



# Stop AIDS

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Anglicare PNG is a Christian based NGO founded by the Anglican Diocese of Port Moresby in 1999 in response to the rise of the HIV & AIDS pandemic in PNG. There are five centers in the country – Mt Hagen, Popondetta, Wabag, Lae and Port Moresby being the main center.

**“ANGLICARE PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES SUCH AS;**

- Voluntary Confidential Counselling & Testing (VCCT)
- SEXUAL HEALTH CHECKS
- EDUCATION &
- COUNSELLING
- CONDOM DISTRIBUTION”



National Director for Anglicare PNG Inc. Mrs. Heni Meke trying out the hand washing taps installed at Barakau Primary School, looking on is the TIC for the Elementary School Mr. Iamo (far right) along with the school children. 400 students in total will be using the facilities.

Anglicare PNG Inc. in Partnership with WaterAid, officially launched and opened its first water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) Project in Barakau Village Central Province.

On the 2nd of December 2013, Anglicare’s National Director Mrs. Heni Meke Officially opened four fully kitted VIP Pit toilets, one shower room, two rain water supply systems, and four hand washing facilities.

The event was witnessed by the staff and students of the

Barakau Primary and Elementary Schools respectively. During the official opening speech by Mrs. Meke, she strongly urged the school to take ownership of the maintenance of the facilities so that they could have the luxury of proper and safe water and sanitation facilities for a lengthy period of time. “We must remember that we are the ones who will use these facilities and we are to be responsible for them”, she said. Mrs. Meke said that practicing simple hygiene drills like washing hands after using the toilets were a MUST that students follow for best and safe practice to avoid getting

diseases and sicknesses. She thanked WaterAid PNG Country Representative Rick Steel for their funding towards this project and said that this was not the end but the beginning of many projects to be created through this partnership that WaterAid and Anglicare PNG has established.

Mr. Wasigui Headmaster of the Barakau Primary and Elementary School sincerely thanked Anglicare PNG and WaterAid PNG for the timely donations of the facilities and rain water tanks. “We are very privileged to receive these donations and I thank Anglicare WaterAid.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear All,

It has been a great year working with you all very special people with different talents. This year would not be possible without all contributing in our little ways. No long journey is smooth, but always has challenges and we have appreciated those challenges, work through and finally we have reached the end of 2013.

I have nothing special to offer or say, but BIG THANK YOU and appreciate you all for your hard work and contributions particularly determination to accept changes and adopt. I'm confident you all have learnt a lot through this year which you will appreciate.

For those leaving you will always have a special place in Anglicare when you visit and wishing you good luck in your future endeavour.

Special thanks to;

- *Senior Management for the team spirit and the leadership.*
- *Branch Managers - you are great administrators*
- *Program Managers - hard working chiefs*
- *Staff - Pioneers of tales and skills.*

Labour of Love demonstrates well by serving other's needs first and we all have demonstrated well through our services and may you all continue to give meaning to life to others during the Christmas Season.

With that;

I WISH you all a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous 2014.

Regards

Heni Meke  
National Director  
Anglicare PNG Inc.

## Information is Power- Care and Counselling Team

The Care and Counselling (C&C) Program and the Bega-bari Clinic conducted lead-up activities to world AIDS in the last week of November. Manager for the C&C Program Ms. Marcia Kalinoe through a presentation expressed her gratitude to her staff and the volunteers who assisted in commemorating the 2013 World AIDS Day. She also gave a few statistics on attendance which was well above expectation. The Counsellors from the C&C Program put on display the services which their program provided. The follow-

ing services were on show, Voluntary Confidential Counselling and Testing (VCCT), the different testing kits used to take blood samples and the types of counselling offered. Also on display were posters, pamphlets and newsletters as public giveaways. A good number of the public were interested by the display and information given during the activity presentation. Referrals were made for those who were interested in the services that Anglicare provided at the VCCT centre and the Bega-bari Clinic.

## Condom Disposal Exercise - Prevention Team

Anglicare PNG Inc. has begun disposing expired female and male condoms. Urban team leader Mr. John Mairaro began with the first lot of condom boxes. The condoms will be burnt to avoid fur-

ther usage. He said most condoms were distributed throughout the year to all Anglicare distribution sites in the NCD North West electorate and less than ten boxes were disposed recently.

Mr. Mairaro said the disposal of the condoms will make way for a new order, "so far the distribution process has been slow due to lack of manpower and timing but we are getting there", he said.

## Early Christmas for Anglicare PNG Inc POM. - Administration

Anglicare again was fortunate this year to receive assistance from the Anglican Board of Mission in Australia for their timely donation in the form of a back-up generator in November. The generator is currently operational and powers all buildings in the yard when there is a PNG Power blackout. Of the assistance that Anglicare has received just to name a few are; Mt Hagen Office Water Supply - (Tank and a Pump from British American Tobacco), in

Port Moresby a Generator (from the Anglican Board of Mission), Cooking shelter for the Life Skills program (from British American Tobacco), Printer and Laptop for the Port Moresby Adult Literacy Program (from X-Factor), Rotary for the books and clinical equipment's and Foursquare Church (clothes bales). Anglicare PNG Inc. would also like to acknowledge Digicel Foundation, Ginigoada Bisnis Foundation.

## Opening of new Adult Literacy School in Isoge Village, Sohe District - Popondetta

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The Isoge Adult Literacy school was recently established after an observation of a training conducted by Mr. Bernard Paru Adult Literacy Manager for Anglicare PNG Inc. at Dipoturu village in the Ijivitari District, Popondetta. After observing the training Mrs. Susan Kipas went back to her community and started the school by building her own classroom. The community recognized her initiative and took on board her initiative. After seeking approval from Mr. Carson Evari (Literacy coordinator at Popondetta) they built classrooms and sent four (4) more teachers

to the second training recently conducted by the Port Moresby Adult Literacy Team along with the Popondetta team. The Isoge Adult Literacy School was opened on the 25th of November 2013 by ANGLICARE PNG INC literacy Manager, Mr. Bernard Paru and his officers, from Port Moresby and Popondetta. The opening of the school was followed by a workshop on BOOK FLOOD and HIV/AIDS and GENDER which ended with a first graduation held at the school. A villagers leader and chairman of the literacy school thanked Anglicare PNG Inc.