
JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

HOPE *worldwide* Volunteer Corps (HVC)
To the PNG Highlands (Dec 16–30th 2022)

A group of HOPE *worldwide* volunteers travelled to the Papua New Guinea Highlands for Christmas and to assist in the construction of an aid-post in the remote village of Kalewere in the Gumine District of Simbu Province.

HOPE Volunteer Corps – PNG Highlands



The Kalewere Community began work a couple of weeks prior to the arrival of the HOPE volunteers. They cleared the land, milled logs in the forest (which they had to carry for 2 to 3 hours to the project site); and set up the building frame.



Members of the Kalewere Community clearing the land, milling logs, and setting up the building frame

When the HOPE team arrived, they were able to hit the ground running and worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm alongside the community to build the aid-post from the timber frames, panels and corrugated metal provided.



HOPE Volunteer Corps in action

Over 5000 men, women and children will benefit from the health services provided by the clinic. This includes the vulnerable: the elderly, people living with a disability, pregnant women and young infants. Currently people walk 5 to 6 hours through rough terrain to access the nearest health centre.



Re-enactment of how the sick are carried across rivers and over the mountains in order to access medical care.

The project was not without its challenges. In addition to the remote location, the prices of building materials, fuel (and transport) dramatically increased due to the geopolitical situations affecting our global economy. Despite the significant budgetary constraint, the community pulled together with the HVC team to construct the clinic to 90% completion. The next stage of the project is planned later this year: installation of plumbing for water supply and staff

housing to allow for extended service times. The required funds are approximately AUD \$20,000 which is being raised through our current HOPE Day of Giving Appeal (<https://www.givenow.com.au/hopedaygiving>).

U.S. Secretary of State's Recent Visit to Papua New Guinea

The impact of HOPE *worldwide* Papua New Guinea (PNG) is being recognised internationally. In June, the U.S. Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, visited the Lawes Road Clinic operated by HOPE *worldwide* Papua New Guinea (PNG).

“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.”

-U.S. Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken

Led by Priscilla Sine Mal, the Country Leader of HOPE *worldwide* PNG, the dedicated team continues to support the local community in various areas such as TB treatment, HIV prevention and treatment, access to clean water, support for women victims of violence and overall healthcare, profoundly impacting the lives of over 90,000 people annually.

We are so proud of the work of HOPE *worldwide* PNG and honoured by their recognition! (<https://www.hopeww.org/u-s-secretary-of-state-recognizes-hope-worldwide-clinic-in-papua-new-guinea>)



Please support our current appeal, assisting vulnerable communities in Papua New Guinea and Fiji.



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