



**MAAPG003**

Appeal number

**720,000**

Swiss Francs

Total funding requirement

**64,523**

People to be reached

**700**

Volunteers country-wide



## **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

### IFRC Country Office

## **COUNTRY PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Papua New Guinea (PNG) Red Cross Society was established by an Act of Parliament in 1976, hence, recognising the National Society as an auxiliary to the government in its humanitarian services in the country. The National Society has its Headquarters in Port Moresby, and has a network of 12 branches, 1 interim branch and 1 sub-branch established in 13 out of the 22 provinces of the country. The National Society has over 700 volunteers nationwide.

Papua New Guinea country operational plan 2020 outlines activities and initiatives that IFRC will implement in support of and in collaboration with Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society (PNGRCS). This plan envisages programmatic interventions and activities in five Areas of Focus and all four Strategies for Implementation. Key focuses are Response Readiness at National, Provincial and community level risk reduction, preparedness and response capacity building, safe shelter awareness, health awareness, First Aid and safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in communities. Furthermore, training and awareness building on PGI, GBV, PSEA, Child Protection and Migration are adequately emphasized in the plan. Most importantly, the 2020 plan places enough importance on the NS capacity building, enhancing NS response readiness capacity, increasing resources and strengthening overall capacity to deliver and reach vulnerable in time of need. These initiatives are planned to assist with prevention of fraud and corruption, address violence against children and women as well as enhancing overall accountability and institutional credibility and capability of PNGRCS. Core cost recovery initiative supported by Movement Partners will enhance PNGRCS capacity in 2020.

Additional technical resources required to support this plan will come primarily from the Asia Pacific Regional Office based in Kuala Lumpur and IFRC Country-Cluster Support Team office for the Pacific, based in Suva as well as the other IFRC members, particularly those that have long standing cooperation with PNG RC, such as Australian Red Cross, New Zealand Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Partners are working towards supporting PNG RC with one aligned movement support plan for greater efficiencies and drawing on the collective strengths of the movement.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT



### Vulnerability to Disasters

PNG is highly prone to natural disasters facing earthquakes, floods, cyclones, volcano and drought. Papua New Guinea experienced drought as a result of El Nino in early 2016 and like other Pacific countries is vulnerable to climate change. Civil unrest and tribal fight is common in PNG and preparations will need to be in place to ensure violence is minimised in general.

From the beginning of November 2017 through to good part of 2018, there were measles outbreak in Vanimo, the Kadowar volcano eruption, the Highlands earthquake and polio outbreak in three provinces. IFRC efforts are focused on preparedness and community resilience.

## STATISTICS

**40%**

of the country's population live below the poverty line.

**33%**

of the country do not have access to basic health services.

**67%**

women in country hve experienced some or multiple forms of violence.

**2.4%**

Unemployment in 2018.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

### DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 50,000**

DRR shall focus on awarness raising campaigns on climate change mitigation and environment stability. The target population will be 20,000 persons. Second major component of DRR will be application of WPNS and DRCE tools to access its Disaster Preparedness for response capacity.

- Number of people trained 20,030
- Number of community leaders engaged 203

### SHELTER

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 20,000**

Shelter will involve pre-positioning of emergency shelter materials at identified places. Other major area of focus will be provision of technical support and guidance to 1000 household appropriate to type of support provided to them. Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) refresher and simulation training for volunteers of 2 branches is also planned.

### HEALTH

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 110,000**

Health sector will reach out to 15910 people by the National Society's health programs to include development of CBHFA plans to address identified health risk, training of people in First Aid as well as involvement of National Immunization Plan.

### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 20,000**

WASH will be focused on provision of safe water services, education and support to 500 HH to reduce open defecations. Development of community based water & sanitation management plans and reaching out to 2000 house holds with key messages to promote personal and community hygiene.

### PROTECTION, GENDER AND INCLUSION

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 10,000**

Focus of PGI will be on safe & equitable provisions of basic services matching to different needs of gender and diverse factors. NS programs will include measures to improve equitable status, maintain classrooms of special kids in a special education center as well as cover aspects of preventing, responding to and mitigating violence towards children in its annual programs.

## STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

### STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 70,000**

Supporting NS to ensure strategic plan, statue and governance structures are in place. Aux role of National Society is clear to relevant authorities for appropriate support to humanitarian interventions. Positive youth engagement for a constructive role in society is another area of focus. Support and engagement through Movement Network will also continue.

### ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 30,000**

To ensure maintenance of an effective response, preparation and surge capacity mechanism, participants from PNG will be sent for RDRT courses in pacific and beyond. Regular movement coordination will be maintained to have an appropriate response.

### INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNERS

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 80,000**

Enhancing understanding and visibility of RCRC at government level, awareness campaigns against gender violence, inclusiveness of people with disabilitis, development of communication strategy and is implementation and fund raising are some major areas of focus.

### ENSURE A STRONG IFRC

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 330,000**

To build and strengthen the financial systems leading to better accountability and transparency at all levels. Another major area of focuss will be building branch capacities through branch development activities, volunteer management systems, aimed at retaining and maintaining qualified, skilled staff and volunteers. Efforts will continue on building and enhancing our financial sustainability.

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