

Library Books Support: Education Program

Donor: HOPE worldwide Australia

Goal: To improve Literacy amongst Children in remote / marginalized communities

Papua New Guinea has a high illiteracy rate and 80% of the schools are located in the remote areas of the Country. The schools in remote areas have limited to nil amount of reading books for children and teaching materials for Teachers. Under the Education program funded by HOPEww Australia, the Library Books support/donation to schools around the country is meeting the dire need of remote schools and providing an opportunity for children to have access to reading books and learn how to read.

HOPEww PNG has so far provided over 4000 books and teaching materials to each of these following schools in 2021

1. Mercy Care Early Childhood and Grammar School
2. Kalewere Primary School
3. Yomba Day Care Centre

These Schools have no library and with HOPE's support, they now have library classes/sessions as part of their curriculum. Having library sessions have contributed to kids being happy and excited to be in school because they can read, see picture books and learn new works.

Under the program, HOPEww PNG purchases from Buk Bilon Pikinini, an NGO specialising in library books kits for PNG schools and has an existing partnership with an airline company. HOPE PNG purchases the Library Kits and the airline company under this arrangement, provided free freight to desired locations around the country.

HOPEww PNG recommends this Library support activity to continue on in 2023 as it meets the need of every child's dream in school to have access to story books to read and share with their friends.

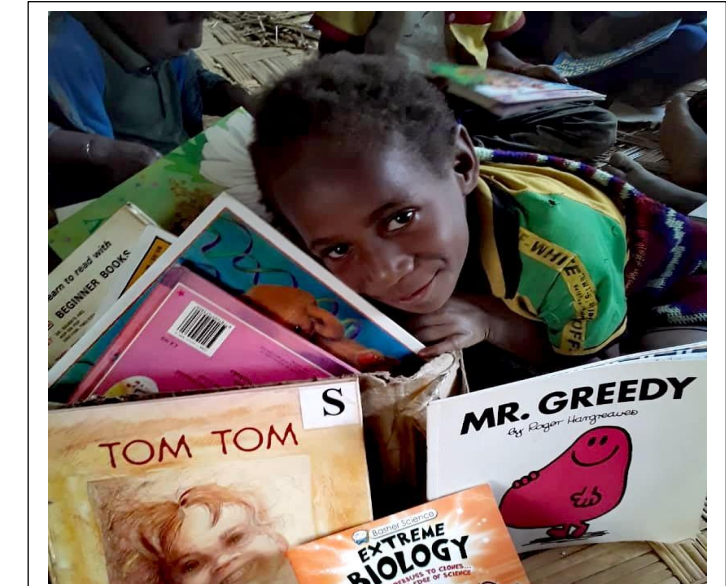
1. Mercy Care School – Erima, NCD

- **Received over 1,500 reading books and teaching materials.**



2. Kalewere Primary School in remote Gumine District, Simbu Province

- Received 1,500 books and teaching materials
- Received 1,500 books from HOPEww PNG Volunteer Ms Lina Pandihau and logistics provided by HOPE PNG.
- Total of 3,000 reading books including teaching materials.



3. Yomba Early Childhood Day-Care Ministry

Over 1000 early childhood reading books and teaching materials were donated to Yomba Early Childhood Day-Care Ministry in Kundiawa, Simbu Province. A small day care Centre set-up by local women leaders to take care of children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds. Children from disadvantaged backgrounds may not fully develop skills that are critical for emotional development, wellbeing, educational and employment opportunities. Therefore, we are proud of these women leaders impacting young lives and we know that these beautiful happy kids will have a wonderful time reading and learning together with their friends.



Thank you HOPE Australia for supporting remote schools and provide the gift of reading books to the young eager learners of Papua New Guinea.

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