

Supporting Communities,  
Working Together, Building a  
Better Future



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FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2011 -2012





MT. HAGEN: Avi Elroi Elementary School student welcomes visiting Foundation Team with leis

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# Message from the Patron

## Denis O'Brien

At Digicel, giving back to our communities is at the very heart of our business ethos.

As such, the Digicel Foundation's mission is to help our people and our communities and work with them to develop and build sustainable and meaningful programmes for the good of Papua New Guinea and Papua New Guineans.

The Digicel PNG Foundation is run by six staff members, with the support of Digicel volunteer staff across the country. To date, the Digicel Foundation has funded 138 community based projects covering 22 provinces in PNG and put US\$6.3 million back into marginalised PNG communities which has directly impacted more than 100,000 people. We are proud to have given to PNG through our Foundation.

The Digicel Foundation in PNG has five main goals: to provide young children access to basic education, support marginalized communities to become more self-reliant, provide access to basic health services and improve health and hygiene awareness in rural areas, and to provide basic services for victims of domestic violence and those with special needs.

I am pleased to report that we have had another great year and once again we have been able to come together with our communities to make a real and sustainable positive contribution.

The success of the Foundation is in no small part thanks to the fantastic Digicel Foundation team led ably by Chairman, Richard Kassman and our Executive Director, Marina van der Vlies – and supported by the Foundation's projects and programmes team. Likewise, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and each and every one of our hundreds of staff volunteers who give so freely of their time to make our dreams a reality. Together you can bring your special brand of positivity and tenacity to the work of the Foundation and are a great example of what can happen when a team comes together and focuses on working together to achieve a goal. To you all – and to our external public and private sector partners and volunteers – I extend my sincere thanks.

Your work makes a positive difference and I look forward to what we can achieve together in the future.

Best regards,



Denis O'Brien  
Founder and Patron  
Digicel Foundation

# Message from the Chairman

## Richard Kassman

The Digicel PNG Foundation is continuing to evolve and grow. Over the past year we improved on our building process and developed our programs further, exercising cost discipline whilst increasing our footprint in the community.

These changes all took place against a backdrop of a solid commitment to our mission to empower our people and our communities.

The Foundation's funding allocation process ensured a fair distribution of projects across Papua New Guinea's socially marginalized communities. I am pleased to advise that during the year in review, we funded 138 projects across 22 provinces, 64 teachers graduated from our Isi Learning Program to run the 17 Community Learning Centres in the National Capital District and over 500 unemployed youth graduated with a certificate in Basic Business, a humble but sure stepping stone to a better future.

This year was the first time we received funding from an external donor to support our Early Childhood Learning and Development Program, and we thank Governor Powes Parkop of the National Capital District Commission for sharing our vision.

As we grow we are also mindful of the need to ensure the highest standards of accountability, transparency and ethical decision making in all aspects of our work.

Our Annual Report offers a reflection on our achievements in 2011/2012; and gives us an insight into the firm footings that has been laid for the year ahead.

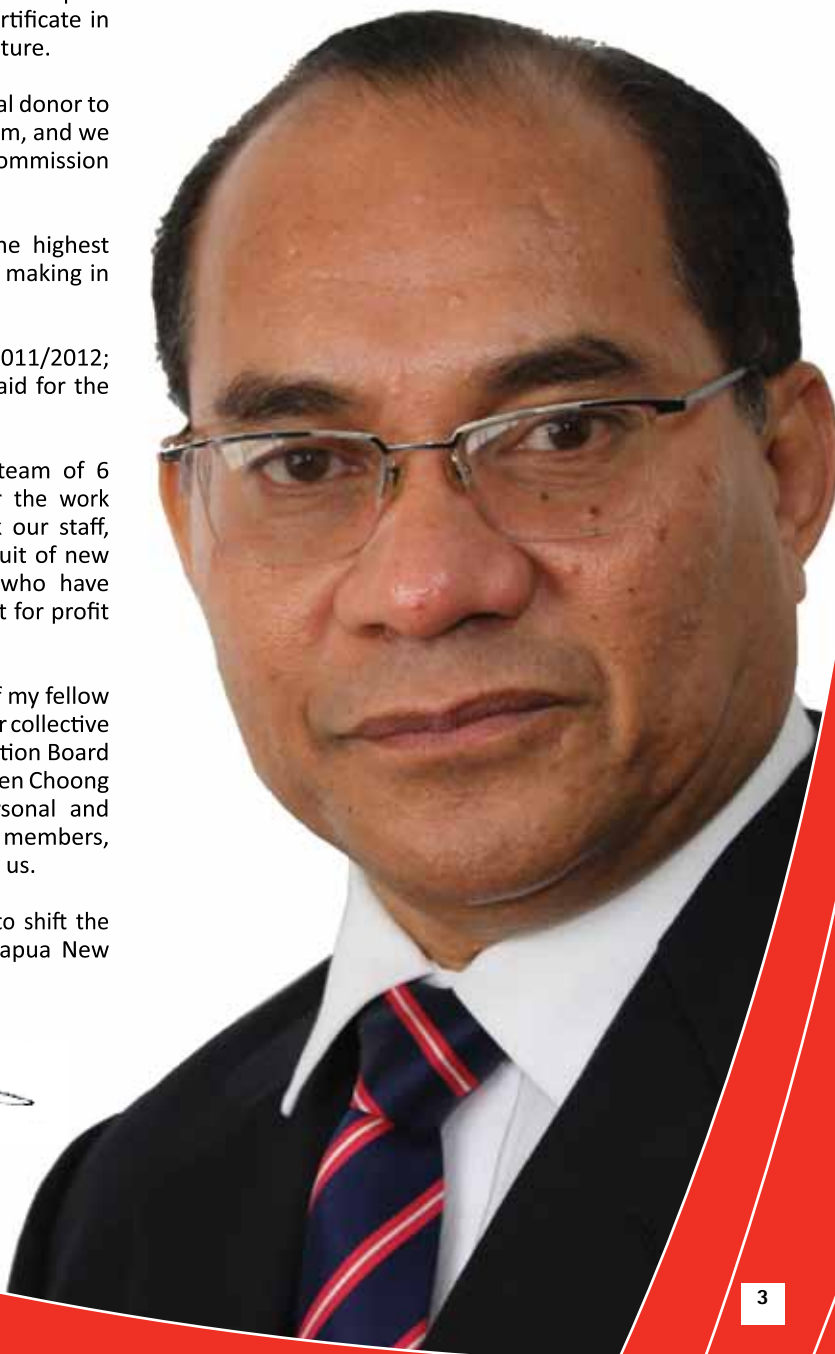
I would like to acknowledge the commitment of our fine team of 6 at Digicel PNG Foundation. Their enthusiasm and passion for the work they do is infectious. It would be remiss of me not to thank our staff, Meghan Sullivan and Mae Koime, who have since left in pursuit of new challenges. I welcome Beatrice Mahuru and Kaye Taputu who have brought considerable corporate skill and experience to our not for profit organisation.

I take this opportunity to thank the dedication and expertise of my fellow Board members. They have been great sounding boards and their collective support has made the Foundation's work possible. The Foundation Board has been strengthened this year by the welcomed addition of Kien Choong and Espi Mendoza who bring with them considerable personal and professional skills. They take the baton from very active Board members, Andrew Kidu and Orlando Priela who ran an amazing race with us.

I look forward to working with you all in 2012 as we continue to shift the paradigm for our socially marginalized communities across Papua New Guinea.



Richard Kassman, OBE  
Chairman



# Message from the Executive Director

## Marina van der Vlies


The past year, our third full year of operations, has been a year of unprecedented growth for the Digicel Foundation in Papua New Guinea. As always, it was a year of learning from past experiences, implementing improvements and developing our structure so that the Foundation delivers more effectively than ever before. Our annual budget more than doubled from US\$1.5 to US\$3.5 million and with it increased the number of projects funded from 29 infrastructure projects 2010-11 to a total of 53 over the past year.

The Foundation continued to focus on improving access to basic education for children living in mostly rural areas through the building of permanent double classrooms including water and sanitation facilities and through the three year Community Learning Centre (CLC) Sustainability Programme. The CLC Sustainability Programme came to a close this year, showing very encouraging results. More than 75% of the 31 CLC's reached the highest levels of the Sustainability Performance Model, a model which was developed by the Foundation whilst working closely with the CLC's and their communities. We are extremely proud of how far these CLC's have come within just three years. They are proof of the extraordinary capability that communities have to improve their living standards when provided with the necessary resources. They have become a part of us in our ongoing commitment to empower and build stronger communities across PNG.

These achievements would not have been possible without commitment, passion and team work. I would like to especially thank the Foundation team, Beatrice Mahuru, Dara Okuk, Naus Kamal, Shirley Waal and Kaye Taputu for their hard work in getting the projects off the ground. Many Digicel staff contributed through the numerous staff engagement activities and I would like to congratulate them for their collective efforts in improving the lives of thousands of less fortunate men, women and children in PNG.

We look forward to another productive year of bringing basic educational and health services to thousands of Papua New Guineans so that they may look forward to building a better future for PNG.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank the Foundation Board, the Digicel Board and our Patron, Denis O'Brien, for their continuous support, guidance and vision. Thanks to their support, we are making a real difference in improving the lives on Papua New Guineans for a better PNG.



Marina van der Vlies  
Executive Director



# About Our Board



Back Row (L-R): Genevieve Daniels (Secretary), Kien Choong, Espi Mendoza (Treasurer), Marina van der Vlies (Executive Director), Tania Mahuru, Peta Kanawi  
Front Row (L-R): Fr John Glynn, Richard Kassman (Chairman), John Mangos  
Absent: Marena Sansan, Poilep Kusunan

## The Foundation Staff



(L-R): Marina van der Vlies (Executive Director), Naus Kamal (Project Manager), Richard Kassman (Board Chairman), Dara Okuk (Snr Project Manager), Denis O'Brien (Foundation Patron), Shirley Waal (Program & Project Coordinator), Kaye Taputu (Project Administrator), Beatrice Mahuru (Snr Program Manager)

# Our Valued Partners

**“When people become connected many positive things are possible”** – Denis O’Brien, Founder and Patron, Digicel Foundation

Partnerships are important for a continuum of cooperation that ranges from coordination to collaboration. Partnerships bring a holistic approach to how we deliver support and services in our pursuit to improve health and education in Papua New Guinea. Our efforts in PNG have been successful largely due to the partners we have. We are most grateful for their collaboration and look forward to their continued support.





# Our Valued Partners

At the crux of the Digicel Foundation work is our Partners. The cooperation that exists, from coordination to collaboration, has helped the Foundation to successfully delivery projects across Papua New Guinea's (PNG) 22 provinces; and programs piloted in Port Moresby

PNG joined 189 member states of the United Nations in adopting the Millennium Declaration in September 2000. In doing so it agreed to achieve the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015.

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| 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger      | 5: Improve Maternal Health                      |
| 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education       | 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases  |
| 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women | 7: Ensure Environment Sustainability            |
| 4: Reduce Child Mortality                    | 8: Develop A Global Partnership For Development |

A recent review of the development situation and trends by an MDG Technical Working Group concluded that it would be very unlikely for PNG to achieve the global targets by 2015.

The Foundation is working in close consultation, collaboration and coordination with the Departments of Education, Health and Community Development to narrow those gaps through our core focus areas: Education and Health.

- Improving education infrastructure for conducive learning
- Bringing basic health services to rural and socially marginalized communities

The Foundation is also working in partnership with Ginigoada Business Development Foundation (GGBDF) to bring workshops to large urban settlements across the Nation's capital with a holistic approach that engenders discussion on the topics of gender based violence; sexual health; personal health & hygiene; modern money and basic business awareness; the Foundation is working in collaboration with partners to help the government achieve the MDGs.

## Department of Education (DOE)

The Foundation's partnership with the Education Department was established from inception. With our focus on improving education across the country, this was a network we could consult to ensure we worked in tandem with their goals. This year, we built 50 classrooms in 22 provinces always in consultation with the provincial education divisions. Our partnership with the DOE has been instrumental in our informal community learning centres becoming registered as formal elementary schools.

## Department of Health (DOH)

Our partnership with the Health Department has been fostered through the Church run health missions that dot PNG's rural and remote landscapes. The Foundation's funding of fully equipped Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) has improved access to health services for villages nestled far from urban centres. Over the year in review, we launched five (5) MHCs that collectively treated 20,000 men, women and children who would otherwise not have had access to basic health care. The MHCs have been instrumental to the dissemination of vaccinations and helping mothers to deliver their babies safely, improving infant mortality rates in rural areas.

## Department of Community Development (DOCD)

The Community Development Department has been fundamental in our drive to improve Early Childhood Learning and Development across PNGs marginalized communities. We consulted with DOCD to form the structure which has helped to strengthen our 31 Community Learning Centres (CLCs) across PNG. Our CLCs have levelled the education playing field for children from settlements and villages, giving them a strong foot hold in their transition to formal elementary schools.

## Ginigoada Business Development Foundation (GGBDF)

Our relationship with the Ginigoada Business Development Foundation was borne from a shared vision – to empower communities. GGBDF have journeyed with us to the core of marginalized communities to create paradigm shifts, addressing taboo subjects such as sexual health, to combat HIV & AIDS, and gender based violence through drama and workshops. In the last quarter of 2011/2012, close to 500 participants graduated with a Basic Business Skills (BBS) Certificate. This certificate will help our community members to apply for further skills based training and on the job training with corporate partners. It has already helped them identify how to run their small roadside stalls better, to foster a culture of budgeting and of saving for that rainy day. The community feedback on the positive change has been phenomenal and it would not be possible without our vehicle, the Ginigoada Business Development Foundation.

# Work we do

Two of the three countries in which the Foundation works are in the bottom half of the United Nations Development Index of 187 countries. This Index takes a more holistic view than merely the economic situation of a country, by combining three dimensions of human development – living a long and healthy life, being educated and having a decent standard of living



	Population	UN HDI ranking	Life expectancy	GDP per capita	Adult literacy	Gross enrollment ratio
Jamaica	2,751.3	79	73.1	\$6,931	86.4%	86.7%
Haiti	10,123.8	158	62.1	\$1,045	48.7%	27.0%
Papua New Guinea	7,013.8	153	62.8	\$2,271	59.1%	54.9%

UN Human Development Index 2011

While the cultural, historic and socio-economic conditions of each country are varied, they have common significant challenges for the education systems; a need for building stronger communities to offset potential conflicts; and vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, cyclones, earthquakes or tsunamis. The Foundation seeks to find relevant and effective responses to these challenges and to support and strengthen communities to withstand them.



## Our Work To Date

**US \$6.3M** Invested

Over **100,000** direct beneficiaries  
impacted

**167** Classrooms built

**64** Grassroots community based teachers  
graduated in early childhood development and  
learning

**8** Mobile health clinics bringing  
basic health services to remote and  
marginalized communities





Students, teachers and community members of the Avi Elroi CLC in Mt Hagen when judges visited for the CLC of the Year Competition



# Our Timeline Highlights

**Monday, April 26, 2011 – Port Moresby, Lae, Mt Hagen & Goroka**



To kickstart the Year in Review, Digicel Foundation launched the Community Learning Centre of the Year Competition, pioneering a new and exciting way to work with and encourage sustainable positive development for PNG Communities. Twenty-one (21) CLCs in Port Moresby, Mt Hagen, Goroka and Lae competed. Keltiga CLC in Mt Hagen won the coveted first prize of US\$4,700, Port Moresby's Mutineo CLC in second place was awarded US\$2,400 and Busu Compound CLC in Lae received US\$1,400 in kind community project funding.

**Monday, May 23, 2011 – Mt Hagen**

Church run rural health centres are able to extend their important outreach services to rural and remote communities making basic health service accessible. In the Year in Review, Digicel Foundation launched five (5) fully equipped Mobile Health Clinics (MHCs) to the value of US\$75,000 each.

Recipients included – Catholic Church run Koibuga Sub Health Centre (WHP), Centre of Mercy (Morobe Province), Timbunke Health Centre (ESP), Norba Health Service (Jiwaka Province) and the PNG Bible Church operated Kaupena Health Centre (WHP).

We acknowledge the generous support of our partner Ela Motors who provide a free maintenance service to the Digicel Foundation funded MHC to ensure they operate to bring essential services to PNG's marginalized communities and CIC Insurance for their discounted insurance services.







Digicel Foundation was given a stamp of approval, with Kaugere Women's Resource Centre (WRC) selected as a leading example of public private partnership project in action in PNG. Funded by the Digicel Foundation, the WRC is run by the Foursquare Church offering immediate shelter and counselling to women and children in crisis.

### Friday, June 24, 2011 – New Ireland Province



Kavieng Adventist Primary School was the first of three schools in the New Ireland Province to benefit from Digicel Foundation's development of educational infrastructure. The Kavieng Adventist Primary School was established in 1981 by the SDA church and has an enrolment of 258 students, making it one of the largest primary schools in Kavieng.

### Sunday, June 26, 2011 – Manus Province

Manus Province's Lorengau East Elementary School was the first of two schools in the province to receive a Digicel Foundation funded double elementary classroom. Established in 2001, Lorengau East Elementary School's 200 students can now enjoy education in the comfort of a new, permanent classroom.



### Friday, July 8, 2011 – Simbu Province

Ku Christian Integrated Lower Primary School in the Simbu Province was the first of two schools in the Year in Review to receive a Digicel Foundation funded steel kit structure classroom, which will give 50 more children access to new education resources.





## Wednesday, July 13, 2011 – Western Highlands Province



Nestled high on the Owen Stanley Ranges that run the width of PNG is Kerebug Lutheran Community School. Established over 20 years ago, the Kerebug school had never received any outside assistance until Digicel Foundation funded the new permanent double classroom. Speaking at the launch, the Head Teacher, Moses Kopal said "Thank you Digicel Foundation, your donation is timely with overcrowding experienced in our humble school of over 300 students. The children are so excited, they cannot wait to start classes in these new facilities."

## Tuesday, July 19, 2011 – National Capital District



The Stongim Meri Program, funded by Digicel Foundation, saw 22 women graduate at Tasion Barracks. The 6 month program was run in partnership with Ginigoada Business Development Foundation with a focus on empowering women from marginalized communities.

## Thursday, July 21, 2011 – Sundaun Province



Sibilanga Primary School became the first school in the Sandaun Province to receive the new double classroom structure funded by Digicel Foundation. The remote Simbalanga school is located high on a mountain ridge, almost a 6 hour drive outside of the Wewak township. Established in 1959, the school has an enrolment of 430 students, making it one of the oldest and the largest in the province.





Mutineo community members were the first of 31 CLCs to celebrate the completion of a two week long Health and Hygiene (H&H) program which was held in partnership with Living Waters PNG, a ministry of the Living Light Foursquare Church at Kaugere in Port Moresby. The program included health and hygiene training for a week, the provision of a 2000L water tank and two ventilation improved pit toilets.

Funded at a total cost of US\$82,500 the community H&H program was rolled out with CLCs who achieved Level 4 of the CLC Sustainability Program in Port Moresby and will also run in CLCs in Mt Hagen, Goroka and Lae. The program is estimated to impact more than 5,500 people nationwide and designed to engage both children and adults in all communities.

The chairman of Mutineo CLC, Henry Pawe, said "We are so grateful to have this new water tank and toilets for our community. The children and their parents gained a lot from the health and hygiene awareness and have already started washing their hands and using the information they have learnt to make sure they stay healthy."

### Thursday September 8, 2011 – Gulf Province



Savaiviri Primary School was the first of two schools in the Gulf Province to benefit from the Digicel PNG Foundation funded steel kit prefabricated double classroom structure. Established in 1975, Savaiviri Primary School is only accessible by boat. There are close to 100 students enrolled at the school with three rundown bush material classrooms. This educational infrastructure will provide the school students with a more comfortable environment in which to learn.



### Thursday, September 8, 2011 – Port Moresby

Digicel staff in Port Moresby benefited from free health checks provided by the Digicel Foundation funded Kaugere Mobile Health Clinic (MHC) in partnership with Living Light Foursquare Church. The health checks are part of Digicel's DigiSkills Life Diploma which provides staff with essential health and lifestyle information to promote healthy living.

During the year in review, the Centre of Mercy MHC conducted health checks for our Momase Region staff and Koibuga MHC provided the same for our staff in the Highlands Region.

Close to 500 staff received health checks which included vital checks, blood tests, VCCT, spiritual healing and dental treatment.



### Friday, September 23, 2011 – Oro Province



Eiwo Primary School became the first in Oro Province to receive new school infrastructure funded by Digicel Foundation. Established in 1948 by the Anglican Church, the school is situated 70kms outside Popondetta town and 3kms off the Kokoda track. It has a total enrolment of 267 students and caters for a Community of 3,000 people in the isolated Eiwo area. Eiwo was one of two schools in the Kokoda District that were affected by river flooding caused by cyclone Guba in 2007.

### Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – Simbu Province

Dibinyaundo Elementary School in Simbu Province was the very first elementary school in the province to benefit from Digicel Foundation's classroom infrastructure funding. Established in 1998, this Government run elementary school is the oldest elementary school in the area and serves as a feeder school to Mingende St. Joseph's Primary School. Dibinyaundo has more than 110 students enrolled at the school.



### Friday, October 7, 2011 – Enga Province

Digicel PNG Foundation continued its rollout of double classroom structures, and Enga Province's Kaiamates Primary School was a happy recipient. Though not the first school in the province to receive infrastructure funded by the Foundation, it was certainly the first one to benefit in this financial year. Kaiamates, an hour's drive from Wapenamanda town, was established in 2000 as a Government Elementary school and later handed over to the Foursquare church to manage. It was recently upgraded to a Primary School by the Provincial Education Board and is the largest school in the area with a total of 430 students.





## Monday, October 10, 2011 – West New Britain Province



West New Britain's Bialla Elementary School benefited from the Digicel PNG Foundation's rollout of classroom infrastructure throughout the country, providing much needed classroom space for 40 extra students at the school. The school was established in 2002 by the Bialla Township Community and has an enrolment of more than 300 children. It is the only elementary school in Bialla Town and also the biggest elementary school in the whole of Bialla area. The community is made up of workers of the Hargy Oil Palm plantation as well as neighbouring villages who have been very supportive of the school.

## Friday, October 15, 2011 – Port Moresby



Digicel Foundation joined the world to observe 'Global Handwashing Day' whilst celebrating its 3rd Anniversary. The dual event, supported by Colgate Palmolive was held at one of Digicel Foundation's model CLCs, Mutineo at 9 Mile outside Port Moresby.

In commemoration of 'Global Handwashing Day', Colgate Palmolive representatives were on hand at Mutineo to do awareness on hand washing, oral and general hygiene while the children were encouraged to practice good health habits by Colgate Palmolive brand mascots Handy the Octopus and Dr. Rabbit.

The Digicel Foundation will also kick start a new hand washing campaign that aims to encourage hand washing with soap and water as a key approach to disease prevention. The campaign was initiated to reduce mortality rates relating to intestinal diseases by introducing simple behavioural changes such as washing hands with soap, which according to research can reduce the rate by almost 50 percent. The campaign will compliment the Foundation's recently launched Community Health and Hygiene program which is set to roll out in other provinces in PNG.







Happy 3rd Anniversary Digicel PNG Foundation. Thank you for sharing your special day with us and thank you especially for all that you do for communities such as ours.

**TIRIMO GAUME**  
Head Teacher, Mutineo CLC

### Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – National Capital District

Digicel Foundation partnered with the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) in an agreement allowing for increased access to early childhood learning for children in settlements around Port Moresby.

The partnership is the first of its kind and NCDC's investment of US\$49,000 will go towards paying a small stipend to 52 preschool teachers in CLCs and their school subsidy in the next academic year.

Digicel Foundation's 17 CLCs providing early childhood education for close to 1,500 young children living in different urban settlements in and around Port Moresby such as 8 Mile, 9 Mile and Morata. It levels the playing field for children when they graduate to enter the formal education system.



### Wednesday, November 9, 2011 – Port Moresby, Lae, Mt Hagen & Goroka

Port Moresby CLCs were the first to benefit from the Digicel Foundation funded Basic First Aid Training program. Members of the Paga Hill, Mutineo, Gateway Moitaka, Morata 1 and Ugabega CLCs celebrated the completion of the three day program which was held in partnership with the PNG Red Cross Society. Funded at a total cost of US\$17,000 the First Aid training program was rolled out in the 31 CLCs in Port Moresby, Mt Hagen, Goroka and Lae. Over the Year in Review, 62 community members received training to perform basic first aid and an estimated 5,500 people will benefit from this investment.

We thank City Pharmacy for their generous donation of basic first aid kits to these communities.





■ ■ We are very grateful to have the Basic First Aid training for our community. Now we have the skills to help people in our community who need basic first aid attention so they can stay healthy. ■ ■

PS. MARIA BENORA

Head Teacher at the Gateway Church Moitaka CLC & Basic First Aid Training course participant

### Saturday, November 12, 2011 – Morobe Province



Bibi Primary School and its feeder school, Boac Elementary School, were proud recipients of a double primary and a double elementary classroom.

The schools are located in Bukawa, along the North Coast of Huon Gulf, North East of Lae city. They serve two LLG wards in one of the least developed areas of the province with a population of more than 2,000 people. The schools are accessible only by sea on an hour-and-a-half boat ride from Lae.

Bibi Primary was established by the Government in 1988 whilst Boac Elementary is a Lutheran Church agency school which was established in 2009 to meet the needs of the growing community.

### Sunday, November 14 to Friday, November 18, 2011 – Port Moresby & Hagen



Sister Foundations from Jamaica and Haiti visited PNG for a week to hold the annual Joint Foundation Meeting and get a better insight into each market and share best practice. Colleagues that travelled across included: Maria Mulcahy, the Head of Foundations based in Ireland, Digicel Jamaica Foundation's Executive Director Samantha Chantrelle and Program Manager Kerry-Jo Lynn, Digicel Haiti Foundation's Executive Director Elizabeth Headon and Head of Projects Rachel Pierre-Champagne and New York's Scarlet Cronin from the Clinton Global Initiative.





## Monday, November 21, 2011 – National Capital District



31 preschool teachers from Port Moresby's CLCs graduated from the Digicel Foundation funded "Isi Learning" teacher training program, increasing the number of teachers, school supervisors and school students through the Port Moresby based educational initiative. The teachers from 17 CLC schools in settlements across Port Moresby are also now equipped with Phonics Sounds–Write, an international teaching tool, bridging the gap for their marginalized children aged between 4 and 12 years, creating a path for them into formal schools.



## Thursday, November 24, 2011 – Western Highlands Province



Western Highlands Province's (WHP's) Biapuri CLC proudly launched its first double classroom, marking its graduation from informal to a formal learning institute. It was started by Ps Barnabas and his wife Rosie from Christian Revival Crusade Church, feeding and teaching marginalized children from Hagen city in their humble backyard sitting on a piece of canvas.

In 2009 Digicel Foundation heard of their initiative and stepped in to help them through the funding of a container classroom, then a second kit structure classroom in 2010 as the numbers grew. Biapuri is one of three CLCs in the WHP that were recognised by the Department of Education and registered as formal elementary schools.

## Monday, November 28, 2011 – Eastern Highlands Province



Kapakamarigi Primary School is the first primary school in the Eastern Highlands Province (EHP) to benefit from Digicel PNG Foundation's funded double classroom structures. The Foundation launched four elementary school classrooms previously in EHP but Kapakamarigi is the first primary school to benefit from the infrastructure roll out. The school is situated in the Unggai Bena District, 15kms outside Goroka town and serves a population of over 3,000 people. Established by the Colonial Administration in 1958, Kapakamarigi has an enrolment of over 300 students at the school.

## Wednesday, November 30, 2011 – East Sepik Province

Ami Primary School became the first primary school classroom project to be funded in the East Sepik Province by the Digicel Foundation. The school was established in 1966 by the Colonial Government and is now run by South Seas Evangelical Church. There are 305 students enrolled at the school which is located 5km off the Sepik Highway.

■ ■ We are anticipating an increase of enrolment numbers in 2012 and Digicel PNG Foundation funding of this magnificent classroom is a timely donation for the school, and our students, teachers and community can't thank you enough. ■ ■

GARRY NAKILA

Head Teacher, Ami Primary School.

## Wednesday, November 30, 2011 – Central Province

Children attending the Maopa Elementary School in the Central Province can enjoy a bigger learning space following the launch of a double classroom structure funded by the Digicel PNG Foundation. Maopa is the eighth school in the Central Province to have benefited from the Digicel Foundation, but the first for this financial year.

The school was established in 1996 on land given by the United Church and was one of the first in the area under the Education Department's elementary school concept. The school serves a population of 7,000 people in the Aroma District of the Central province. Maopa currently has an enrolment of 167 students and they anticipate a boost in the 2012 intake.





## Saturday, December 3, 2011 – Port Moresby, Lae, Mt Hagen & Goroka



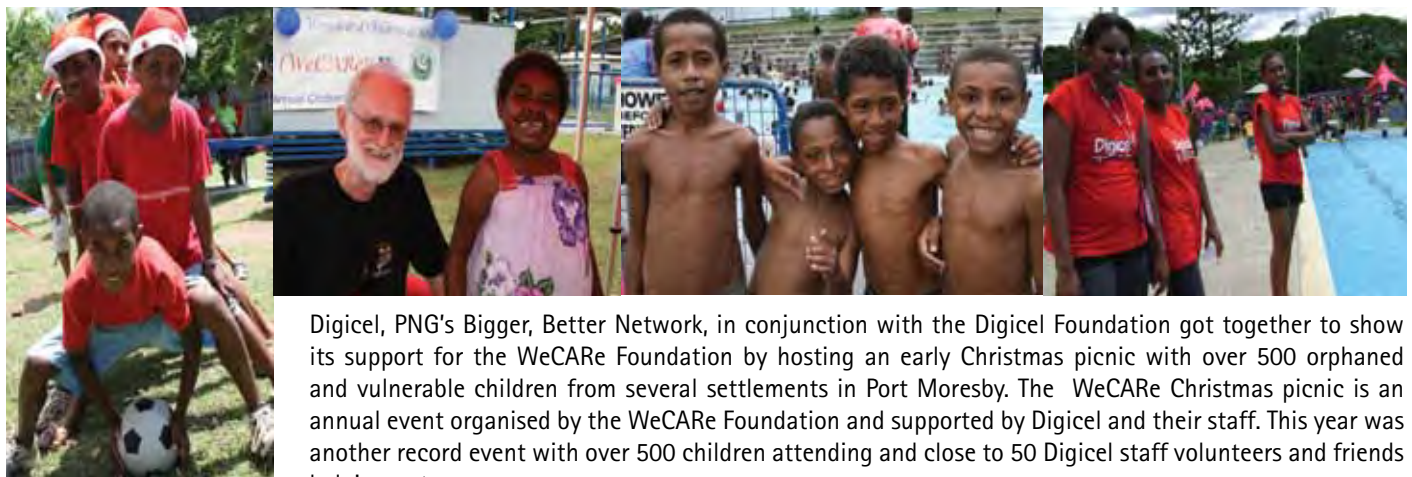
Digicel Foundation kicked off its Christmas activities with a visit to the Mutineo CLC in 9 Mile outside Port Moresby (PoM) to present gifts to children attending school there. The visits in PoM also included Morata 1 and 4, Moitaka Gateway Church, Tembari Children's Care ATS, 9 Mile Kukipi, 8 Mile Enei Monou, 6 Mile Foursquare Church, Ugabega Preschool in Taurama, the 8 Mile Power Station and Paga Hill in downtown Port Moresby.

In the Highlands region, staff volunteers visited the Biapuri, Avi, Keltiga, Rabiamul and Malgatamb CLCs in Mt Hagen and Massey, Kama Village Gateway Church, Colbrans and YWCA in Goroka.

In Lae, Duna Elementary School in West Taraka, 2 Mile City Mission, Umun Kamut at Busu Compound, Bumbu Catholic Church and Busu Road Catholic Church were visited.

The aim is to bring Christmas to 3,000 disadvantaged children with more than 20 visits to Digicel Foundation funded projects nationwide from the first weekend of December to that before Christmas Day.

## Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – Port Moresby



Digicel, PNG's Bigger, Better Network, in conjunction with the Digicel Foundation got together to show its support for the WeCARE Foundation by hosting an early Christmas picnic with over 500 orphaned and vulnerable children from several settlements in Port Moresby. The WeCARE Christmas picnic is an annual event organised by the WeCARE Foundation and supported by Digicel and their staff. This year was another record event with over 500 children attending and close to 50 Digicel staff volunteers and friends helping out.

■ ■ This is a special Christmas treat for the many children from settlements and streets who are orphaned, abandoned, neglected and who feel rejected and unloved. WeCARE Foundation strives to create a vision where children and women in these situations through support and care can become, good, decent, valued and productive citizens of PNG. A big thankyou to WeCARE staff, WeCARE Angels, Digicel Foundation staff, Digicel volunteers and the Vabukori Youth for your enthusiasm and volunteer spirit. ■ ■

FR. JOHN GLYNN

Founder & Chairman, WeCARE Foundation.

## Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – Southern Highlands Province

Digicel PNG Foundation launched its first elementary school double classroom project in The Southern Highlands Province. Tigibi Elementary School's 200 enrolled students were the delighted recipients of their new classrooms. Tigibi is located 300km outside of Mendi town and is a Catholic Agency run school. The Tigibi Community, comprising of a population of more than 3,000 people, is very supportive of the school and have funded and built the existing classrooms themselves without any donor funding. The Tigibi community are now the proud owners of their first permanent double classroom.



## Friday, February 3, 2012 – Port Moresby

Digicel Foundation launched its 31st and final CLC, the Glynn Special Needs Children's CLC in Morata 2. The Glynn Care Group was brought to Digicel Foundation's attention by the Founder and Chairman of the WeCARE Foundation, Fr. John Glynn. With the CLC Sustainability Program phasing out at the end of the Year in Review, the Glynn Centre is also the last to be launched.

## Thursday, February 16, 2012 – Port Moresby



120 people graduated with a 'Basic Business Skills' (BBS) Certificate in the Digicel Foundation funded Life Skills Program in Joyce Bay, an urban settlement in Port Moresby. The program which is run in partnership with the Ginigoada Business Development Foundation has been designed with communities and individual learners in mind resulting in the development of enlightening and informative workshops in the first week to stimulate group discussion and interactive business and income generation focused training in the second week. The BBS certificate allows men and women from marginalized communities to apply for further skill based courses with Ginigoada Foundation or seek on the job training through the Yumi Lukautim Mosbi desk at the Chamber of Commerce. A similar program will be rolled out in other major regions in 2013.

Joyce Bay had seen much change since the program came through my community. Ours is now a community that is quieter and more respectful and I would like to thank Digicel Foundation and Ginigoada for bringing "water to the desert". My community has been thirsty for knowledge and your have quenched it well.

JOHN VALI

Councillor, Moresby South East Circuit.



## Friday, March 16, 2012 – Western Highlands Province

It was another milestone when Kindeng Elementary School became the tenth Digicel Foundation funded elementary school double classroom project in Western Highlands Province.

Kindeng Elementary School is a Foursquare Church run Elementary School situated 50km south east of Hagen town. It was established in 2008 as a day care class and gradually grew taking on an additional grade each year. Kindeng is now a fully fledged elementary school, from Elementary Prep to Elementary 2 with a total enrolment of 107 students. It serves a population of approximately 6000 people in the Anglimp South Waghi District.



## Friday, March 25, 2012 – Autonomous Region of Bougainville

St. Joseph's Bairima Primary School, one of the oldest schools in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, has become the first school in the province to benefit from the double classroom structure funding by Digicel PNG Foundation.

The school was established in the 1940's but after the Bougainville Crisis, the school was moved in 1996 from its original location and rebuilt by the community at its present site. The school serves the five main villages of Donsiro, Pomaua, Siroai, Arawa, and Bairima of North Nasioi LLG, a total population of around 3,000. St Joseph's Bairima's biggest contributor has been their own community.



We acknowledge our partnership with Atlas Steel who have worked with us this year to improve the quality of our steel kit classroom infrastructure.

■ ■ This is the first partnership between Digicel Foundation and the Education Division in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, and it is one which we are very proud of and grateful for. ■ ■

KEVIN BURUAU

Board Chairman, St Joseph Bairima Primary School



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Project Manager, Naus Kamal shows the newly launched storyboard at the Digicel headoffice, which captures the beautiful children at Colbrans Baroida CLC in Goroka.





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## Financial Report

Expressed in US Dollars

Years ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011

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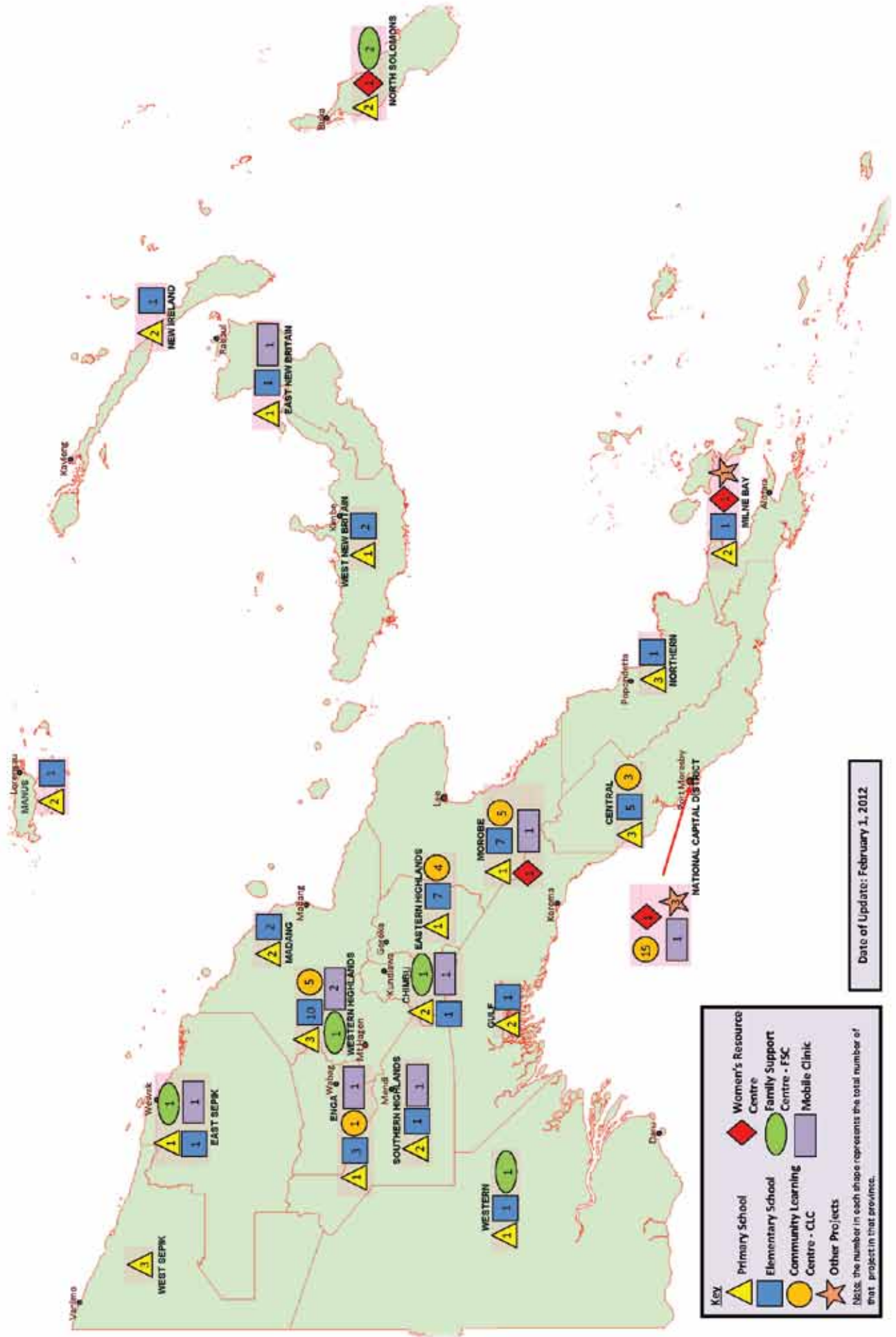
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	2012 US\$'000	2012 US\$'000	2011 US\$'000
<b>BUDGET</b>			
Budget allocation from Digicel (PNG) Limited		3,500	1,500
External & Partner Funding*	49		
*National Capital District Commission			
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Projects & Donations		2,983	1,356
Administrative Expenses		370	134
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>3,353</b>	<b>1,490</b>
<b>BUDGET SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>147</b>	<b>10</b>
Taxation		-	-
<b>BUDGET SURPLUS AFTER TAXATION</b>		<b>147</b>	<b>10</b>

**NOTE:** Digicel PNG Foundation facilitates community projects with budget allocated by Digicel (PNG) Limited. Digicel PNG Foundation does not have assets, liabilities, income or expenses. All expenses for Digicel PNG Foundation are incurred directly by Digicel (PNG) Limited. All assets, liabilities, income and expenses incurred on Digicel PNG Foundation projects are included in the Financial Statements of Digicel (PNG) Limited as per March 2012 which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.



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