



## PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited

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SDP has entered an exciting new phase as we re-position ourselves for a future where we can provide lasting benefits for the people of Western Province.

Our organisation is adapting to a changing environment:

- We have become a leaner organisation, committed to delivering a more focused program of development initiatives in keeping with the Program Rules.
- We have changed the way we manage the Long Term Fund with three objectives in mind (i) boost the income needed to fund our development initiatives (ii) manage the risks through proper diversification and (iii) avoid eroding the capital base (for the benefit of future generations).
- We have also adjusted the way we deliver our programs by taking a “catalyst” role whereby we help shape concepts into practical initiatives; introduce innovative solutions; form joint ventures with experienced organisations so approved projects can be implemented efficiently and effectively; provide funding; and monitor the outcomes to prevent these projects from veering off-course.
- While we are an independent organisation, our spending programs are closely aligned with the Western Province development plans.

Our aim is to “complement and supplement” government services and the efforts of other agencies. To this end, we are committed to working within government policy parameters and consulting widely with elected Members, public servants, development agencies and local communities.

Our spending initiatives are focussed on four areas:

- Providing access to remote communities in Western Province by funding:
  - RAA to refurbish and maintain the rural airstrips (in December 2017 only 12 were operational; today we have 45 functioning airstrips; and within 12 months all 70 will be in use).
  - A complete upgrade of the telecommunications network (essential maintenance; new towers; 4G technology; broader coverage).
  - A new banking service will be delivered over mobile phones using the 4G technology.
- Improving education through improving school infrastructure; funding school fees; using modern technology to support teachers and students in remote locations. We have also developed a Balimo campus, which is providing FODE, and shortly, teacher and health worker training.
- Strengthening health services by sponsoring Marie Stopes (family planning); World Vision (WASH); and RAM (malaria management). We have also developed an aerial health patrol, which provides a rural health service for rural communities.
- Creating livelihoods in the cash economy by developing commercially viable agribusiness (e.g. rebuilding the fish hatchery on Daru; working towards putting the rubber industry onto a sustainable basis; and launching a vanilla and black pepper nucleus estate).

We are building a small management team of predominantly PNG nationals with the qualifications, dedication and integrity to sustain our current efforts into the future. We are also looking to bring in new partners with capabilities developed by driving successful initiatives in other parts of the developing world to help us deliver more innovative solutions.