towards special needs by Digicel through the Foundation in Papua New Guinea.

# ► Chairman's message



As the Chairman for Digicel PNG Foundation I am proud to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the Foundation. Captured in the pages of this Annual Report are stories of the work that has been done by the small committed team of staff, contractors and an army of volunteers at the Digicel Foundation.

This has been my fourth year as Chairman of the Board and it is a pleasure to see the growth in the team and the footprint of the work. In this Financial year we have built 6 classrooms, 2 school halls and delivered 9 mobile health clinics to name a few of the achievements.

As part of the 10 year celebration it was decided collectively by our Board that we would commemorate this year by building our first ever double story-double classroom at Barakau Primary School which is the first school that we received a classroom in 2008. Cutting the ribbon for this classroom has been one of the highlights of my tenure as the chairman for the board for the Foundation.

This year we also welcomed our new CEO, Serena Sasingian and farewelled Darren Hanniffy who was the Acting CEO for the Foundation and Head of Shared Value for the Digicel Business. Serena brings with her 12 years of experience in the not for profit sector and will lead a capable and hard working team of 11 staff.

I would like to thank my fellow board members made up of staff within the Digicel PNG business and one external member. I acknowledge the time you have given in attending board meetings and assisting the team with strategic advice.

We look forward to what the next ten years of growth will bring for Digicel Foundation.

**Douveri Henao**  
**Chairman**

## ► CEO's message



I started my tenure as the incoming CEO of the Digicel Foundation in February 2019 and I could not be more prouder of the work that has been done to date by the Foundation to contribute to our vision of creating a world where no one gets left behind. Digicel Foundation's footprint is evident across all 89 Districts in the country. Our small team has continued to endeavour to build Education Projects across the length and breadth of this great country. Along with this we have delivered our health projects. The DNA of the Foundation is in our ability to think outside the box and deliver assets in some of the most logistically challenging provinces in the country.

This financial year Digicel Foundation celebrated its 10 year Anniversary. Our success has only been made possible by Digicel PNG Ltd so this year to commemorate our celebrations we had regions select projects that they wanted to run. In the Highlands they decided to work on a project to address cancer in partnership with the Provincial Health Authority/Hospital. In Momase they built a library for a school that takes in marginalized children, while in New Guinea Islands they worked on a Water Health and Sanitation Project and in Southern they built a playground for Cheshire Disability Services. We also ran an internal competition and had one of our staff members visit Jamaica to see what our sister Foundation is doing.

The flagship project to commemorate our 10 years was the Barakau Primary School Double Story Classroom. When Digicel had begun in 2008, Marina Van Der Vlies had gone out of her way to establish relationships with communities and Barakau was one of them. Over the last ten years we have upgraded all the school infrastructure in the school to modern classroom facilities. We had a wonderful testimony of a staff member who had attended the school come to work for the company.

Over the next year we will look at consolidating the work that has been done to date and focus on our strategy for the next ten years leveraging off the extensive work done to date.

**Serena Sasingian**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



# ► Our board of directors



Douveri Henao  
Chairman



Serena Sasingian  
CEO



Hane Toua  
Secretary



Colin Stone  
Digicel PNG CEO



Fr John Glynn



Michael Henao  
Public Officer



Janos Katter



Calextus Simeon



Cecilia Kulangil



Darren Hanniffy



Beatrice Mahuru



## ► Our team



**Back Row:** Donald Willie (PR Executive), Joshua Sagati (Project Manager PNGSDP), Emi Aiga (Program Manager), Andrew Kalu William (Senior Projects Manager), Winter Taniti Robert (Project Manager), Ian Rove Sahoto (Project Officer PNGSDP)  
**Front Row:** Hane Toua, (PR & Engagement Manager), Serena Sasingian (Chief Executive Officer), Komal Kumar (Finance & Administration Manager), Adi Anaseini Vesikula (Chief Operations Officer)

## acknowledgements

We take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Darren Hanniffy and Adi Anaseini Vesikula for their leadership during the transition period of the Foundation's Senior Management.

We sincerely thank Darren and Ana for 'holding the fort' and ensuring that the Foundation Team continued to receive the necessary support and guidance needed to achieve its objectives over the course of the financial year.



## ► Who we are



Our vision is to help create a world where no one gets left behind. Run by a dedicated team of staff and strongly supported by our Digicel volunteers, we have in our 10 years of operation completed 433 projects and helped over 863,500 Papua New Guineans.

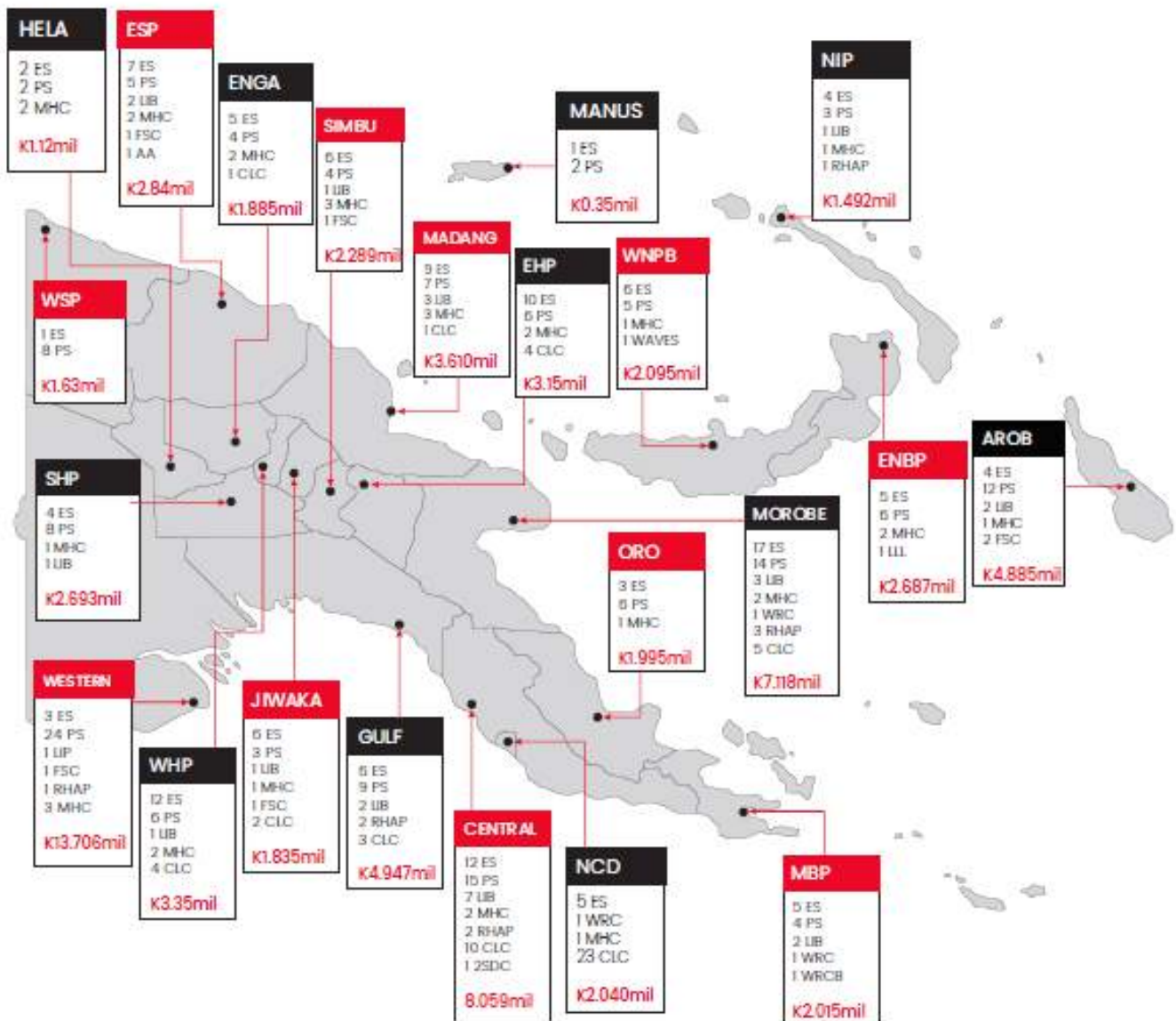
We have been able to achieve this because of the support of our partners, donors and staff. To everyone that has helped us, we say thank you.

Concentrating on the areas of education, health, community building, special needs and addressing violence, we work with our communities to develop and build sustainable and meaningful programs.

We are proud to have invested over US\$29.19m on our initiatives to date to benefit Papua New Guinean communities. And we're just getting started!



## ► Our investment



## Current stats

Total Projects	<b>433</b>
Total Investment	<b>USD 29.19m (PGK 76.46m)</b>
Lives Impacted	<b>863,500</b>

## Projects

Infrastructure	<b>362</b>
Social Programs	<b>71</b>





**Infrastructure  
program**









## ► Infrastructure program

Our School Infrastructure Program is the flagship program of Digicel PNG Foundation. Most schools in PNG have not had continuous investment in infrastructure, both to upgrade classrooms and towards maintaining school facilities. Most classrooms are made of traditional bush material or semi permanent structures that are not conducive for learning.

These classrooms continue to be used because in rural and remote PNG, schools are sparsely located. For many students the nearest school is located several hours away by foot or by canoe and during the rainy season schools face significant challenges.

The Government's Tuition Fee Free Education Policy has done a lot to improve access issues by removing the barrier for parents to pay school fees, however, with the increase of students in classrooms, infrastructure has not been upgraded for many schools to cater for the increase in enrolment. This is coupled with the challenge of the increase in students to teacher ratios.

Digicel PNG Foundation, provides schools and communities with an opportunity to upgrade/ improve their classroom infrastructure by applying for a fully funded education infrastructure project. An additional classroom provides a solution for over-crowding in classrooms. A classroom is a community asset that brings pride not only to the students but to the hard working school, the board, parents and community as a whole.

We are transforming these schools by building full light-weight steel, low-maintenance classrooms with a lifespan of 50+ years at no cost to the community. This financial year, we delivered:

- ◆ 4 Primary School double classroom projects
- ◆ 1 Elementary School double classroom project
- ◆ 1 Two-Storey Double Classroom project
- ◆ 2 Community Learning Centre Classrooms
- ◆ 2 Community Learning Centre Toilets
- ◆ 2 Library Projects with books



## Better classrooms, bigger smiles

Through our education infrastructure support over the past financial year, we have enabled an additional 1,000 students to access new classrooms, libraries and multi-purpose open air buildings. Damp, dark, bush material classrooms were removed and in place of them, well ventilated, steel classrooms with solar, ramp access, desks, teachers office space and water sanitation component consisting of toilets, bucket showers and 9,000L water tank were given. We acknowledge and sincerely thank all the communities that contributed to ensuring all projects were delivered successfully.







## ► The first of its kind

To commemorate Digicel PNG Foundation's 10th anniversary year, our infrastructure program team embarked on an ambitious project – to build our first every two-storey double classroom building.

The recipient was Barakau Primary School in the Central Province who was also the recipient of the first ever education project back in 2008.

Ground breaking was conducted in April 2018 and after a full 8 months of construction, the building was completed and officially opened on the 26 January 2019 to a full gathering of Digicel management, invited guests and the Barakau Village community.

Our special guest at the opening was former CEO of Digicel Foundation Marina Van Der Vlies, who officiated the ribbon-cutting. Marina shared in her remarks that she was honoured to return to Barakau Primary School and see the growth that had taken place with students, teachers

and the school infrastructure.

In the words of the community, the building has provided a facelift to the school and students are extremely delighted to be using the new classrooms.

**“Our school and indeed our village is privileged to receive such a blessing. My plea is to parents, students and our village community to make full use of this classroom for the benefit of our children”**

**Rocky Douveri**

Councillor of Barakau Village,  
Central Province









## ► Healthy communities

At the Foundation we believe a healthy community is a vibrant community, therefore we have invested in health infrastructure across various districts in the country. Our health program allows for Health Centres to apply for Mobile Health Clinics (Ambulances) and Rural Health Aid Posts.

The buzz word for our health projects this year has been partnerships. Following a successful exhibition at the Speakers Investment Summit in September 2018, we were inundated with requests from local members of parliament and corporate companies to partner for health infrastructure projects.

This resulted in the funding of:

- ◆ 9 Mobile Health Clinics and
- ◆ 1 Rural Health Aid Post

in 8 different communities.

A total of 71,861 people benefitted from the health outreach programs that our health partners conducted in their various communities in the past financial year.

Our Mobile Health Clinics have been utilised by our partners who were at the forefront of the

national response to combat Polio through conducting awareness, vaccination and treatment during the polio outbreak which was discovered in late 2018.

**“The Simbu Children Foundation Mobile Health Clinic has traversed the Province far and wide to deliver vaccines to over 1,000 children as part of the Sik Polio Kempen.”**

**Jimmy Drekore**

Community Member, Negaraima  
Simbu Province



## A partnership to serve remote Sepik river communities

Mark Palm, who is President of Samaritan Aviation and Founder, thanks the Government of PNG (GoPNG), Digicel PNG Foundation (DPNGF) and the East Sepik Provincial Health Authority (ESPPHA) for supporting their efforts to save lives through the use of float planes, locally known as Saman Balus. During the dedication ceremony for the aircraft at Boram Airport in Wewak in March 2019, he shared: "Ten years ago, I stood at this same spot to dedicate our first plane. When we first came, we heard stories of people who had no access to medical services and of people dying because of the long 2-3 day journey by river to Wewak. Through the support of the National Department of Health, DPNGF and the ESPPHA, we can extend our reach and do twice as much as we've been doing. We have delivered over 74,000kg of medical supplies to 40 different aid posts and clinics on the Sepik River and we are proud to partner with all of you in delivering medical services,"





## ► Our partnerships



Partnerships are critical to the way we operate as a Foundation. This year we established two key partnerships to deliver our education and health infrastructure projects.

### **Education Projects Igniting Change**

In September 2018 Digicel Foundation partnered with the Sustainable Development Program (SDP) to build 40 classroom projects and 1 teachers house in schools at locations spanning all 3 districts of Western Province. This ambitious project called the Education Projects Igniting Change (EPIC) has a goal to increase literacy and numeracy levels in Western Province through providing classrooms that are conducive to learning. The project has been divided into three (3) phases with the first phase being completed in this financial year.

The first two phases of the project has been completed with 19 projects fully constructed and the remainder of the projects to be completed in the next financial year.

### **Health and Education Projects with Total Energy and Petroleum Ltd**

In March 2018 we signed an agreement with Total Energy and Petroleum to build classrooms and Rural Health Aid Posts in Gulf Province. This is all part of TEP's community investment program. In this financial year they supported the Foundation to build xx and xx..

We are working together in the next financial year to continue to build Education and Health Projects.



## Where there is a will, there is a way

Navigating large swampy areas and unpredictable weather in Western Province, this project has definitely challenged the Foundation Projects Team. It has been a very challenging one in terms of logistics but our team loves a good challenge and has successfully conducted the completion of the first phase of the project with 8 classrooms erected in Middle-Fly, Western Province. The warm smiles and generous hospitality of the communities have given the Foundation Projects Team the motivation to push forward to ensure the projects cross the finish line.





A photograph of a person sitting on a dark wooden park bench. The person's hand is visible in the bottom right corner, holding a bright pink towel. They are looking out through a large window or glass partition. The view outside is a blurred street scene with green trees, a red car, and a building in the background. The text "Social programs" is overlaid in white on the bottom left, with a white triangle pointing towards it.

# **Social programs**









## ► Each one teach one

Since 2011/12 Digicel PNG Foundation has run its highly successful Early Childhood Program. The cornerstone of the program are the volunteers across rural and remote Papua New Guinea communities who have initiated informal schools in villages and urban settlements with the aim of providing early education services to young children. These community based teachers lack formal certification, however do what they do out of passion and a desire to give underprivileged children a head start in life.

Teachers are key for PNG's human resource development. For quality teaching and learning to take place, teachers must be given the right tools to teach effectively. Our Community Learning Centre (CLC) TISA Program has trained over 190 teachers to date equipping them with a sound knowledge base to provide early education in villages and urban settlements. The targeted training allows smooth transition of student progression from CLC Early Learning

Centres to conventional Elementary Schools under the Department of Education.

**"I have never taught in a class in my life, not even stood in front of people like my friends in the village. I was a nobody in the community. Now I can see the training has made me a better person and leader in the school and community. I will teach children to be good."**

**John Ora**

Teacher from Rovarova CLC, Aroma Village, Central Province



## upgrades and upwards

The new initiative of this program is the Teacher Qualification Upgrade Program (TQUP) jointly supported by Digicel PNG Foundation, 4L Training and Consultants and Flexible Open Distance Education (FODE). This is part of our vision to empower community based teachers in creating pathways for future career opportunities and for improving quality standards of education in the CLCs. The pilot year of the program saw 15 teachers register and enrol themselves in the program. The CLC Tisa Program initiative is aligned to the Government of PNG Vision 2050 for every child to be literate and numerate for a wise, healthy, wealthy and happy citizenry.







## ► Support for special needs

As part of our ongoing support to people with disabilities, our partner Cheshire Disability Services continued with another year of awareness, assessments, and training in the marginalized communities' within National Capital District (NCD).

Through our support, Cheshire Disability Services achieved the following:

- ◆ Identified 183 new clients
- ◆ Over 300 clients received support and assistance through home based rehabilitation program
- ◆ 161 parents/caregivers trained with basic hands-on physio skills to apply and share with fellow community members
- ◆ 181 community leaders trained
- ◆ A total of 9 human interest stories developed
- ◆ 72 assistive devices distributed

The biggest highlight of the year was the celebration of National Disability Day on 29 March 2019. As part of the event, the Foundation

staff conducted awareness activities in the lead up to the actual day. The week started off with sharing of five success stories with Digicel staff through posters, followed by two lunch and learn sessions with Isabella Kila, who is a final year Law student at UPNG, and a team from PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons.

The actual day was observed by the residents of Cheshire, students from the school, CBR clients, youth beneficiaries, children from other Day Care Centres, Special Olympic athletes, staff of Cheshire and staff volunteers from Digicel who joined us to make the day a success. With the theme: "Remove Barriers, Build Resilient Communities and Create opportunities to Leave No One behind" we conducted a showcase of programs implemented by Cheshire, followed by our mini Special Olympics. All these activities allowed everyone time to interact with each other and be



## ensuring inclusiveness and equality

Supporting special needs is and will continue to be a priority area for Digicel PNG Foundation. Our support has ranged from backing the PNG Special Olympics team with their travel to the games to renewing our partnership with program partners and celebrating the national day for persons living with disabilities. We've also ensured to host employee volunteer days in conjunction with our partners to ensure that our staff have the opportunity to meet our beneficiaries and also provide awareness and information session to sensitize staff to the needs of people living with disabilities. There is still so much to do and we look forward to expanding our partnerships across different provinces in the country to reach more people.







## ► Triumph over tragedy

Pokari Darimomo sustained a back injury in 2015 when he was 56 years old rendering him paralysed. To complicate the matters, another medical examination diagnosed Pokari with Tuberculosis of the spine. The injury left him confined to a wheelchair and unable to conduct activities of daily living.

In 2016 he started therapy through the Community Based Rehabilitation Program. After three years of continued therapy, Pokari is now out of the wheelchair and walking independently.

The disability has taught Pokari not to take anything for granted and to fully make use of his time on earth. As a result, he has taken up his hobby of carpentry full time, and renovated his kitchen which he proudly showcased when we visited him.

Digicel PNG Foundation funds Cheshire disAbility Services' Community Based Rehabilitation

Program to provide physio-therapy services for people living with disabilities, so that people like Pokari can triumph over their tragedy.

**"After regaining my strength, I feel like anything is possible. Carpentry is my hobby and I've used my skills to build my kitchen. I'm very proud to have achieved that."**

**Pokari Darimomo**

Semi-retired, Skilled carpenter  
NCD Province



# ► Restoring pride

Sports is an important vehicle drive home important messages as local sports champions are often looked upon as role models in their communities. With this in mind the Foundation piloted a clean-up program utilising youth in sports to address social and health issues in Port Moresby's indigenous Motuan villages.

The Klin Komunity pilot program was implemented in Vabukori Village and was facilitated by new partner, the Vabukori Hurricanes Rugby League Club (VHRLC). The main aim of the program was to promote a clean and safe community through awareness and action. The VHRLC received a USD 6,289 (PGK 20,000) grant to conduct a weekly clean up and awareness campaign fully engaging unemployed youth for a period of 12 months.

Despite challenges, Vabukori Hurricanes achieved the following;

- ◆ 78 people engaged in cleaning the community
- ◆ Impacted the community in creating a shift in attitudes and mindset of villages towards waste management and addressing violence
- ◆ 50% reduction in total number of rubbish bags collected in 10 of the program locations







## ► WeCARE angels

To ensure that our communities grow with the business, we continue to support socially marginalized communities in NCD, Morobe and Central province through our partnership with WeCARE Foundation.

A total of 1,054 people benefitted from the support programs that WeCARE implemented in their various communities in the past financial year.

WeCARE Support Care Groups are groups in settlement communities that provide care and support for the orphaned and socially marginalized. Support includes the following;

- Delivery of school materials for 967 students in 8 Early Childhood Learning Centres (ECLC)
- Payment of school fees for 17 youths
- Assisted 5 people with income generating activities
- Payment of school project fees and other necessities for 56 persons with disabilities
- Completed toilets for 2 ECLCs, 1 open Hall for 1 ECLC and a 4in1 classroom for on ECLC
- 14 ECLC Teachers trained with Phonics
- Celebrated 10 year anniversary with the ECLCs by taking them out on excursions

**“We are proud of the partnership that we have with Digicel Foundation. Working together allows us to reach our vulnerable women and children and give help to those who need it most.”**

**Josephine Dromenge**  
Program Manager, WeCARE!



## The foundation for women & children at risk (WeCARE!)

Founded by Fr John Glynn and Ms Josephine Dromenge in 2007, WeCARE grew out of the work Fr John was doing with women and children on the streets and in the settlements of Port Moresby. WeCARE is a resource provider for communities that have taken on the challenge of providing pre-school and elementary education for poor children and care for needy and distressed members of the community. Digicel PNG Foundation has been a proud partner of WeCARE since 2008, through an annual grant funding.







## ► Men of Honour

The Men of Honour Campaign is our signature campaign to address Gender Based Violence in the country. Through the Annual Men of Honour Awards Program, we seek to find men who alleviate suffering in their communities and give them a platform to tell their stories.

This year, we supported the Men of Honour Ambassadors spread the word of the campaign through various advocacy activities. Awardees from the Season four cohort fully participated in the one year advocacy program comprising capacity building workshops, media awareness and community outreach.

For many of these men, the award has provided public recognition and catapulted them to reach a wider audience. While for others, it has created pathways for them to access resources, partner with like-minded groups and also given them the confidence to continue their initiatives.

Mentorship and the use of Men of Honour

Ambassadors for conflict resolution in communities demonstrates the important role these Men play to ensure communities are safe and peaceful.

**“ We can do so much to create this awareness around anti-violence. This workshop and the partners who have come on board brought some great insights to how we can effectively campaign against violence. I am very motivated to do more in the community under the Men of Honour banner,”**

**Jamie Pang**

Man Of Honour, Ingenuity 2018



## Sensitization and capacity building

For our Men of Honour Ambassadors to be effective in the campaign against violence, it is necessary to engage these men in conversations and give them tools to create change in their communities. The workshops are a core part of our efforts to sensitize male champions to the issues surrounding violence and also link them to other organisations and partners to support their community-based efforts. In March, we hosted the 2017/18 cohort in Port Moresby for a two day workshop on their role as Men of Honour Ambassadors. The men were able to give their input on how we can improve the Men of Honour Campaign. This was followed by a networking event with key stakeholders at the National Museum Art Gallery.





# ► NEST: Never ever stop trying

Nelson Stone has made huge efforts with lending a hand to change his community in the Tokarara Suburb of Port Moresby. A professional athlete who has represented PNG at the international level, is using his training and mentoring methods and applying them locally.

Nelson has developed his skills as a sports coach and mentor with young men. The results of his mentorship are seen through the numerous young men who are selected to participated in the Digicel Cup Rugby franchise and other international representative duties such as with the SP Hunters Rugby League Team.

We spoke with Nelson, five years after receiving his Sports Mentor Award from the first every MOH Awards season. Reflecting on his journey, Nelson shared that he's come a long way since taking up the first act to mobilise his community to clean up the field in the middle of his neighbourhood and transform it from a rubbish dump and crime hub to a sports field.

He then formed a Rugby League Team called

NEST which is an acronym for Never Ever Stop Trying, a message that Nelson instils into the young men and women he mentors on a daily basis.

In addition to his mentoring efforts, he started a makeshift training gym near his home which welcomed everyone from all walks of life to set training goals to improve themselves physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Nelson believes that his work keeps youth occupied and focused on achieving goals so that they don't wander aimlessly and get into trouble. His daily inspiration and motivation comes from his young daughters and he hopes that his efforts contribute to creating a better society for all children to grow and live in.







## ► Networking for change

Edmund Burke said “the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is when good men do nothing.” According to a report by the Overseas Development Institution, 41% of PNG men have admitted to having assaulted someone. Many more men ignore the fact that this is a problem by keeping quiet.

Our MOH Ambassadors are working together utilizing their different strengths and areas of expertise, to conduct awareness and empowerment sessions. These MOH hail from different provinces and backgrounds but it is their common passion for change that brings them together.

Lazarus Towa, Young MOH Award winner (2018) travelled from Port Moresby to Goroka to lead an information session and anti-violence awareness campaign in collaboration with Overall MOH Award winner, Ejampi Suave (2018), Education Champion Award recipient, Joseph Kauz (2018) and Education Award recipient, Richard Yuasi (2015). Lazarus has also collaborated with 2017 Young MOH Award recipient, David Aoneka, to conduct similar workshops in Gulf, NCD and Central Provinces.

Another Young MOH award recipient from 2018, Dagia Aka, conducts the Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp and as part of the program, includes other MOH to share their stories with aspiring youth leaders. The main message shared through the campaign is that there is always hope if you do everything with honour. The impact that this movement wants to see is a changed generation; a generation of young people who live life with honour.







**Staff  
engagement**









## ► Celebrating ten years in PNG

Digicel PNG Foundation commemorated ten years of operations in Papua New Guinea with various activities throughout the course of the financial year. All the activities that were planned were aimed at developing awareness, igniting passion and keeping our staff and partners engaged. The activities included employee volunteer days, special infrastructure grant projects and an internal Live, Love, Learn Competition with a grand prize that was a trip to the Caribbean to visit our sister Foundation and learn about the work they do.





## Sharing the love with our volunteers

On 14 February 2019, the Foundation Team held a special activity themed "share the love" to thank dedicated Digicel Volunteers for their support of the work of the Foundation.

All volunteers were given a certificate of appreciation, a rose and chocolates as a token of the Foundation's appreciation for their efforts.

It was great to see the reactions of staff as they received their gifts with many beaming with smiles and feeling valued.





# ► Making an impact at home

As part of the tenth anniversary activities, the Foundation provided funding of USD 10,000 for staff from the three Digicel PNG Regional offices to implement a project in their communities. The teams wasted no time in coming together to discuss and decide on their regional employee volunteer day activities. Here is a summary of each region's activity, the rationale behind selecting that project and the impact it will have on the communities.



## **New Guinea Islands Region: Water is Life & Health Projects**

The New Guinea Islands (NGI) Regional Team's community project was the provision of medical supplies to two health centres in East New Britain and water tanks to five communities in East New Britain and New Ireland Provinces and also the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

The recipients of the health projects were Vunapalading Aid Post which was given various medical and first aid supplies and St Mary's Vunapope Hospital which received assistive devices for the rehabilitation centre for people with disabilities.

The Water is Life Project saw the provision of five 9,000 litre water tanks donated to five communities: Ratongor Village, Matalau Resettlement Centre, Rakunat Resettlement Centre, Bo Elementary School and Suhin Elementary School. All communities also contributed sand, gravel and piping accessories towards the projects. The tank bases are under construction and the projects will soon be completed.

The Digicel NGI Regional Team's support will provide access to medical supplies and health care for 2,000 plus people. In addition to this, the water tank projects will provide storage facilities for water and access to clean water for up to 5,000 plus people living in the surrounding communities.





## Momase Region: Library Project for Mary Queen of Peace School

The Digicel Momase Regional Team chose to support the Lent Foundation attached to Mary Queen of Peace Elementary School. The Mary Queen of Peace Parish, runs an elementary school with an enrolment of 200+ students. The school is located in Lae Town's Industrial area of Malahang. The school received a brand new library to support the efforts of the Catholic Diocese in Morobe Province to provide education services to children and youth in an area that is notorious for crime. The new library provides a conducive, clean environment that both students and teachers can use to encourage teaching and learning. Digicel staff in Lae also contribute on a monthly basis to provide essential water and sanitation toiletries to the staff and students of the school to encourage proper sanitation.



## Highlands Region: Kangaroo Care Initiative

The Highlands Region of Papua New Guinea been a very cold one, Mothers and children who are ill are prone to hyperthermia. Digicel's Highlands Regional Team in partnership with the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority and other corporate partners are co-funding the Kangaroo Care Initiative.

The Project is an It is an initiative to prevent hyperthermia in infants giving nursing mothers the option to fit their babies with a thermally sensitive bracelet which changes colour once the body temperature of the infant drops below a certain temperature. The initiative will see 1200 new mothers receive a hooded sweatshirt or a warm poncho cape as a simple but innovative solution for new born children. The recipients will have their details entered into a database and a relationship formed enabling a feedback loop on the success of the activity.





## ► Sharing and learning

Jude Koke, Digicel PNG Ltd Site Security Inspector for Mendi was the lucky winner of the Live Love Learn Foundation Competition. Conducted over a 16 week period, the competition was held internally and consisted of weekly quiz questions about the work of the PNG Foundation and its sister Foundations in the Caribbean. Jude was accompanied by Andrew Kalu William, Senior Project Manager for the Foundation to visit Kingston, Jamaica to observe and learn about the work of Digicel Jamaica Foundation. Both gentlemen described the trip as an eye-opening experience which broadened their horizons and gave them a true insight of issues that Jamaicans face and how the Foundation works to support or provide solutions to the problems.

We acknowledge the CEO of Jamaica Foundation, Karlene Dawson and her hardworking team for their kind hospitality during Jude and Andrew's visit. We also thank and acknowledge the Board of Digicel Jamaica Foundation for making time to meet Andrew and Jude and allowing them to be part of their board meeting.

**"I learnt a lot from this trip that I can apply back home in PNG but most importantly, I experienced the true spirit of working for this great telecommunication company (and the Digicel Foundation family) because of the positive change we are creating for the communities we operate in,"**

**Andrew Kalu William**

Senior Project Manager, Digicel PNG Foundation









# Finance report







# ► Finance report

Expressed in US Dollars and PNG Kina. Years Ended 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019  
(Exchange rate used at year end, 31 March 2019 for the conversion below:  
US \$0.3021 is equivalent to K1.00 (2018, US\$0.3145))

	Not
<b>Budget</b>	
Budget Allocation for Digicel (PNG) Limited	1
External & Partners Fund	2
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Projects & Donations	
Administrative Expenses	
Total Expenditure	
<b>Budget Surplus before Taxation</b>	
Taxation	
<b>Budget Surplus after Taxation</b>	

**Notes:**

- 1) Digicel PNG Foundation facilitates community projects with budget allocated by Digicel PNG Foundation does not have assets, liabilities, income or expenses with the exception of third party
- 2) Third party donations are received and maintained by Digicel PNG Foundation until expenditure reimbursement of the relevant project expenses incurred by Digicel PNG Ltd.



	2019	2019	2018	2018
	K'000	US\$'000	K'000	US\$'000
	6,785	2,050	7,870	2,254
	10,466	3,162	2,254	709
	<b>17,251</b>	<b>5,212</b>	<b>10,124</b>	<b>3,184</b>
	15,602	4,713	7,809	2,456
	1,649	499	2,315	728
	<b>17,251</b>	<b>5,212</b>	<b>10,124</b>	<b>3,184</b>
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NG Limited. Expenses are incurred directly by Digicel PNG Limited. Digicel PNG party (i.e. non Digicel) donations. ended. Expenditure of the third party donation typically occurs through a



# What makes us unique

## THE DIGICEL DNA

Digicel Foundation has gone from a new player in PNG to a trusted development partner attracting investment from Government, Corporations and Donor Agencies.

Digicel Foundations are run like a business and are not a cheque writing/handover charity organisation. The Digicel DNA is embedded in us and we deliver, no matter how rural or remote the area may be.

We are your partner with the seamless ability to merge our traditional world with the modern world, respectful of the cultures that hold the fabrics of society.

We are proud to have contributed to the growth and development of Papua New Guinea for the past 10 years – where Digicel grows, so too must its communities.









► Thank you to all our partners

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