

HOPE *worldwide* AUSTRALIA

Annual Report 2022-23

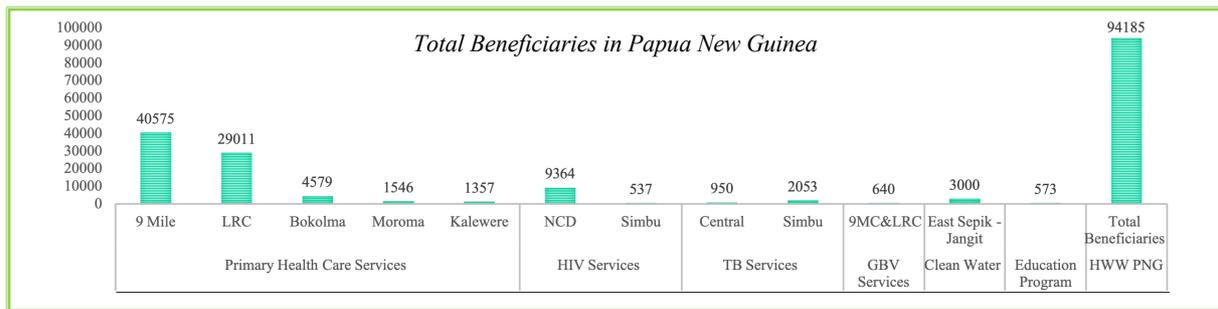
The economic pinch from the rising cost of living fuelled by ongoing global conflict and climate change is felt by many of us. To our supporters- despite this challenge, you have continued to remember the poor and support the work of HOPE *worldwide* Australia, positively impacting the lives of tens of thousands of people across the South Pacific and Australia (SPA) region. For this, I would like to say, “Thank you!”

The focus of the work of HOPE *worldwide* Australia through 2022 and 2023 continues to be our closest neighbours in need: Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

The PNG government is in debt and relies heavily on international donor funding and charities to deliver basic health and education needs for its population. The Fiji government has felt some relief after the opening of borders, allowing the tourism industry to ignite the economic recovery. However, still many Fijians live in poverty due to social issues such as unemployment, domestic violence, limited access to education and unaffordable healthcare.

Program Highlights in Papua New Guinea

HOPE *worldwide* PNG delivers a wide range of humanitarian programs, including Health, Education, Clean Water provision and services to people experiencing Gender Based Violence. A summary of the number of beneficiaries is shown below- a total of nearly 95,000 people!



HOPE's Five Clinics

HOPE *worldwide* PNG operates 4 health clinics and is opening a 5th clinic in the remote Central Highlands later this year. Thanks to these clinics and the essential health services they provide, in 2022 over 90,000 men, women and children were treated. This has steadily grown from 45,000 in 2020 and 65,000 in 2021.



(1) The 9 Mile Urban Clinic, Port Moresby



(2) Lawes Road Urban Clinic, Port Moresby



(3) Bokolma Clinic, Gumine



(4) Moroma Clinic, Jiwaka



(5) Kalvery Clinic, remote Gumine

The Kalvery health clinic in the district of Gumine, Simbu Province, Central Highlands is our most remote health facility. Getting there requires a 2-hour plane flight from the capital city, Port Moresby to Mount Hagen, followed by a 2-hour rough road drive up the mountains to Gumine, followed by a six hour walk because there is no road!

An exciting highlight in 2023 was the unexpected visit by the US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, to one of HOPE's clinics. After touring the clinic and talking to the staff, he expressed his gratitude for the services delivered through HOPE worldwide: "This was a real privilege to be here at the Lawes Road Clinic where quite literally our partners are saving lives, changing lives, every single day."



Anthony Blinken at the Lawes Road Clinic in June 2023

I would like to personally recognise the amazing leadership of Priscilla Mal. She guides HOPE worldwide PNG with energy, skill, and compassion, living out her spiritual values of remembering the poor through her role as Country Director.



Mathew 25:35 – 36

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me".

Vs 40: "...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Lawes road patients with donated gift packs, reflecting HOPE worldwide PNG's guiding scripture

Clean Water Project

HOPE worldwide PNG has been providing clean water to the 'river communities' of East Sepik Province since July 2021. The cases of severe dysentery has dropped significantly, from over 600 in 2020 to only 3 in 2022.



HOPE Global in partnership with Wine to Water has supplied water filters to over 3,000 people in East Sepik Province. More water filters are scheduled in 2024.

HOPE in Fiji

Liti Ratunivabea serves as the HOPE rep in Fiji and continues to mobilise volunteers from the Suva and Nadi Churches of Christ to serve their communities through various programs. This includes the Food Voucher program for families living in hunger. The \$65 vouchers feed a family of five for a month. The 'HOPE Yaro Village Kindergarten' program has provided essential school supplies to kindergarten aged children on a remote island, accessible only by boat (photos below).



Families in Lautoka, Suva and Nadi benefiting from the Food Voucher program.

Far right: Penii, outside his family home that burned down in a fire. His family was supported with food vouchers.



HOPE Yaro Village Kindergarten receiving school supplies in August 2022

HOPE SPA Corps in Fiji

A team of 9 volunteers from Australia and New Zealand served communities in Lautoka and Suva as part of a SPA Corps to the Fijian islands in November 2022. The focus was Mental Health and Wellness. Through the partnership with a local NGO called Mending Minds, volunteers engaged in workshops and outreach activities supporting suicide prevention and developing awareness towards common mental health issues. The team also participated in spiritual outreach with the Suva Church of Christ at the University of the South Pacific.



Service Across the South Pacific & Australia Region

Church	Beneficiaries		Staff		Volunteers		Volunteer Hours	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Melbourne	85	381	1	1	23	24	20	290
Sydney	150	94	0	0	124	14	578	56
Brisbane	150	200	0	0	10	28	10	146
GoldCoast	193	6	0	0	19	6	45	15
Adelaide	520	156	0	0	50	6	234	234
Perth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	1098	837	1	1	226	78	887	1628
New Zealand	300	300	0	0	20	20	30	30
Fiji	431	722	1	0	42	50	320	100
Papua New Guinea	94,568	64,081	76	76	27	27	540	540
TOTALS	96,397	65,940	78	77	315	175	1,777	1,411

HOPE Reps

Thanks to our HOPE reps in the SPA region: James and Deb Macaulay (Brisbane), Angela Corcoran and Francesco Mennella (Gold Coast), Ricardo de la Costa (Sydney), Jo Donado (Melbourne), Phil Bohringer (Adelaide), Duncan Wilson (Auckland), and Eroni and Siteri Puamau (Fiji). Because of their hard work and support we were able to mobilise 315 volunteers, to spend 1,777 hours serving. Together with the HOPE staff a total of 96,397 people were served in 2022!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank James and Deb Macaulay as they step down after 5 years of serving as HOPE reps in Brisbane. In their place, Mike and Tina Doyle are taking up the reins.

HOPE reps have several activities planned: 'Tradie' volunteer trips to PNG, engaging youth in skate parks, singing at Aged Care facilities and meals for the homeless.



Youth at a Skate Park Outreach Event

HOPE Day of Giving Appeal

Our major fund-raising event in 2022 was the HOPE SPA Region Appeal which raised over \$30,000 to support priority programs in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. This year the HOPE Day of Giving appeal has so far raised over \$21,000 and will be open till end December 2023. These funds will contribute to improving primary healthcare and education in Papua New Guinea, feeding the hungry and supporting mental health and wellness (in partnership with Rosie Holidays) in Fiji.

HOPE Volunteer Corps

Volunteers across the SPA region continue to be actively involved in global projects through the HOPE Volunteer Corps. Many have signed up for trips this year and notably the Fiji Volunteer trip in December is well and truly full. I would like to thank our HOPE Global Service interns for promoting and leading these trips (Emman, Matt and Rachel): <https://www.hopeworldwide.org.au/hope-volunteer-corps>.

 2023 VOLUNTEER CORPS TRIPS <i>INSPIRE GREATER HOPE</i>					
ALASKA 1 (TALKEETNA)	JUNE 11 TO 24	HVC	PHILADELPHIA 2	JULY 17 TO 29	HVC
DENVER	JUNE 14 TO 26	HVC	HAWAII	JULY 18 TO 28	HVC
PHILIPPINES 1 (TACLOBAN)	JUNE 17 TO JULY 1	HVC	BOLIVIA	JULY 19 TO 31	HVC
ETHIOPIA	JUNE 18 TO JULY 2	HVC	ALASKA 2 (FAIRBANKS)	JULY 24 TO AUG 5	HVC
LEBANON	JUNE 25 TO JULY 5	HSC	NEPAL 1 (FOR AGES 40+)	SEPT 30 TO OCT 8 OR SEPT 30 TO OCT 12 <small>(FOUR EXTRA DAYS AT THE CHHAIMALE CENTER OF HOPE)</small>	HVC
PHILADELPHIA 1	JUNE 26 TO JULY 8	HVC	SOUTH AFRICA	OCT 21 TO 29	HSC
MEXICO	JULY 2 TO 15	HVC	ECUADOR	DEC 16 TO 28	HVC
TUCSON	JULY 9 TO 21	HVC	FIJI	DEC 16 TO 30	HVC
DALLAS	JULY 10 TO 22	HVC	NEPAL 2	DEC 17 TO 30	HVC
BOTSWANA	JULY 15 TO 29	HVC	PHILIPPINES 2 (MANILA)	DEC 18 TO 31	HVC

HOPE SPA Corps

The HOPE SPA Corps initiative continues to gain momentum. These ‘mini’ HOPE Volunteers Corps, provide service opportunities within the SPA Region. In 2022 this led to the construction of emergency storerooms in New Caledonia, a clean-up of the 9 Mile clinic in Papua New Guinea and mental health support to vulnerable communities in Fiji. I would like to thank the leaders of the teams (see below).

HOPE SPA CORPS



NEW CALEDONIA: Ben & Brooke



FIJI: Krish & Karin



PNG: Howard & Sara



New Caledonia

Repairing
Emergency
Supply Store
Rooms



Papua New Guinea

Clean up at 9
mile clinic



Fiji: Health & Wellbeing Outreach

Reaching out to vulnerable communities
Connecting to health & wellbeing services



HOPE *worldwide* Australia is largely a volunteer-based organisation and we really appreciate the human resources that we have, namely:

- Louie Arcilla, who continues to oversee our finances and ensures we meet all legal financial requirements and standards to keep HOPE tax-deductible,
- Mary Martinez, who works on a part-time basis as our bookkeeper, administrator, and company secretary,
- Daniel Taylor and Johnnesper Pimentel who maintain the HOPE website.
- Mark Timlin who serves as Country Director and oversees programs in Australia and across the SPA region (New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea).

Our audit report reflects a positive financial standing and our administration costs remain very low. We are grateful to all of you who continue to support us, so that programs are able to continue to impact communities across the SPA region. You can access our audited financial reports online: <https://www.hopeworldwide.org.au/members--reports.html> (see bottom of page).

For more details of our programs, please visit our website: www.hopeworldwide.org.au.

On behalf of the current active HOPE worldwide Australia Board members: Graham Gumley, Mike Fontenot, Winvie Mendoza, Dave Bliley, Stephen Royce, and Karen Tindall, we present this brief overview of the activities of HOPE worldwide Australia.



Dr Antonio Pablo, Board Chair



Dr Mark Timlin, Country Director