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# 01

2017 AT  
A GLANCE







## 1.1

# MESSAGE FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR

It is with great joy that we share with you our 2017 Annual Report.

In collaboration with so many, 2017 has been another great year of expansion and strengthening.

As I reflect on the year that has been, I am reminded of the hundreds of volunteers that have served from around the world - particularly our full-time volunteers that continue to serve faithfully and sacrificially with such love and care in their hearts for the individual. I'm reminded of the broad range of support extended from government, non-government and corporate sectors, and most importantly, I'm reminded of the lives that have been touched in hundreds of remote villages across Papua New Guinea (PNG).

We celebrate and value the contributions of many individuals to our team in 2017. Just one example is Papua New Guinean dentist, Dr Hilda Audubo. Hilda was one of the first dentists to be trained in PNG in over 20 years. Shortly after graduating from dental school in 2011, she volunteered aboard a YWAM ship outreach and has returned on various occasions since that time. Hilda works with dedication alongside other volunteer colleagues from around the world as

she serves those living in rural PNG. Her passion to see communities transformed is an inspiration and typifies the shared drive across our team.

Within the context of a nation-wide critical skills shortage spanning a range of professions, Hilda's story is a beautiful reminder of the role that we can play in championing PNG's health workforce, as well as providing a bridge between those serving in PNG's urban areas to the rural majority. Hilda is just one of the 246 Papua New Guinean healthcare workers that we have had the privilege to serve alongside in 2017.

We thank you for supporting YWAM MSA in 2017. We hope that as you peruse this report, you get a glimpse of what your support has helped make possible.

With sincere gratitude,

**Ken Mulligan OAM, OBE**  
Managing Director







# 1.2 2017 MILESTONES AND HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017, our geographical reach increased, with collaborative patrols reaching remote inland and coastal communities through a combination of ship and land-based teams in addition to heli-supported patrols.

We saw a range of existing partnerships strengthened, in addition to developing new collaborations across government, non-government and corporate sectors in Papua New Guinea, Australia and internationally.

Some significant milestones and highlights are gathered here for celebration across our diverse team.

## **Completion of Stage 4 Refit**

2017 witnessed completion of Stage 4 in MV *YWAM PNGs* refit which included upgrades to patrol tenders, a new lounge area for in-service training and the addition of a second microscope and GeneXpert IV system for the onboard laboratory. Cabin upgrades increased the vessel's capacity to carry up to 130 passengers.

## **Stop TB action on the up**

As noted above, a major milestone in 2017 was upgrading of the mobile laboratory and training space aboard MV *YWAM PNG* to be better equipped to support the fight against TB. A biological safety cabinet, second microscope and testing system for drug resistant TB (the GeneXpert IV system) were all installed with the generous support of several partners.

## **First PNG Optometry Clinic Leader**

It was a privilege to engage with over 246 PNG health workers in collaborative field activities in 2017. This included the significant milestone of the first PNG-

national leader of a YWAM MSA – Australia (YWAM MSA) Optometry field team. Paeope Sari, of Gulf heritage, has served and been trained across several outreaches and took a natural step in her leadership development to become Clinic Leader.

## **Strengthening people to people connections**

People to people connections is at the heart of the YWAM MSA program. In 2017 this continued strong with over 28,600 patients engaged with field activities and served by over 596 volunteers from 30 different nations. The connections run deep, circle the globe and transform lives across the board.

## **Field partnership with National Department of Health (NDoH)**

NDoH deployed a team, under the direction of the Deputy Secretary (National Health Service Standards), to participate in a YWAM-facilitated outreach patrol to a remote part of Sohe District, Oro Province. This team undertook assessments of two facilities in remote areas where YWAM MSA has provided support, in partnership with local leaders. As a result of the multi-stakeholder advocacy mobilised, the facility at Manau was re-opened and the facility at Ioma received much needed infrastructure support.

## **Global networks**

The network of friends of Papua New Guinea and partners with YWAM MSA continued to expand in 2017. Notable additions included development of relationship with National University Hospital in Singapore and the Israeli Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV).



**324,705**healthcare and  
training services**596**

volunteers

**30**nationalities  
represented**327**PNG nationals  
engaged**28,632**

total patients

**17,077**immunisations  
given**487**individuals tested  
for TB**149,723**health promotion  
attendees**1,992**reproductive health  
services**7,958**

glasses distributed

**219**ophthalmology  
patients**6,107**

dental procedures



## 1.3 HISTORY

YWAM MSA's first Training and Medical Ship, MV Pacific Link, came under the management of YWAM Australia in 2010. The vessel was previously managed by YWAM Marine Reach New Zealand, primarily conducting its work in Fiji and Samoa before it began working in PNG with YWAM MSA, headquartered out of Townsville.

Before YWAM MSA commenced operations in PNG, leaders met with the then PNG Secretary for Health, Dr Clement Malau. During this 2009 meeting, Dr Malau gave his endorsement to the project and invited YWAM MSA to operate in PNG. Dr Malau's advice was to

initially focus on the Gulf and Western Provinces where healthcare services were most lacking.

The MV Pacific Link operated successfully in the Gulf and Western Provinces for five years (2010-2015) with growth year after year. In 2011, YWAM MSA was proud to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with PNG's National Department of Health (NDoH). The MoU outlines a commitment to work together around a shared vision; strengthening the delivery of healthcare and training in PNG's remote areas.





Throughout this time, YWAM MSA started to pursue a new vessel that would enable expanded operations in PNG's rural areas.

In July 2014, a lease-to-buy contract was signed on a former boutique cruise catamaran, MV Ammari. This was followed by an 8-port public relations and fundraising tour in Australia and advocacy campaign in PNG, spreading the message of 'Overcoming the Impossible' and seeking to raise the \$6 million AUD required for purchase. The vessel was purchased on December 4th 2014 and renamed MV YWAM PNG, reflecting the core

mandate of the vessel. The vessel is four times larger than the MV Pacific Link.

The MV YWAM PNG underwent four stages of refit between 2015-2017, interspersed with a series of deployments to the Southern region and Morobe Province, PNG. The refit has included the construction of a dentistry clinic, day procedure unit, laboratory and the addition of two extended range patrols tenders.

## 1.4 WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

### Who we are

Youth with a Mission (YWAM) is a worldwide Christian movement operating in more than 180 countries since 1960. YWAM is decentralised in structure; each centre is financially and legally autonomous, allowing locations to adapt and serve the specific needs of the community.

YWAM MSA is a charity that aims to care, connect, serve and build. We value individuals' rights to quality of life.

Our organisation takes an active role in partnering with communities seeking responsible, sustainable development. Our work is centred on Papua New Guinea (PNG) and on seeing people thrive by helping maximise collective strengths to address urgent health care and training priorities. We work in direct partnership with relevant local authorities, including national, provincial and district level government administrations.

The program is guided by the vision and priorities of key policy documents including PNG's National Health Plan: 2011- 2020 (NHP: 2011-2020) and



Medium Term Development Plan (StaRS strategy). It also honours the PNG – Australia Partnership for Development: Health and HIV/AIDS Schedule and a shared commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Our program is implemented in association with key stakeholders and partners, via use of a Training and Medical Ship and land-based teams deployed in rural PNG communities.

Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) are in place with a number of sector leads including the National Department of Health (NDoH) and provinces engaged. YWAM MSA' staff, including senior project managers, are full-time, self-funded volunteers. There are a small number of contracted positions.

YWAM MSA is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct.





### What we do

YWAM MSA has the passion and tested field capacity to help overcome some of the geographic isolation, infrastructure and human resource challenges facing PNG's rural health sector. Ship and land-based activities open the way for local health workers and other volunteer personnel to connect with communities who currently face serious barriers to accessing quality health and training opportunities.

Clinically, the focus is largely on primary health care, particularly the health of women and children, health promotion and preventative medicine. Improving oral health, correcting reversible vision loss and cataract blindness have also been major areas of activity.

Incorporated alongside clinical work is a vital component of YWAM's approach: human capacity development, especially health workforce strengthening. Clinical activities themselves provide the vehicle for collegial support and in-service updates for rural health care workers, which form an integral part of field activities. In addition, training sessions on topics such as generator

and outboard motor maintenance and repair, safe drinking water, solar projects and gender equity are important components of influencing logistical and environmental determinants of health.

Papua New Guinea nationals play a special role on YWAM MSA outreach teams. For example, young PNG medical and dental graduates come aboard and benefit from opportunities to receive close mentoring from YWAM colleagues whilst experiencing their skills making a significant difference to remote rural communities. Young PNG general volunteers also have valuable international exposure and coaching as they are welcomed to serve their nation as part of a YWAM MSA team. Close relationships with local field partners are a hallmark of the team approach to asset-based community development and the Healthy Island framework.<sup>12</sup>

1. Temu P, Chen PCV. The Papua New Guinea vision of Healthy Islands. Pac Health Dialog, 1999;6(2):253-258. <http://pacifichealthdialog.org.fj/Volume206/No20Health20of20Tongans20and20Other20Pacifians/Review20Papers/The20PNG20vision20of20healthy20islands.pdf>. Published 1999. Accessed June 8, 2018.  
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## 1.5 MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

In the next pages you'll find the briefest summary of a most amazing story. I hope you are inspired by the number of people who have been impacted – through the direct services, training and capacity building which has been made possible with YWAM Medical Ships Australia (YWAM MSA).

For every service delivered, every life spared, every young person trained, there is a team of dedicated volunteers who are spending their time and their hearts to make this happen. I am continually amazed by the calibre of people who come to serve with YWAM MSA – in skill, character, and care for the people they're serving.

This includes our full time staff, who all raise their own sponsorship, our short term volunteers who pay their own way to come to PNG, and of course, the in-country team of Papua New Guineans who provide leadership, translation, and insights that make this amazing effort not only possible – but highly successful.

In the past year, we signed two significant agreements – one with the nation of Israel and one with the National University of Singapore / National University Hospital - Singapore. Not only did this raise the profile of Papua New Guinea, and YWAM within both nations, it also resulted in greater access to highly skilled professionals coming to offer training and service delivery.

I am pleased to tell you that over 596 volunteers from 30 nations, including a record number of 128 Papua New Guineans are to applaud for the results you are about to read about.

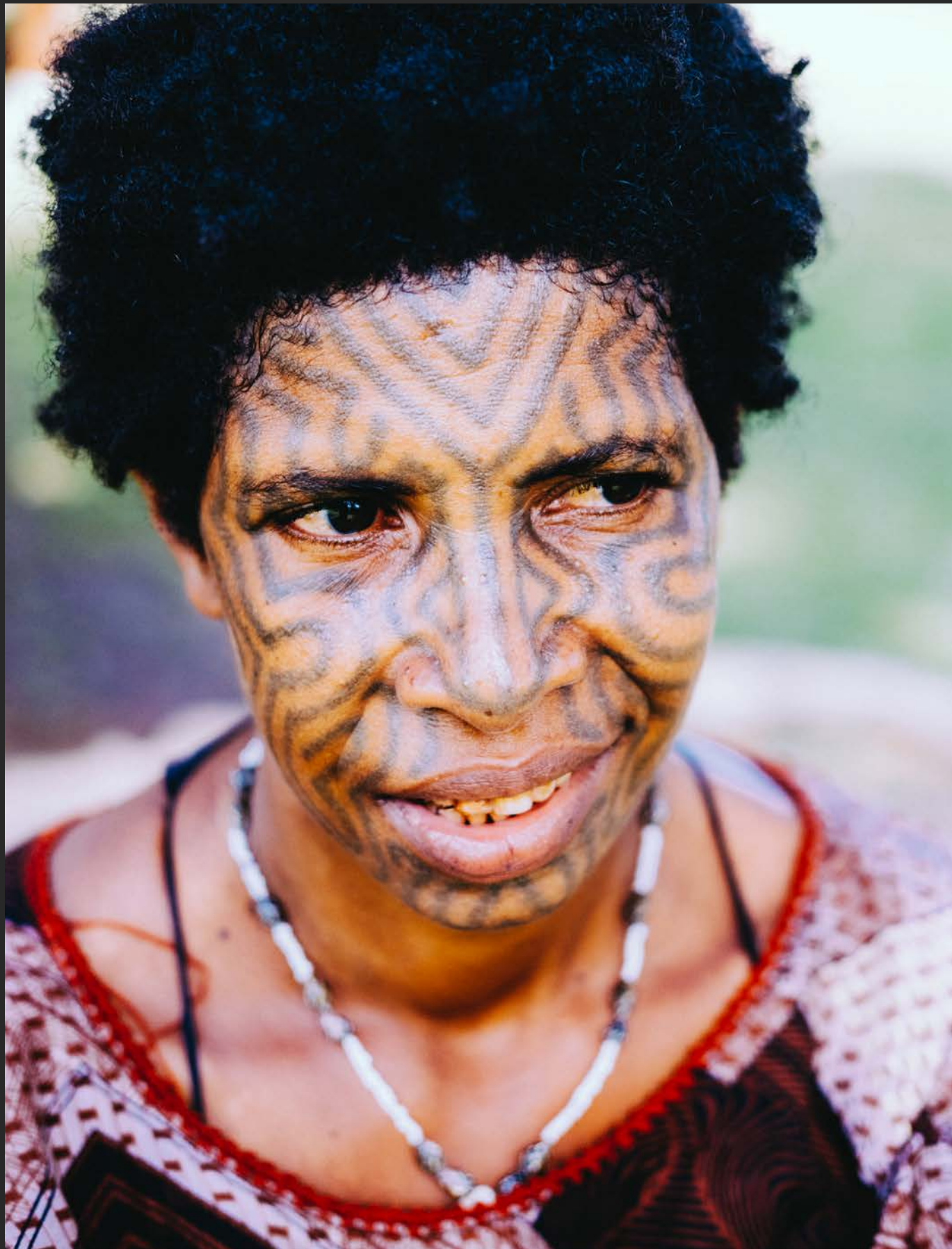
With gratitude for you and for them,



*Rebekah Hoover*

**Rebekah Hoover**  
Chairperson





## 1.6

## MESSAGE FROM PATRON: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

It is with thankfulness that I consider all that has been achieved in 2017, another significant year for YWAM MSA. The stories outlined in this report, and the thousands unwritten, are testament to the successful collaboration of many partners across Papua New Guinea, Australia and beyond. It has been a privilege to strengthen partnerships with National, Provincial, District and Local Level Governments in 2017, with a shared motivation of improving the lives of rural Papua New Guineans.

YWAM MSA continued to serve in hundreds of remote communities across PNG in 2017, including providing direct care to 28,632 individuals. However, it is not only those reached with essential healthcare and training services that are impacted by the work of YWAM MSA.

A truly international community of committed volunteers has the opportunity to grow, learn and serve together. Among them, is an increasing number of young Papua New Guineans choosing to offer their skills to serve with YWAM MSA. As they visit remote communities, often beyond their own province borders, they grow vital connections across our diverse and beautiful nation.

What a privilege to empower these passionate, young Papua New Guineans with training and opportunity as they step into their unique role in shaping Papua New

Guinea's future. I would like to express my thanks to each one for their integral contribution to the work of YWAM MSA in 2017, across the health, maritime and other fields.

In my sixth year as PNG Patron, I again extend my congratulations to YWAM MSA leadership and the large team of volunteers and partners who made possible this life-changing work throughout 2017. We have much to look forward to in 2018.

Sincerely,



**The Right Honourable Sir Rabbie Namaliu**

**GCL, KCMG, CSM**

Patron - Papua New Guinea

## 1.7 MESSAGE FROM PATRON: AUSTRALIA

2017 has been a full and successful year for YWAM MSA as the organisation has continued its engagement in Papua New Guinea. It has been pleasing to see further strengthening of links between Townsville, YWAM MSA home-port, and Papua New Guinea, including across government, community and business sectors.

The launch of Air Niugini's direct flights between Townsville and Port Moresby in March 2017 was a significant milestone in strengthening business and community connections and promotes opportunity for further growth. It was a privilege for YWAM to host events celebrating the launch of the direct flight both aboard the MV *YWAM PNG* in Port Moresby, and at the YWAM campus in Townsville where Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister, the Honourable Peter O'Neill, was in attendance.

Townsville has continued to provide strong support as home port to MV *YWAM PNG*. Representative of this support, and the sense of community connection to YWAM MSA, is the successful annual Breakfast by the Sea. In 2017, 700 individuals - representing various nations and sectors - gathered for this celebration of Papua New Guinean culture.

It is a privilege to continue bipartisan engagement at state and federal levels of the Australian parliament as we seek to partner with and strengthen our

nearest international neighbour. YWAM MSA values the significant support of the Australian Aid program which continued throughout 2017.

The achievements of 2017 are made possible through a wide range of collaborating partners and an international team of volunteers, including 231 Australians. Each one has given of their time to practically serve the people of Papua New Guinea, and I thank them for their commitment. I would also like to acknowledge the 22 Australian Youth Ambassadors who have represented YWAM MSA in their schools and amongst their peers.

I again extend my congratulations to Managing Director, Ken Mulligan, and the YWAM MSA Board for their excellent leadership in 2017, and look forward with anticipation to another successful year in 2018.

Kind regards,



**Honourable Mike Reynolds, AM, CBE**  
Patron - Australia

# 1.8 KEY PARTNERS



# 1.9 SUPPORTERS

Aputos	Prevention of Blindness	QantasLink
Aquacorp	Jessups North Queensland	QBE Australia
Barnabas Foundation	Laila Foundation	RANZCO Scientific Congress
B.Braun Australia Pty Ltd	Lloyd's Register	Rosshaven Marine
BlueKino	Marine Safe Australia	Scaff Safe NQ
BOC Ophthalmic Instruments	Maritime Cook Islands	Shailer Medical
C-Map	Maritime Safety Queensland	Signs of Excellence
Carl Zeiss Pty Ltd	Medical Dental Solutions NQ	Stryker Medical
Cattani Australia	Metro Pharmacy	Sturrock Grindrod Maritime
Cirrus Insight	MOB Enterprise	Suncorp Bank
Cook Islands Trust Corporation	Mineral Resource Development	Swire Shipping
Credit Corporation	Company	The Drill Guys
Dawson and Associates	Mylan Australia	Thermo Fisher
Designs for Vision	North Queensland Bulk Ports	Total E&P
Dow Water & Process Solutions	Corporation	Tradelinked Cairns & PNG
Electrotech	Novartis Pharm	Transpacific Industries Group
Filter Supplies	O'Shea & Dyer Solicitors	Vital Medical Supplies
First Advisers	OilMin	WearCheck
Food Relief NQ	Pacific Towing PNG	William Talbot Eye Care
Gadens	Pacific International Hospital	Xerox
GE & MJ Chapman Partnership	Pain Pod	YWAM Melbourne
Heroes Need Heroes	Penske Power Systems	YWAM Newcastle
HI Fraser	PNG Australia Association	Zoll Medical Australia
Insight Surgical	PNG Eye Care / Brien Holden Vision	
International Agency for the	Institute	



## 1.10 AMBASSADORS



Our Ambassadors continue to play a key role as YWAM MSA advocates in their local communities. In 2017, YWAM MSA had Community Ambassadors actively engaged in Cairns, Singapore, and Tasmania, and 25 Youth Ambassadors engaged in Townsville, Cairns, Cooktown, Newcastle, Torquay, Brisbane, Sydney, and Port Moresby. Their activities included fundraising, speaking engagements, recruiting volunteers, collecting resources, and raising awareness.

While most teenagers spend their school holidays catching up on sleep, homework and movies – our Cairns and Cooktown youth ambassadors have gone against the tide and have chosen to spend their school holidays serving others.

For two weeks, our four youth ambassadors worked alongside Yolonde Entsch, YWAM MSA, Cairns Community Ambassador. The trip has been funded by the Cairns Corporate Challenge, a local fundraising initiative that has raised over \$30,000 for YWAM MSA work in PNG.

It has been an experience of a lifetime for our young ambassadors, like Brayden, 16, from Cairns who says, "I couldn't think of a more influential trip for my first time out of Australia." When asked why he chose to brave the muds of Gulf Province, he answered, "I got involved as I was looking for a way to give back. Now I can see more clearly the importance of dentists in rural places like this." Brayden is working towards being an orthodontist himself and hopes to return to PNG one day.

Although it was Brayden's first trip out of the country, it wasn't the case for all of the ambassadors. Jennaveve, 17, from Cairns, spent two years of her childhood growing up in PNG with her parents, and couldn't wait to get back. "My favourite thing has been the kids" she said. "I love teaching and I love watching them smile, they're so grateful. Let's just say, there's been a lot of duck, duck, goose!"



Of course none of this would have been possible without Yolonde, who is gradually experiencing the rich diversity of PNG. Her two years as Community Ambassador for Cairns has already taken her to Central, Milne Bay and Gulf Province. This trip to Gulf has understandably been the highlight, the ambassadors being the precious fruit of her hard work and commitment to the communities of Cairns and PNG. She hopes that the trip will allow the ambassadors to reflect on their own lives and inspire them to contribute to their own communities back home.

"I have really enjoyed watching the confidence with which the ambassadors have jumped into their different roles," she smiles. "All of a sudden they are helping with physiotherapy, testing for visual acuity and prescribing reading glasses. It all happens so quickly!" When asked what her favourite part of being in the optometry team has been, it didn't take long for Yolonde to decide, "I enjoy fitting each person with the right glasses for their face, I think there was one man I tried ten different pairs on for!" she laughed.

By the end of this outreach Yolonde and the four ambassadors will have worked long, hot days in optometry, primary healthcare, community engagement and dentistry, across more than twenty villages in the Gulf Province. Next week it will be time for them to say goodbye to their floating ship family and head back home. There's no doubt the YWAM MSA ambassadors will have a different kind of school holiday to talk about with their friends!



# 02

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW









## 2.1 MARITIME OPERATIONS

2017 included the greatest geographic range yet across PNG from Daru to Rossel to Woodlark to Umboi. MV *YWAM PNG* continued to return to many places visited in previous years but also expanded to new areas requiring continued use of hydrographic survey techniques developed aboard. YWAM MSA has a growing database of hydrographic data supporting greater confidence for future outreach planning in much-unpublished near-coastal regions of PNG. In 2017 survey work was completed allowing transit of the ship inside protected waters from Port Moresby SE to Hood Point and from the reef entrance at Wanigela to Amazon Bay.

YWAM MSA continued to develop, customise and maintain the ship with the following major markers:

- Completion of the first midterm drydocking since acquisition
- Upgrade of reverse osmosis fresh water making system with new equipment capable of 33% greater output at 40,000L per day
- Increase of personnel carriage capacity to 130 persons including installation of custom built bunk beds for all 16 cabins on the upper deck.
- Galley upgrade with additional oven, new dish steriliser and modified bench arrangement for enhanced work flow
- Laundry room renovation including 4 new





commercial washers and dryers, greatly enhancing capacity and functionality of this critical operational area

- Enclosure and fit-out of lounge on bridge deck providing critical meeting/training space and improved quality-of-life for onboard personnel
- Papua New Guinea personnel carried a greater representation in the marine operations crew and hospitality staff than any other nationality.

Key relationships supporting maritime operations continue to include Puma Energy, PNG Ports Corporation, Port of Townsville, Ports North and Swire Group (as well as many others).





## 2.2 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Every YWAM MSA outreach voyage involves working with PNG health care workers to facilitate integrated maternal-child health outreach patrol, alongside consulting with general outpatients as appropriate.

The mobile patrol model used in Papua New Guinea seeks to overcome access challenges, including geographic isolation, and enable remote communities to engage with priority health services right at their village location.

The active support provided by YWAM MSA assists district health teams to reach out to their

catchments in line with the mandate of the National Health Plan: 2011-2020.

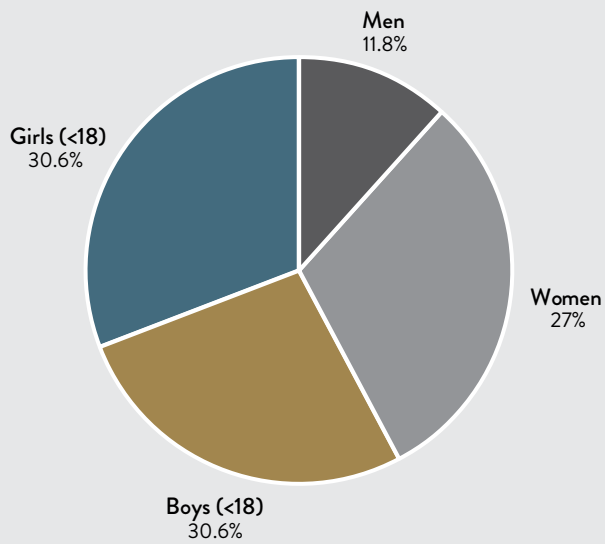
Preventive health care for women and children (especially access to family planning and immunisation) in remote rural areas is the major focus of the NHP and of YWAM MSA's activities to strengthen district level services.

Together with local communities and a wide range of partners, we believe that prevention is infinitely better than cure.





TOTAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PATIENTS - 14,952



## 2.3

# PRIMARY HEALTH CARE: MATERNAL HEALTH FOCUS



As previously outlined, preventive maternal health care is a major focus of YWAM MSA programming in Papua New Guinea.

Our PHC teams regularly collaborate with local health workers to facilitate provision of a range of family planning options to remote rural communities, as well as collaborating to support antenatal care.

Health education activities are also facilitated with a particular focus on empowering rural communities to better understand their reproductive health options. Peer-to-peer education covering a range of age groups is emphasised, alongside individual clinical counselling.

### 2017 Highlight

YWAM continued to provide access to medium-term, reversible contraceptive implants in rural areas. These small rods sit just under the skin of the inner-arm and provide a highly reliable, reversible contraceptive option for couples over the course of 3-5 years (depending on brand). In YWAM MSA's experience, these are the most popular form of contraception in rural areas.

Training (on implant removal and, where appropriate, insertion) was offered to suitably qualified local health workers wherever appropriate to enhance rural health service options. This embodies YWAM MSA' program model, directly interlinking collaborative service delivery with capacity building priorities.

There continued to be high demand for family planning services, especially in areas of more recent patrol activity. In areas of intensive past collaboration, it was pleasing to receive feedback from village members who were benefiting from the reliable family planning made possible by their previous implant insertion. Removal also continued to be made available to women as desired.

A vasectomist from Central Provincial Health also engaged with the ship again in 2017 and was able to use the outreach patrol as a platform to extend this service to 24 couples in rural areas. It is hoped to see this further develop in 2018.



**SUMMARY STATISTICS**

**Across 9 outreaches in 2017**  
(Targets with range 80-120%)

**MODERN FAMILY PLANNING TREATMENTS**

**1,256**

Target: 1,125 (900-1,350)

**COMPREHENSIVE ANTENATAL CHECKS**

**736**

Target: 608 (486-729)

**COUPLE YEARS OF PROTECTION**

**3,195**

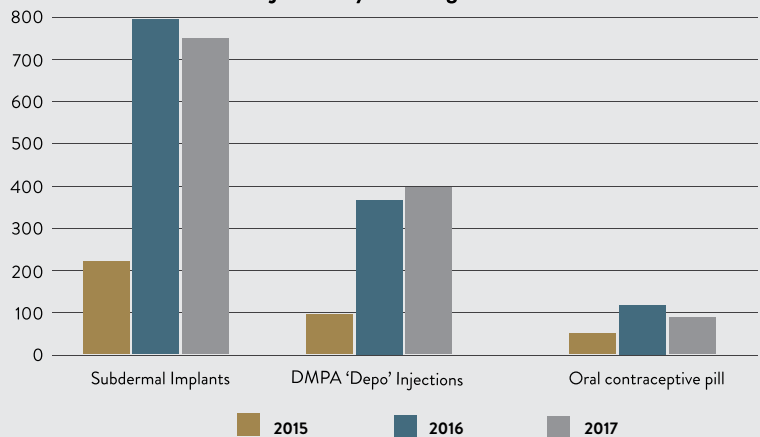
Target 2,850 (2,280-3,420)

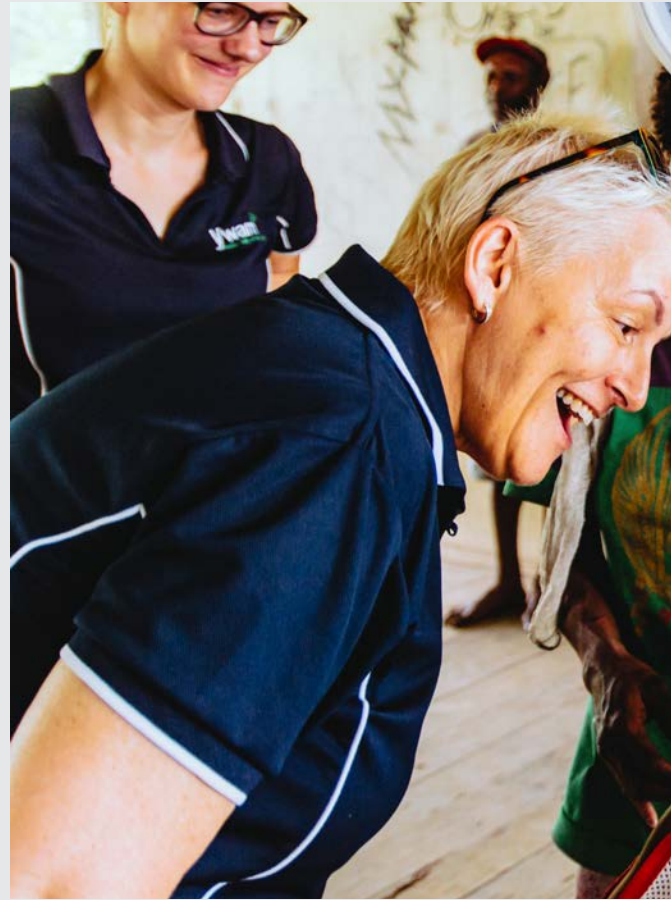
\*Standardised measure of contraceptive cover

**SINCE 2015, 7000 CYPS\* PROVIDED IN RURAL PNG**

\*Standard measure of years of effective contraception provided to a couple; excludes health worker training and supplies delivered

**Major Family Planning Choices**





## 2.4 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE: CHILD HEALTH FOCUS

As previously outlined, strengthened preventive child health activities in rural areas is at the centre of PNG's National Health Plan strategy and a vital focus of YWAM MSA field outreaches.

YWAM MSA continued to support delivery of PNG's Routine Childhood Immunisation Schedule. This includes continuing to support roll out of updates from recent years including third dose measles-rubella vaccine, the addition of pneumococcal vaccine and updated polio vaccines.

Community health education also continued to enhance understanding of topics such as immunisation, warning signs of severe illness in children and the nutritional needs of young children.

### **2017 Highlight**

Immunisation coverage estimates were achieved from evaluation survey work undertaken alongside mobile clinics in selected locations. These have shown improved coverage as a result of collaborative effort in recent years and are further explored under the Western Provincial snapshots.







**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
**Across 9 outreaches in 2017**  
 (Targets with range 80-120%)

**NUMBER OF PATIENTS UNDER 18 YEARS**

**9,147**

Target: 12,150 (9,720 - 14,580)

**TOTAL IMMUNISATIONS (ANTENATAL AND ROUTINE CHILDHOOD)**

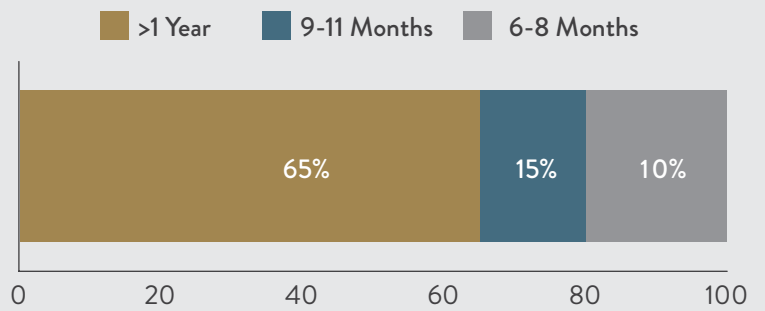
**17,077**

Target 20,000 (16,000 - 24,000)

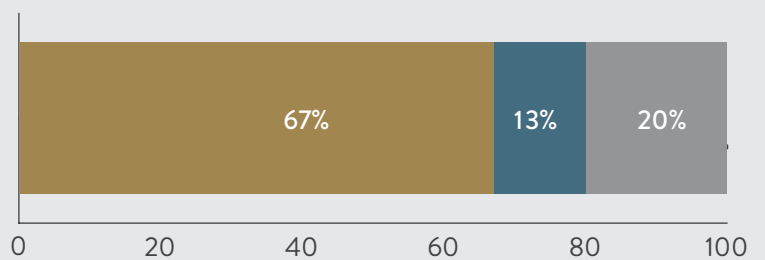
**DOSES DELIVERED TO RURAL FACILITIES**

**8,058**

Target: 10,000 - 12,000

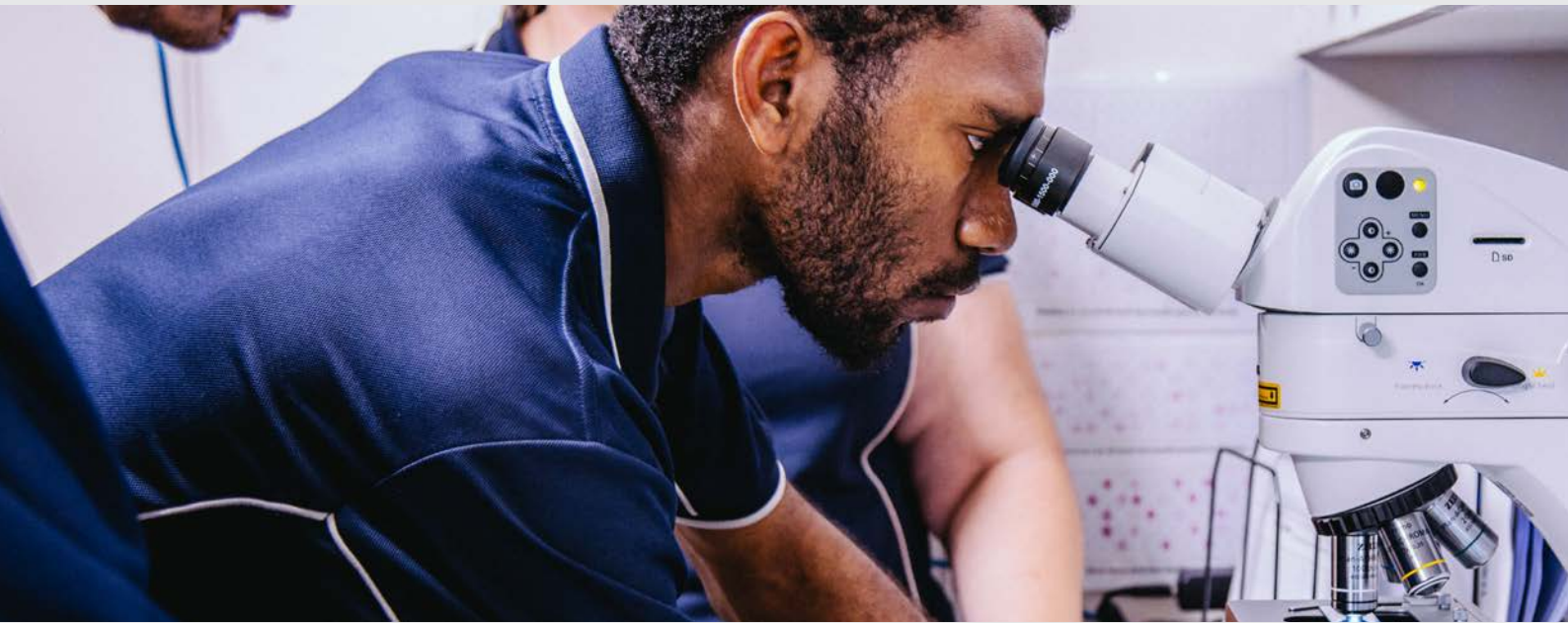


**Total Measles-Rubella Dose Distribution: Boys**



**Total Measles-Rubella Dose Distribution: Girls**





## 2.5 TUBERCULOSIS AND MOBILE CLINICAL LABORATORY

Tuberculosis (TB) continues to present a significant burden to Papua New Guinea. In 2017, YWAM MSA continued to collaborate with many partners striving to End TB. This included a range of activities including health education for communities, delivery of essential medication and laboratory supplies for rural health facilities, facilitation of mobile rural laboratory services and training of PNG personnel.

It was particularly encouraging to continue to see the mobile laboratory service utilised by PNG health workers, both at provincial and district levels, to reach out with quality diagnostics to remote rural areas. Furthermore, training in basic laboratory techniques and enhanced microbiological awareness was made accessible for isolated rural health

workers. These collaborators continued to speak highly of the opportunity provided.

### **2017 Highlights**

The laboratory aboard MV *YWAM PNG* continued to mature including the addition of GeneXpert technology to test for drug resistance and other enhanced equipment aboard the vessel. Major supporters of this improvements were the Australian Government (via the Direct Assistance Program), the German Government and the Cairns Corporate Challenge trekkers.





**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
**Across 9 outreaches in 2017**  
 (Targets with range 80-120%)

**TB HEALTH PROMOTION SESSIONS**

**181**

**TB HEALTH PROMOTION ATTENDEES**

**12,572**

**BCG DELIVERED TO HEALTH FACILITIES**

**920**

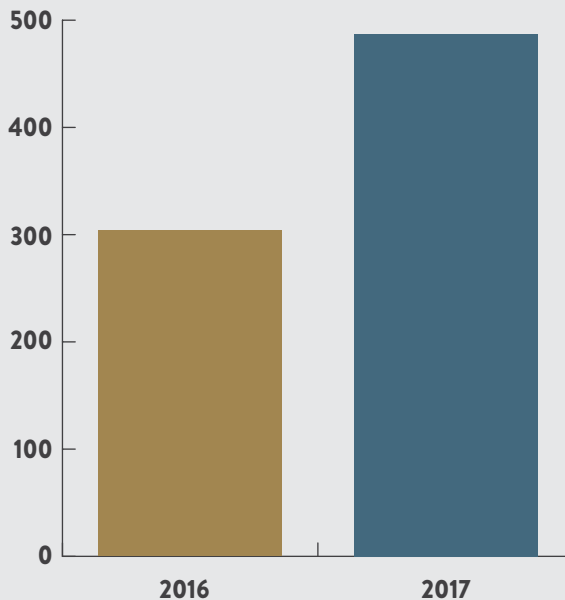
(Part of overall immunisations target previously noted)

**INDIVIDUAL TESTED FOR TB**

**487**

Target: 360 (288-432)

**INDIVIDUALS FOR TESTED TB**





## 2.6 EYE HEALTH





In 2017, a range of eye health partners undertook a Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness in PNG. The findings of this survey confirmed previous estimates of a very high burden of reversible blindness in Papua New Guinea. This includes both refractive error (corrected with glasses) and blindness due to cataract (corrected with surgery).

YWAM MSA continues to respond to this confronting reality through membership of the PNG Prevention of Blindness League and ongoing collaborative rural extension services and capacity building activities.





## 2.7 EYE HEALTH: OPTOMETRY

YWAM MSA continues to work with local partners to facilitate optometry outreach services in focus districts across the Southern Region and Morobe. A record number of rural people accessed eye health care through these activities in 2017. This included vision screening in rural schools.

### 2017 Highlight

Numbers of patients engaged grew largely due to facilitating field work in areas of relatively higher population density and strengthened collaboration with PNG eye health workers across a range of provinces. Land-based teams were also able to further extend field impact, independent of mother-ship voyages.

### SUMMARY STATISTICS

Across 9 outreaches in 2017  
(Targets with range 80-120%)

#### NUMBER OF PATIENTS

# 8,697

Target: 7,600 (6,080 - 9,120)

#### GLASSES AND PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR DISTRIBUTED

# 8,884

Target: 5,693 (4,554 - 6,831)

#### PNG HEALTHCARE WORKERS ENGAGED

# 6

Target: 2

#### EYE HEALTH PROMOTION ATTENDEES

# 6,619

Target: 1,510 (1,208 - 1,812)

#### SCHOOL STUDENTS SCREENED

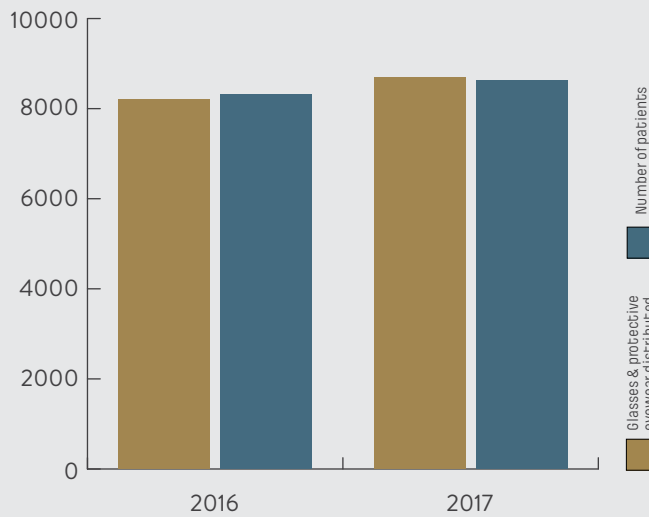
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Target: 900 (720 - 1,080)





**SUMMARY OPTOMETRY OUTPUT**



**TOTAL OPTOMETRY PATIENTS**

**32,556**

2010 - 2017





## 2.8

# EYE HEALTH: OPHTHALMOLOGY

The Day Procedure Suite aboard MV *YWAM PNG* continued to be used to mobilise eye health professionals from PNG, and other nations, to reverse blindness for men, women and children in remote parts of PNG.

### 2017 Highlights

Facilitating access to surgical services in places that have not previously had the opportunity is a remarkable achievement. In 2017, cataract and pterygium surgery was made available to people in remote parts of Ijivitari and Sohe Districts (Oro Province) for the first time. This was possible due to the screening work done by optometry clinics in previous years.







**SUMMARY STATISTICS**

**Across 9 outreaches in 2017**

(Targets with range 80-120%):

**PATIENT CONSULTATIONS**

**219**

Target: 195 (156 - 234)

**SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

**108**

Target: 100 (80 - 120)

**PNG HEALTH WORKERS ENGAGED**

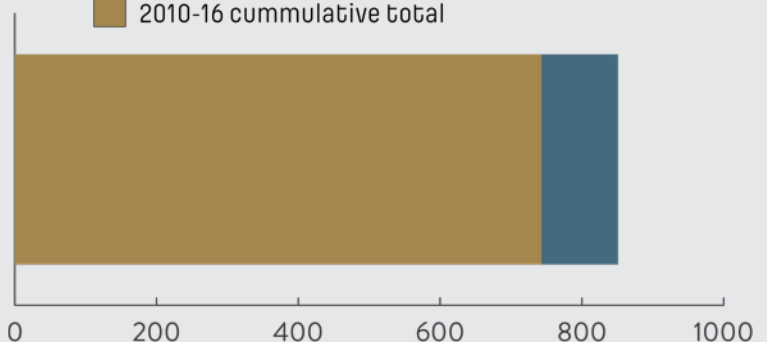
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Target: 2

**TOTAL OPHTHALMIC SURGERIES**

■ 2017

■ 2010-16 cumulative total





# HUSBAND & WIFE ON A MISSION TO SAVE LIVES

Husband and wife duo, Stanley and Borna, are more than just life-long companions, they are teammates on a mission to save lives.

Stanley and Borna met at Barnabas School of Nursing and have faithfully served as healthcare workers in Tufi, Oro Province for the last 18 years.

Borna, a passionate midwife, has the face of a typical woman of her age from the Tufi region; circling her eyes, cheeks, and forehead are the tracings of an elaborate tattoo that represents her tribe. Her face reflects more than just her people-group, but also her vast experience, resilience, and strength.

Borna shares stories of delivering babies during the middle of the night in Tufi Health Centre with no running

water, electricity or a light. She attends to mothers in the dark, using the light of her mobile phone in short intervals to help conserve the battery. Mothers travel from across the region to see Borna; on average, she helps deliver five babies a month.

Once the mother delivers, the baby is handed off to her husband, Stanley, a pediatric nurse. He shares his pride as he recounts the mothers and children he and Borna have helped save.

"It is great working with my wife, we understand each other and work as a team. If a patient comes in that is a mother, I come to Borna, if a child comes in, Borna comes to me," said Stanley.

Though Stanley's dedication and passion is strong, he

has been greatly held back in his work over the last few years due to severe cataracts. Important tasks like reading the print on vials and samples has been impossible.

"We get someone to work with Stanley to help – he has the knowledge but can't do most of his tasks on his own. It has been very hard for him," said Borna.

This week, Stanley had the cataract on his right eye removed aboard the MV *YWAM PNG*. The surgery was an outstanding success; his vision improved from 6/60 to 6/9 overnight.

When Stanley is asked what his favourite part about his job is, he shares about his love for patrols; stocking up a banana boat with immunisations and supplies and

traveling to rural and remote villages with Borna and their team. Stanley hasn't been able to do patrols since his eyesight deteriorated two years ago.

"I can now get back to the remote areas – there is a lot of people out there with no healthcare available to them, this is where we must go," said Stanley.

Stanley and Borna, who are now grandparents, are asked if retirement is on the horizon. They smile together and Borna says, "we will never leave this place, these are our people, this work is our heart."

Indeed, healthcare is more than a job for Borna and Stanley, this is their life-purpose. Thanks to Stanley's restored eyesight, their legacy in Tufi continues on.





## 2.9 ORAL HEALTH

YWAM MSA continues to facilitate oral health outreach patrol around the Southern Region and Morobe Province, as well as provide training and peer support opportunities for PNG health professionals. These activities occur both in the dental clinic aboard MV *YWAM PNG*, via land-based mobile teams and through growing collaborations with health facilities. The vastly improved performance associated with Stage 2 refit of the vessel in 2016 has continued with another strong year in 2017.

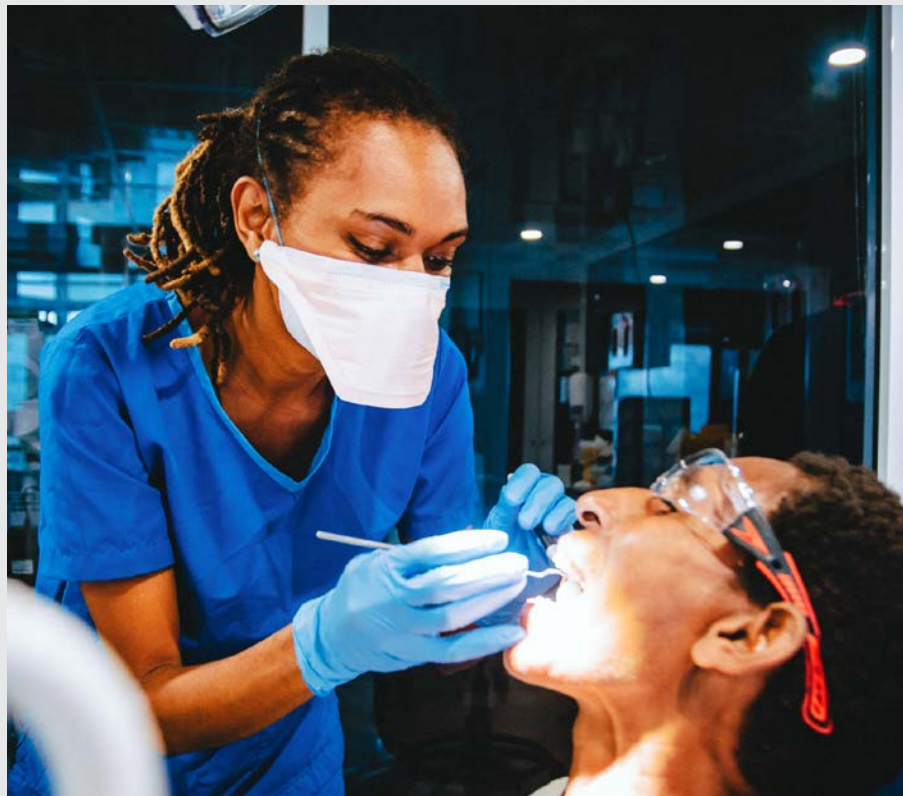
In areas of more recent engagement, emergency extractive work is the prime focus whilst demand for restorative and preventative treatments increases in areas of longer-term engagement. This therapeutic transition is pleasing to observe, as is the strengthening of Community Health Worker (CHW) in

rural areas to be able to effectively fulfill their role under PNG's Oral Health Standard Treatment Guidelines.

Oral health education, including active school programs, also continue as a major part of YWAM MSA's oral health program.

### 2017 Highlights

The development of land-based dental outreach (independent of direct ship-outreach voyage) was a milestone in 2017. In a pilot project, a YWAM MSA land-based team facilitated oral health outreach via working with PNG health workers at Kerema General Hospital, Gulf Province, and with Abau District Health Services, Central Province. The initial trial was a success and it is hoped to expand this project in the future.



**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
**Across 9 outreaches in 2017**  
 (Targets with range 80-120%):

**NUMBER OF PATIENTS**

**4,764**

Target: 2,700 (2,160 - 3,240)

**NUMBER OF PROCEDURES**

**6,107**

Target: 5,150 (4,120 - 6,180)

**PNG ORAL HEALTH WORKERS ENGAGED**

**19**

Target: 9 (7-11)

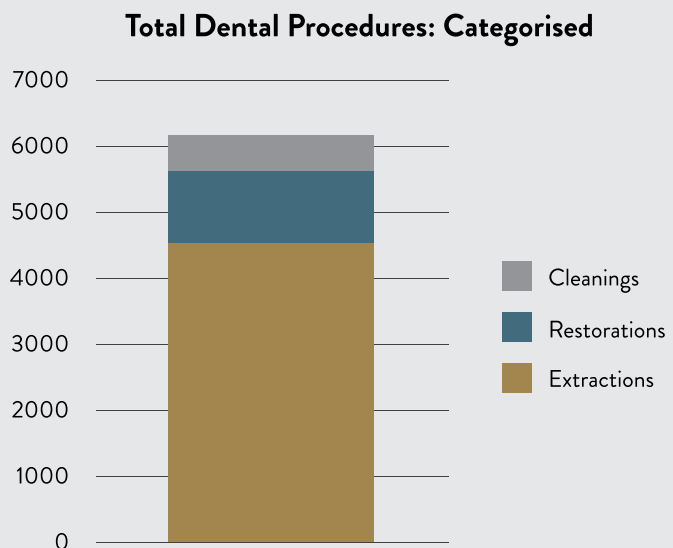
**ATTENDEES AT HEALTH PROMOTION**

**32,654**

Target: 5,400 (4,320 - 6,480)

**2017 DENTAL PROCEDURES IN RURAL PNG**

**OVER 6,000**





## 2.10

# HEALTH EDUCATION AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Health education plays an important role in supporting communities to engage in strategies to achieve their goals for health. Peer mentoring, involving mobilising young Papua New Guineans as educators, remains a strong focus for YWAM MSA alongside broader sessions delivered for men, women and children.

#### Topics included:

- Nutrition
- Oral health
- HIV/AIDS
- Tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Water, Hygiene and Sanitation
- Immunisation, Child Health and 'Lukautim Pikinini'
- Family Planning
- Safe Pregnancy and Birth
- Gender Based Violence and Safe Communities
- Puberty
- Joint Care/ Musculoskeletal Health

#### SUMMARY STATISTICS

Across 9 outreaches in 2017

(Targets with range 80-120%):

#### TOTAL HEALTH PROMOTION SESSIONS

# 5,545

Target: 3,290 (2,632 - 3,948)

#### TOTAL ATTENDEES AT SESSIONS

# 149,723\*

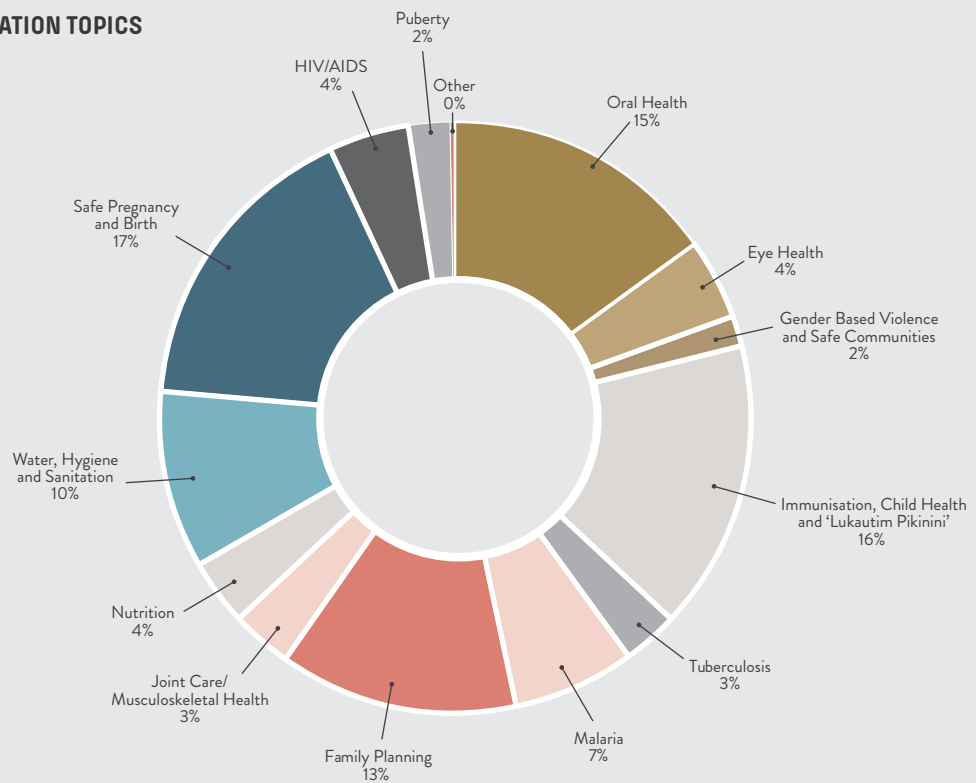
Target: 87,000 (69,600 - 104,400)

\*Some individuals may attend more than one session





HEALTH EDUCATION TOPICS





# EVERY GIRL. EVERYWHERE. PERIOD.

For millions of girls across the world, reaching puberty and beginning their monthly periods can quickly become a barrier to enjoying their normal activities, such as going to school and spending time with friends.

Days for Girls is an international organisation that provides feminine hygiene solutions and health education. To date, it has reached over 640,000 women and girls in over 100 countries.

Over the past year, YWAM MSA has incorporated Days for Girls kits into its community engagement program, which runs alongside all primary health care clinics. The Days for Girls kits are sanitary packs that are

designed for use in rural areas. The kits last up to three years and include waterproof shields, liners, soap, and other items used for basic hygiene. The provision of these kits can be life changing for the women and girls who receive them as they eliminate some practical barriers to full participation in community life.

Erin Ford was recently on board the MV *YWAM PNG* as the community engagement team leader and is passionate about this program. 'Days for Girls is such a vital necessity for young girls entering puberty and throughout womanhood. Most women use cloth. I recall one young girl state that she finds it uncomfortable to do sports as the cloth moves around. Other young



women may not go to school due to not having adequate protection. So the impact of having Days for Girls kits for each village is huge' said Erin.

When YWAM MSA's teams distribute these packs, trained volunteers also facilitate culturally sensitive education sessions on related topics. These sessions are a unique opportunity for girls and women of all ages to come together to share and learn from one another. On occasions, the group includes three generations of the one family.

Whilst on outreach in Central Province earlier this year, the community engagement team had enough resources to provide around ten kits in each village. The team noticed that some women had sewing machines and recognised this as an opportunity to empower and

build the capacity of the communities. In one village, a local home-economics teacher was provided with the pattern, equipping her and her students to make kits for themselves. Not only that- their skills can be used to help their family members and others in the community, contributing to sustainable solutions and reducing inequality.

Throughout 2017, our teams have been able to give out over 1,400 of these kits in remote PNG communities. 'We are so grateful to the people who's donations have made this possible' said Erin.



## 2.11

# HEALTH WORKFORCE STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY BUILDING



YWAM MSA engages in a range of activities to strengthen Papua New Guinea's health workforce, especially in rural areas. Activities also focus on building capacity within young Papua New Guineans serving as part of the program in non-clinical roles. This is in addition to the community health education focus presented at 2.10.

YWAM MSA human capacity building initiatives can be broadly classified into 5 main domains:

- Collaborative clinical activity: peer support and collegial education is an important developmental strategy in health professional vocational practice
  - These opportunities, including exposure to international colleagues, are not otherwise available to the majority of rural health workers and also benefit urban-based PNG health workers serving aboard
- In-service training sessions
  - Provided for rural health workers, often directed to learning needs they identify, however, inter-linked with topical updates from key partners (eg updates on new inclusions in the PNG Childhood Immunisation Schedule or updates to PNG Standard Treatment Manuals)
- Rural clinical placement for students
  - For example, University of Papua New Guinea medical students are regularly engaged aboard
- for their Year 5 Rural Block health attachment
  - There is strong qualitative evidence from students and their supervisors that their attitudes to practice and orientation to rural health are positively impacted by such placements
- Community health education
  - Previously outlined at 2.10
- Youth empowerment program
  - Young PNG volunteers are given opportunity to join YWAM MSA field teams as general volunteers and receive mentoring, practical leadership training and skills development specific to their placement; all the while, immersed in an international team environment and gaining exposure to development opportunities within their nation.

### 2017 Highlight

Teamwork between PNG nationals and international friends of PNG remained an overall highlight for YWAM MSA in 2017. Field teams engaged a strong representation of Papua New Guineans. Of the total nationals engaged in the field program, a proportion were directly deployed as YWAM MSA personnel (with ship or land-based teams). A further group represented local partners engaged in collaborative patrol activities.



**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
**Across 9 outreaches in 2017**

(Targets with range 80-120%):

**TOTAL PNG NATIONALS  
 ENGAGED IN THE FIELD  
 PROGRAM**

**327**

Target: 128 (101 - 151)

**TOTAL PNG NATIONAL  
 HEALTH WORKERS  
 (AS SUBSET OF ABOVE)**

**246**

Target: 99 (79 - 119)

**TOTAL TRAINING SESSIONS**

**143**

Target: 100 (80 - 120)





# UPNG STUDENTS GAIN RURAL MEDICAL EXPERIENCE ON YWAM MEDICAL SHIP

Final year medical students from the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) have once again joined a rural outreach patrol aboard the YWAM Training and Medical Ship, MV *YWAM PNG*. The most recent group have just returned from serving in Western Province and will now embark on a patrol in Milne Bay waters.

The program is a partnership between UPNG and YWAM MSA to provide medical students with rural health exposure and training opportunities.

Executive Program Manager, Dr Sarah Dunn, spoke of YWAM's enthusiasm for the collaboration.

"This is part of YWAM MSA's strategy to provide a platform for young Papua New Guineans to develop

and apply their skills as they explore and serve this beautiful nation. It fits directly into our broader vision to building capacity here in PNG," said Dr Dunn.

The students joined in with over 100 volunteers from 11 nations to visit remote communities. A total of 20 villages were engaged during the patrol.

They expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity to broaden their experience, including seeing conditions that they had previously only read about in textbooks. Student, Lydia Dorum, shared her perspective after 2 weeks in Western Province:

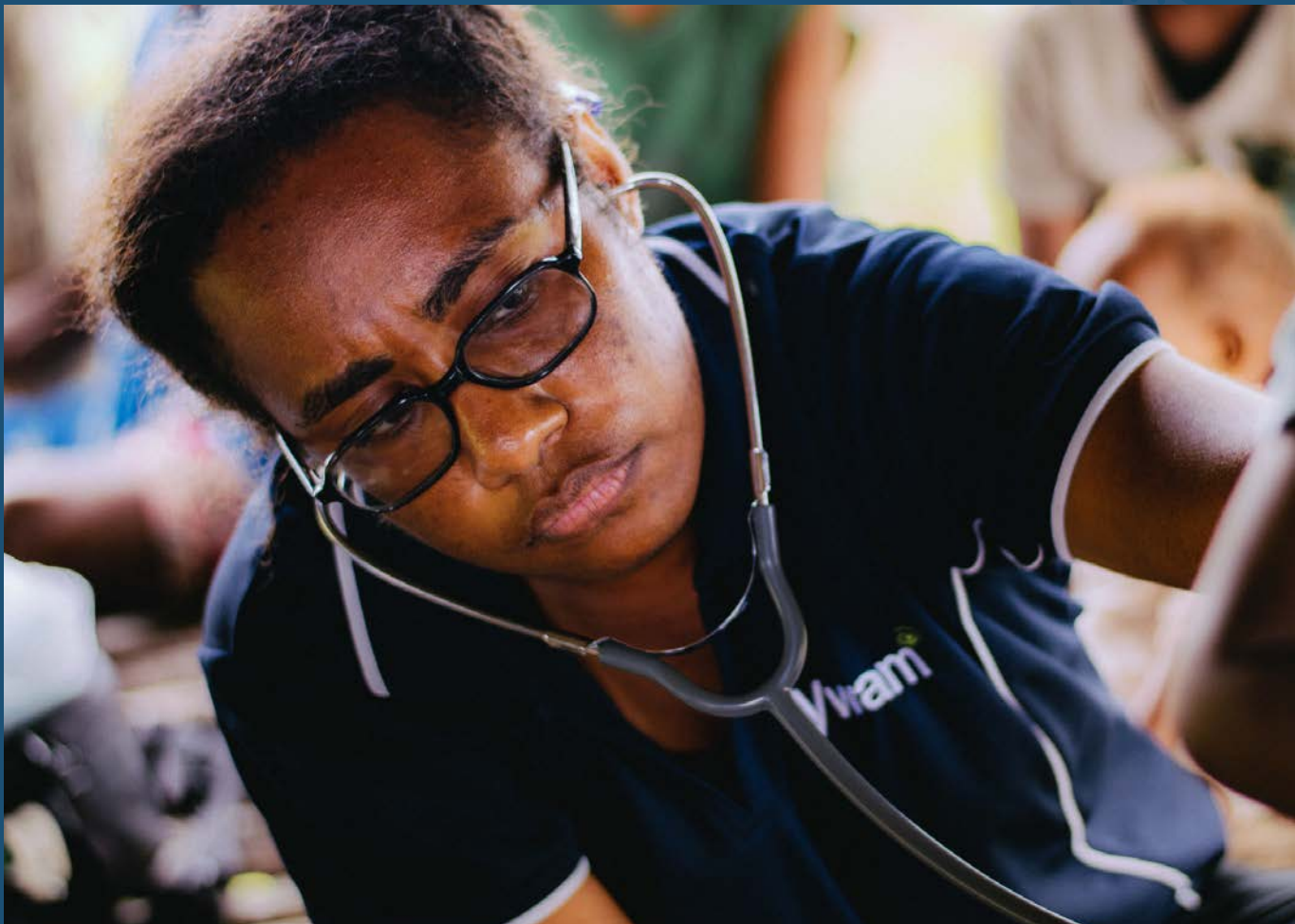
"Before I came, my thinking was quite limited to everything I learned in the Port Moresby context.

Coming here, I've seen how rural people live and how their lifestyle and environment can lead to disease. It has helped me expand my knowledge of public health and medicine in rural places."

"Also working with a team like this is a new experience. I've learned communication skills and how to work with different people," said Ms Dorum.

The development of teamwork skills within the rural healthcare context is a focus of this program.

"Seeing these young student-doctors engaging with rural communities and working in team with professional colleagues from all round the world is deeply inspiring. PNG certainly has some fine young people training in the health professions," said Dr Dunn.





## 2.12 SUPPLY CHAIN SUPPORT

YWAM MSA seeks to strengthen the rural health system via supporting remote rural facilities with delivery of essential medical supplies. These are transported from national or provincial storehouses in collaboration with Area Medical Store (AMS) leaders and local supply chain coordinators.

This work has continued where and when appropriate on outreaches across the Southern Region and Morobe in 2017.

### **2017 Highlight**

Close working relationship with Morobe Provincial Health and a motivated District Health Officer resulted in achieving a particularly effective supply

delivery to Tewae-Siassi District facilities on the maiden voyage of MV *YWAM PNG* to this district in 2017. A large order of essential medicines were dispatched from the Area Medical Store (AMS) in Lae and loaded aboard to be distributed to key health facilities across the patrol voyage.

Given the difficulties in achieving timely delivery of supply to these outlying areas, the utilisation of the patrol mother-ship for stock distribution, as well as personnel support, provided an effective solution.

This was a pattern offered and repeated on voyages across the Southern Region, wherever local leadership took up the opportunity.





#### SUMMARY STATISTICS

Across 9 outreaches in 2017

ROUTINE IMMUNISATIONS (DOSES)

**8,058**

TOOTHBRUSHES

**14,354**

TOOTHPASTE

**12,165**

BIRTH KITS

**1,203**

LONG-LASTING INSECTICIDAL NETS

**618**

CONTRACEPTIVES

**7,136**

(Implants = 494, DMPA = 3,061  
OCP = 3,581)

3,358 CYPs\* of contraception consumables distributed to rural health facilities in 2017 \*Standard measure of years of effective contraception provided to a couple





## 2.13

# WATER/SANITATION AND SOLAR POWER

An ongoing activity of YWAM MSA' community engagement teams has been installing or repairing water tanks, filters and solar power kits, improving local access to clean water and power. These activities also aimed to increase local know-how and

were conducted in group tutorial sessions wherever possible. This not only upskills members of the local community but also equips them to conduct ongoing maintenance and repair activities.







**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
Across 9 outreaches in 2017

WATER TANKS INSTALLED

**1**

WATER TANKS REPAIRED

**208**

WATER FILTERS INSTALLED OR PROVIDED

**79**

SOLAR KITS INSTALLED

**5**



# HAYMANS ELECTRICAL LIGHTS UP HEALTH CENTRES IN RURAL PNG



Electrical wholesaler, Haymans Electrical, is teaming up with Townsville-based charity, YWAM MSA, to bring solar power to remote health centres in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Haymans Electrical are assisting by donating \$15,000 toward five solar light kits that will be delivered and installed via the YWAM Medical Ship, MV *YWAM PNG*, in remote health centres in PNG's Southern Region over the next few months.

Haymans Electrical Townsville Manager, Mark Heselwood, said that the company is proud to be partnering with YWAM MSA as they work together toward strengthening health service delivery in PNG's rural areas.

"I attended YWAM's annual fundraiser in Townsville last year and was moved by the work YWAM does remote areas of PNG.

"Being an electrical company, donating funds toward solar kits is a good fit for us. We are really pleased to be working with a charity that has the capacity to not only deliver and install the kits, but also provide training and ongoing maintenance and follow up," said Mr Heselwood.

The solar kit consists of solar panels, lights for four rooms, head lamps, a battery charger, re-chargeable batteries, mobile phone charger, and a foetal doppler to monitor a baby's heartbeat during delivery.



YWAM MSA Managing Director, Mr Ken Mulligan, said that the solar kits had been installed in remote health centres in collaboration with PNG's provincial health authorities, and it is hoped to multiply that into more villages across PNG.

"There are some amazing health workers serving in very isolated communities in PNG with limited resources available to them. One of those health workers is Sister Antonia, who has served as a midwife in Western Province for over 30 years.

"Antonia used to deliver babies in the middle of the night using the light of just her mobile phone. A few years ago her health centre received a solar kit. A year after the kit was installed, Antonia shares that the kit has made her job much easier, and much more safe.

"The gift of the solar kit is a great way to not only strengthen and build capacity in these faithful health workers, but to also cheer them on in the great work they're doing.

"We are grateful for Haymans' support in helping us start to take the installation of these kits to another level," said Mr Mulligan.



# 03

## LOCATION SNAPSHOTS







# 3.1 CENTRAL PROVINCE

## SUMMARY STATISTICS

**2,479**

Primary Healthcare Patients

**370**

Reproductive Health Consultations

**268**

Family Planning Received

**2,776**

Immunisations Administered

**1,378**

Dental Procedures

**1,946**

Glasses Distributed

**63**

Ophthalmology Patients

**23,378**

Health Promotion Session  
Attendees across 975 Sessions/  
Activities

In 2017, YWAM MSA continued to serve in Central Province with a focus on the Abau District, including extending into Cloudy Bay and Aroma Rural Local Level Governments (LLGs) for the first time alongside return patrols to Amazon Bay Rural LLG. Locations within NCD boundaries were also served with dental outreach activities and supply chain support.

A particular highlight was a week-long ophthalmology outreach patrol which provided rural eye surgical services for the first time in Central Province.

In 2017, a land-based outreach team collaborated with Abau District Health in the provision of optometry and dental outreach services in the district.

Collaboration with the Abau District Health Team, including Sister Rigolo Mokela (Family Health Services Co-ordinator) continued to strengthen in 2017. Teamwork in regards to field planning, logistical arrangements and direct clinical partnership between YWAM MSA personnel and Abau District Health workers was strong and effective. It is a privilege to connect with outstanding rural health champions and support their ambitions for effective rural patrol services.

Sr Mokela also travelled briefly to Townsville, North Queensland, to share her experiences as a health worker and advocate for her nation at a business breakfast event hosted by YWAM MSA and attended by several hundred delegates.



# SISTERS GAIN THEIR SIGHT

Four sisters sit nervously lined up on a bench outside the health centre. Three of them have patches on their eyes from their cataract surgeries that had been performed the day before, and the fourth, their caretaker, sits next to them in support with her arm wrapped around her sister closest to her.

These are the Lapila sisters, residents of Loupom Island in Central Province. Three of the Lapila sisters have had very limited sight for several years due to cataracts.

After surgery aboard the MV *YWAM PNG* the day before, they were waiting outside the health centre to find out the results from the surgery.

One by one, the nurse removes the patches from each of the sisters eyes.

The second youngest of the four, Lema, had been blind for ten years. A smile erupts from her face as the patch comes off, "Ah! Now I see!"

There is laughing from her sisters and the YWAM team as she reaches out toward the nurse and the surgeon.

The other two sisters have similar reactions - they embrace and kiss each other as the reality sets in that their sight has been restored.

Together the sisters and the YWAM team relish together in the Lapila sisters' new found joy.

Indeed, It was a good day to be alive!



## 3.2 GULF PROVINCE

### SUMMARY STATISTICS

**2,218**

Primary Healthcare Patients

**299**

Reproductive Health Consultations

**180**

Family Planning Received

**2,590**

Immunisations Administered

**1,191**

Dental Procedures

**1,212**

Glasses Distributed

**17,532**

Health Promotion Session

Attendees across 1,075 Sessions/

Activities

In 2017, YWAM MSA continued to serve in the Kikori District with engagement across Ihu Rural, Baimuru Rural and East Kikori Rural LLGs. Extended range patrols stretched out widely to Orokolobay, Kikori Hospital and Ihu. This marked the eighth year of program activities in the district and included primary health care and dental services extending to Teredau Logging Camp for the first time.

It was a privilege to continue the strong and productive relationship with Gulf Christian Services (operators of Kikori and Kapuna Hospitals) throughout 2017. Multidisciplinary teams from both Kikori and Kapuna Hospitals joined with YWAM MSA personnel for periods of collaborative outreach patrol.

Essential supplies were also able to be delivered to remote health facilities in collaboration with Area Medical Store, Port Moresby.







# DENTAL & OPTICAL TEAM DEPLOYED TO GULF PROVINCE

A land-based healthcare team was deployed by YWAM MSA for a 1-week patrol to Kerema, Gulf Province.

In partnership with Kerema General Hospital, the team delivered optometry services, dental procedures, and health education.

The team was made up of 22 volunteers from 8 different nations.

Team member and Blue Sky Medical and Dental Clinic dentist, Dr Sarah Kiniafa, said that there is a great amount of need for dentistry services in Kerema.

"I've enjoyed having the opportunity to expand my services to outside of Port Moresby.

"A passion of mine is to also raise awareness on oral cancer, which is now the fastest growing cancer in Papua New Guinea. Together with my team we've been able to educate many people on the signs of oral cancer, and how prevent it. Little by little, we will see things turn around," said Dr Kiniafa.

Over the space of one week, the team provided dental and optical services to over 500 patients, and health promotion to over 300 attendees.



## 3.3 MILNE BAY PROVINCE

### SUMMARY STATISTICS

**1,840**

Primary Healthcare Patients

In 2017, YWAM MSA continued to serve in Milne Bay Province with a focus on the Samarai-Murua District. A number of communities were engaged for the first time through a combination of ship and land-based teams.

**115**

Reproductive Health Consultations

Surveying undertaken in the Samarai-Murua District allowed for expanded geographic reach of outreach activities to include Misima and Rossel Islands, Panapompom and Panaeti.

**34**

Family Planning Received

The YWAM MSA field team collaborated with local health workers across a suite of outreach activities in previously engaged communities and new locations. This included teams from Misima District Hospital and, for the third consecutive year, Guasopa Health Center staff, Woodlark Island.

**919**

Immunisations Administered

**735**

Dental Procedures

**1,178**

Glasses Distributed

**20,107**

Health Promotion Session  
Attendees across 706 Sessions/  
Activites





# LITTLE GIRL'S LIFE SAVED

In the midst of a busy day in the primary health care clinic, a mother stepped forward with a 5 year old child who appeared to have trouble breathing.

After some initial assessments and looking at the child's medical history, it seemed likely that she had asthma. The doctors in the primary healthcare team set about treating the little girl. She was too short of breath to even speak out her own name.

At first the girl responded to the asthma treatment, but after a while she fell back into the same state of respiratory distress.

It wasn't long before a zodiac was launched from the medical ship and was zipping across bright blue waters to pick up the young girl, mother and auntie. The girl was put on oxygen treatment straight away and was low enough at that point to be put on 6 litres of oxygen.

The child's condition improved with oxygen, although she quickly developed a high fever and abnormal

chest sounds continued as she breathed. The onboard medical team worked hard to bring down the fever and detected pneumonia as one of the likely problems that she was facing.

The next day brought good news as the mother woke and the medical team rotated shifts. The fever was down and the little girl's breathing was easier. The treatment was working and the girl was quickly regaining her strength.

The young girl was transported to the nearby healthcare centre to complete her recovery and placed in the capable hands of the local healthcare workers, whom the team had got to know the previous day.

"If it wasn't for the collaboration between clinic teams, the crew, the family and the healthcare centre, none of this would have been possible" said the nurse who had treated the young girl, Shona. "Everyone played their part and we were able to save this little one's life," said Shona.



## 3.4 MOROBE PROVINCE

### SUMMARY STATISTICS

**2,480**

Primary Healthcare Patients

In 2017, YWAM MSA continued to serve in Morobe Province, engaging in new locations through ship and land-based activities. Heli-supported patrols, funded by Morobe Provincial Health and Manalos Aviation, were used to access inland areas.

**601**

Reproductive Health Consultations

Building on collaborative field planning undertaken in 2016, ship-based outreach activities focussed on Siassi, Wasu and Tewae LLGs, in Tewae-Siassi District and a land team continued to engage in the Waria Valley, Bulolo District. Advance work was also undertaken in Kabwum District by a land team in preparation for 2018 ship-supported outreach activities.

**430**

Family Planning Received

**2,769**

Immunisations Administered

Relationships continued to strengthen with Morobe Provincial Health and ANGAU Hospital teams, as well as fruitful new collaboration with the Tewae-Siassi District Health team led by Mr Tiureng Tamba.

**942**

Dental Procedures

**1,189**

Glasses Distributed

Morobe Provincial Government made a cash contribution of K500,000PGK towards collaborative patrols in 2017 (in addition to in-kind support).

**33,485**

Health Promotion Session  
Attendees across 589 Sessions/  
Activites



# TRUKAI SOLAR RICE MILL DELIVERY TO BARIM VILLAGE

The MV *YWAM PNG* visited Barim Village during 2017 patrol to the Tewae Siassi District, Morobe Province.

In addition to providing healthcare and training, the YWAM team were able to deliver and instal a very special delivery on behalf of Trukai, a solar rice mill.

Padamot Woman's Cooperative Society Secretary, Leslie Godon said the ladies in the community were happy to receive the solar rice mill.

"The community is very happy to receive the rice mill because it will boost the moral of the people to plant more rice - we are so grateful to have it delivered and installed right here in the village," said Ms Gordon.





# 3.5 ORO PROVINCE

## SUMMARY STATISTICS

### 3,493

Primary Healthcare Patients

YWAM MSA continued to serve in Oro Province in 2017. Teams engaged in facilitating outreach patrol across Ijivitari and Sohe Districts through a combination of ship, land and heli-supported teams. Multiple extended range patrols allowed access to inland locations.

### 399

Reproductive Health Consultations

It was a privilege to facilitate a team from the Office of the Deputy Secretary for Health to visit the previously closed Manau Health Centre and the facility at Ioma Station to conduct health facility assessments.

### 244

Family Planning Received

Collaboration with the Oro Provincial Health team continued to strengthen in 2017, with personnel working alongside the local health workers and the YWAM MSA clinical team. Field planning and logistics coordination provided by Mr Philip Tahima, CHW, and the Provincial Health team contributed to the effectiveness of collaborative patrols. New Britain Palm Oil Limited (NBPOL) health services also continued strong support to assist patients to access mobile ophthalmic services.

### 3,878

Immunisations Administered

### 1,106

Dental Procedures

In 2017, Oro Provincial Government made a cash contribution of K130,000PGK toward collaborative patrols (in addition to in-kind support). The Sohe District Development Authority (DDA) also made a cash contribution of K50,000PGK toward activity conducted in the District.

### 1,857

Glasses Distributed

### 32,072

Health Promotion Session  
Attendees across 1,123 Sessions/  
Activites



# HEALTH CENTRE RE-OPENS IN MANAU

Located on the northern border of Oro Province is Manau – one of the most populated villages in Tamata Rural LLG.

When one approaches the shores of Manau, there to welcome the visitor is a big white cross located at the foot of a narrow path that leads to an Anglican church with its school and health centre. It is easy to imagine the relief that a woman in labour or a sick patient must feel when they see the cross on the beach – help is not far away.

Only for the last three years, that help has not been available in Manau. A catchment of over 16,000 people has been without access to healthcare since Manau Health Centre had to close its doors in 2015.

Manau Health Centre Secretary, Mr Barry Erai, said that there had been much suffering since the health centre closed.

“It is very hard to watch people here who are suffering, many cannot afford fuel to get to places like Lae or Popondetta where health services are available. The health centre here used to see between 300-400 patients a month.



“Last month we watched a young mother die from malaria – she left behind a baby only seven months old. This baby is now being raised by his grandmother,” said Barry.

In partnership with the National Department of Health and the Oro Provincial Government, YWAM MSA has been dedicated to reaching rural and remote locations in Oro Province with limited access to healthcare and training. In this pursuit, a land-based YWAM team made initial contact with Manau in 2014 and, since that time, the YWAM Medical Ship, MV *YWAM PNG* has made annual visits to the area, mindful of the health facility closure and fragile situation for the community.

During the Training and Medical Ship's patrol to Oro Province this month, Manau was the focus of a week of healthcare clinics. The closed health centre came to life as the YWAM MSA, Oro Provincial Health and Anglican Health Services team rolled up their sleeves and opened the doors to hundreds of men, women, and children from across the region. Almost 500 patients were seen.



Aboard the MV *YWAM PNG* for the patrol, was Mr Som Ninja – a nursing officer employed by Anglican Health Services who would soon call Manau home. Som, a passionate, young, clinician has been sent to re-open the health centre along with two other community health workers.

After persistent advocacy in recent years, the tide had begun to turn. To assist Som with the re-launch of the health centre, YWAM MSA helped with the back-log of children that needed immunisations, treated sick patients, and installed a solar powered lighting kit to assist the health workers with late-night births and emergencies.

"There is a lot to be done here, the people have been without health services for a long time. I'm happy to have the help of YWAM to get the health centre started again.

"The solar lighting means that instead of using the light of a mobile phone – we can have light straight away by just turning on a switch, this will make a big difference to our service delivery," said Som.

When Barry was asked how he felt about the health centre re-opening, he shares, "change is coming up, we are very hopeful."

Manau Health Centre is now set to resume its services for a catchment of over 16,000 people. Just as the lights were turned on in the health centre this month, so was a light in the region. As the YWAM Ship pulled up anchor, those aboard farewelled Som and the local community with full hearts – knowing that the cross on the beach will now once again be a symbol that help is not far away.





## 3.6 WESTERN PROVINCE

### SUMMARY STATISTICS

**2,442**

Primary Healthcare Patients

YWAM MSA has been engaging regularly in Western Province since 2011. This relationship continued in 2017 with two ship-outreaches focussed on the Bamu Rural LLG, Middle Fly District, and also connection on the island of Daru, South Fly District.

**208**

Reproductive Health Consultations

A strong relationship continued with the District Health team based at Balimo. A team of health workers came out on collaborative patrol for the fifth year. With progressive refit and deployment of the ship, outreach patrols in the lower Bamu catchment zone are now occurring 6-monthly.

**100**

Family Planning Received

As part of an internal review process underway, YWAM MSA began field surveys alongside patrol maternal-child health clinics to review immunisation coverage in the lower Bamu. The results were encouraging. For example, the overall measles vaccine coverage (standard marker with 2 doses) in a sample of 102 children (aged 12 months to 9 years) was 80%.

**4,155**

Immunisations Administered

Those children involved in 'catch-up' immunisation campaigns in the first ship-supported patrols received their second measles immunisation at the average age of 3.5 years. Children involved in the more recent up-scale of collaborative outreach patrol between Middle Fly District Health Services and YWAM MSA received their second dose at the average age of 19 months.

**755**

Dental Procedures

This is a remarkable achievement and motivates the MFDHS-YWAM MSA team to continue to strive for enhanced access to preventive health care for women and children in the Bamu, in collaboration with a range of partners.

**576**

Glasses Distributed

**23,149**

Health Promotion Session

Attendees across 1,095 Sessions/

Activites



# PETER RECEIVES CATARACT SURGERY

11 year old Peter\* from Western Province was blind in his right eye from a cataract.

Peter's father took him to the YWAM Medical Ship to be assessed by YWAM's ophthalmology's team to see if anything could be done for this sight.

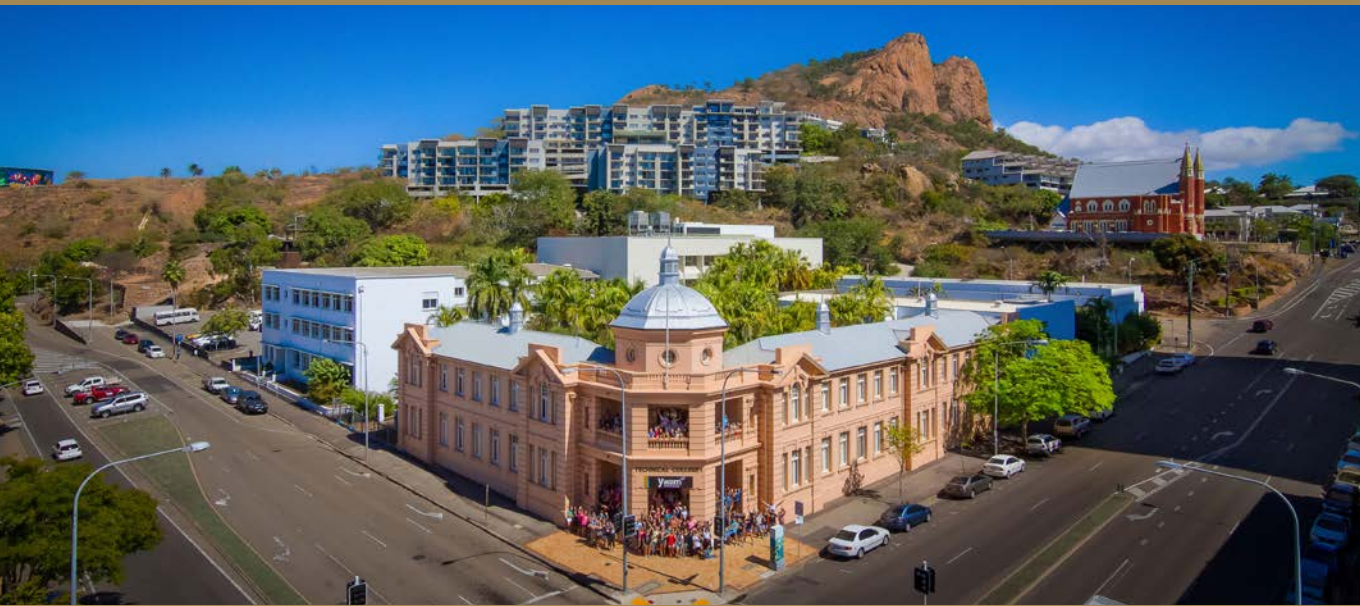
After an assessment from YWAM's volunteer ophthalmologist, Dr Waimbe Wahamu, it was determined Peter was a candidate for surgery.

After undergoing a 30 minute surgery by Dr Wahamu, Peter returned to his village overnight to recover.

The following day, it was time for Peter and his family to find out the results. They traveled back to the ship and waited for him to be assessed. The patch was removed by the nurse, and Peter reached out for her hand. Peter could see!

A few hours later, the ophthalmology team were delighted to see Peter yelling out the number of fingers the nurse was holding up as they took him through a vision acuity test, Peter had a great surgical outcome.

\*Name changed



## 3.7 TOWNSVILLE CAMPUS

The City of Townsville, Sister City to Papua New Guinea's capital Port Moresby, is proud host to the headquarters of YWAM MSA. Based out of the City Campus with YWAM Townsville, (YWAM Townsville Assoc Inc is a separate legal entity from YWAM MSA) the main office of YWAM MSA engages a committed and diverse team of self-funded volunteers from many nations working together with a network of advisors and other professionals to operate the Training and Medical Ship in PNG.

Support from the Townsville community for the work of YWAM MSA in serving its nearest international neighbour has been strong and consistent. This reached a new level in 2014-2017 when the broader community of Townsville got behind the redevelopment of YWAM City Campus, in the heart of the CBD.

Since 2014, the campus has undergone a series of developments to transform the former TAFE institution into a vibrant, versatile centre to support YWAM Townsville's training activities, (RTO Reg. No 30614,

CRICOS Provider No. 02205D) youth development work and YWAM MSA operations in PNG.

Alongside YWAM personnel, more than 100 local businesses have contributed to a series of stages of development at the campus during 2014-2017. The renovations have included the construction of dormitory-style accommodation for 278 students, 26 new apartments for volunteer staff, a dining room and café, recording studios, interior and exterior painting, repaving the car park and the landscaping of the centre courtyard and grounds.

Since acquiring the campus in 2013, YWAM has invested \$10.5 million worth of development into the City Campus. The developments continue to contribute toward strengthening the link between Townsville and Papua New Guinea.

### Training Opportunities

YWAM Townsville City Campus is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO Reg. No. 30164, CRICOS Provider No. 02205D) with the following courses on scope:

- Cert. III. Business Admin (BSB30415)
- Cert. III Hospitality (SIT30616)
- Cert. III Events (SIT30516)
- Cert. III Information Technology (ICT30115)
- Cert. III in Screen and Media (CUA31015)
- Cert III in Dental Assisting (HLT35015)
- Cert. III Discipleship (10473NAT)
- Cert. IV Marketing and Communications (BSB42415)
- Cert. IV Primary Healthcare for Developing Nations (10477NAT)
- Cert. IV Leadership and Management (BSB42015)
- Cert. IV Youth Work (CHC40413)
- Cert. IV Christian Missions (10173NAT)
- Diploma Christian Missions Leadership (10174NAT)

Expanding the range of available training courses is an exciting step toward equipping more young people to serve communities in Australia, Papua New Guinea and beyond.

### 99.9 Live FM

In 2017 YWAM MSA enjoyed continued growth as a result of the partnership with 99.9 Live FM. Live FM broadcasts a mixture of music and short, encouraging words aimed to bring life, which reaches 26,000 people in the North Queensland region and growing.

In addition to the compelling content YWAM MSA provides for listeners, it is a great avenue to gain more volunteers to serve in PNG.

A significant outcome of this arrangement has been the expansion of a shared media hub, including conference room, further office space, and a video recording studio.

This shared space greatly enhances both operations resulting in greater outcomes for the community.

Live FM and the Media Hub has a focus on registered training courses, which we anticipate will soon be offered as part of our training and capacity building services in PNG.

### Youth Engagement

YWAM engages youth camps, high school seminars, and local and overseas service projects. Each initiative aims to provide a positive safe environment where young people feel valued, motivated, and empowered to be the best they can be while serving the needs of others. YWAM works in partnership with schools, social clubs, youth organisations, and governing bodies.

### Youth Adventures

In the last eight years, over 610 teenagers have participated in YWAM's Youth Adventures program. Youth Adventures offers incredible short-term opportunities for teams and individuals to come together to be challenged, grow in their cross-cultural understanding, and serve courageously. An initial hands-on training phase prepares teams to be immersed in communities in North Queensland and Papua New Guinea.

In 2017, over 70 youth from 7 schools participated in Youth Adventures.



# 04

## FINANCIALS





# 4.1 YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS' FINANCIAL REPORT

## PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

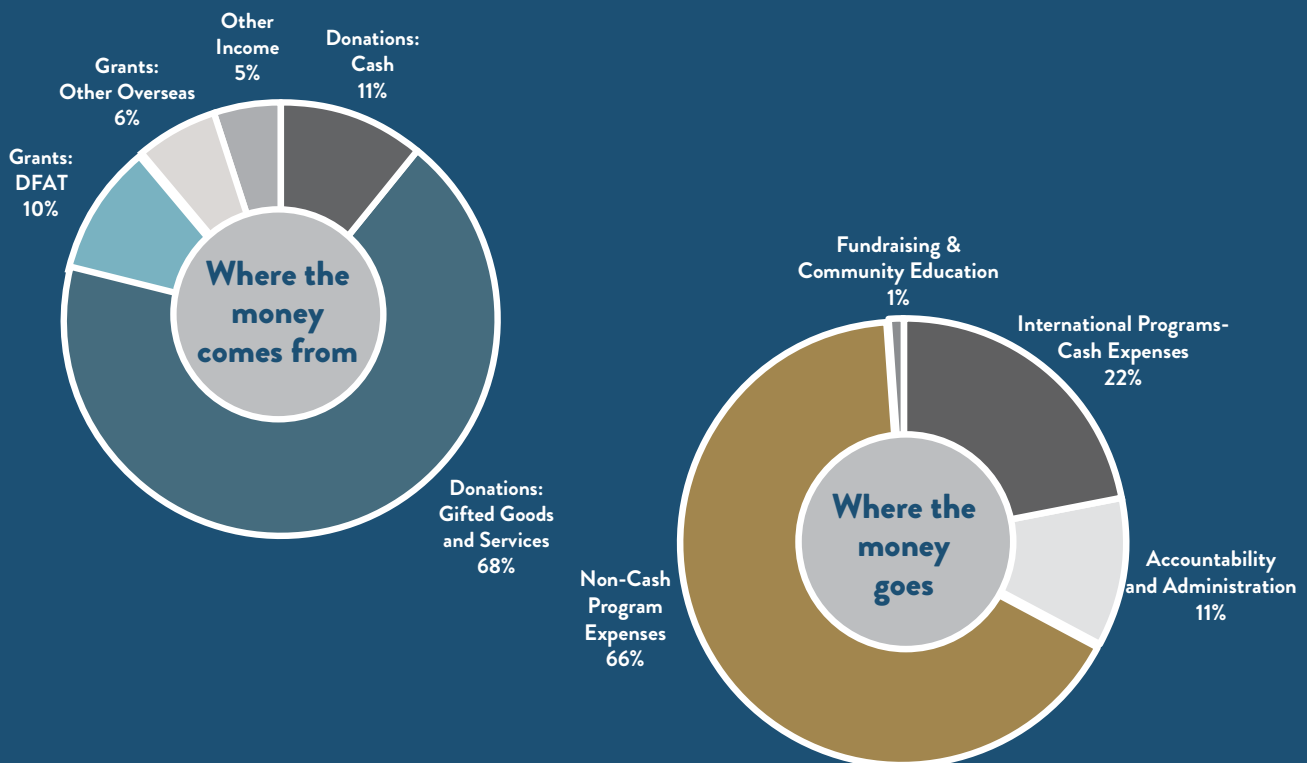
In 2017, YWAM MSA's total income was \$7,371,000 of which approximately \$5,003,000 was gifted goods and services including professional services donated by 596 volunteers from 30 different nationalities. PNG contributions remained strong with \$704,000 received in gifted goods and services, \$431,000 received in grants and sponsorships, and \$213,000 received in donations. Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) grants accounted for \$765,000.

The main expenses recorded in 2017, were once again the non-cash program expenses offsetting the \$5,003,000 gifted goods and services received in

the financial year. \$1,304,000 additional cash was invested in international programs and \$795,000 invested in accountability and administration. YWAM MSA spent approximately \$66,000 in fundraising costs and \$12,000 on community education in Australia.

YWAM MSA had a small operating deficit of \$201,000 which resulted from utilising some of the 2016 surplus to develop the MV *YWAM PNG* and expand operations in PNG.

NB: Figures above in AUD, rounded to the nearest thousand





## 4.2

# SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS - AUSTRALIA LIMITED

ABN: 45 070 160 904

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017	2017 (\$)
<b>REVENUE</b>	
<b>Donations &amp; Gifts</b>	
Monetary	\$775,515.43
Non-Monetary	\$5,002,548.15
<b>Grants</b>	
Grants & Sponsorship: DFAT	\$764,843.57
Grants & Sponsorship: Other Australia	\$471.97
Grants & Sponsorship: Other Overseas	\$610.17
Grants & Sponsorship: Other Overseas - Papua New Guinea	\$431,058.56
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$1,196,984.27</b>
Investment Income	\$2,403.44
Other Income	\$393,674.39
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$7,371,125.68</b>

## YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS - AUSTRALIA LIMITED

ABN: 45 070 160 904

**EXPENDITURE - INTERNATIONAL AID AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE**

Accountability and Administration	\$794,905.02
Community Education	\$11,624.84
Fundraising Costs	\$65,980.10
<b>International Programs - Funds to International Programs</b>	
Funds to international programs	\$1,303,788.06
Program Support Costs	\$393,025.21
<b>Total International Programs</b>	<b>\$1,696,813.27</b>
Non-Monetary Expenses	\$5,002,548.15
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>\$7,571,872.18</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$7,571,872.18</b>
<b>EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-\$200,746.50</b>
Other Comprehensive Income	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>	<b>-\$200,746.50</b>

Comparative figures are not available for 2016 Income Statement as 2017 was the first full year of ACFID code compliance. The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS - AUSTRALIA LIMITED

ABN: 45 070 160 904

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

ASSETS	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,134,471	1,200,658
Accounts receivable and other debtors	355,793	606,219
Inventories on hand	1,311,970	853,839
Other current assets	2,850	8,027
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2,805,084</b>	<b>2,668,743</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	1,168,320	1,327,359
Intangible assets	2,750,000	2,850,000
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>3,918,320</b>	<b>4,177,359</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,723,404</b>	<b>6,846,102</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and other payables	348,562	265,036
Lease liabilities	-	149,677
YWAM Townsville Assoc. Load	141,985	-
YWAM PNG Ships Funds held on Trust	3,203,600	3,206,287
Provision for employee benefits	21,473	16,664
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,715,620</b>	<b>3,637,664</b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Lease liabilities	-	-
Suncorp Loan - Non Current	2,398,672	2,398,580
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,398,672</b>	<b>2,398,580</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,114,292</b>	<b>6,036,244</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>609,112</b>	<b>809,858</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained Surplus	609,112	809,858
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>609,112</b>	<b>809,858</b>

**YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS - AUSTRALIA LIMITED**  
**ABN: 45 070 160 904**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY	RETAINED SURPLUS 2017 (\$)	TOTAL 2016 (\$)
<b>Balance at 1 January 2017</b>	<b>809,858</b>	<b>809,858</b>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		
Surplus/(Loss) for the year attributable to members of the entity	(200,747)	(200,747)
Prior period adjustments	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to Members of the entity</b>	<b>200,747</b>	<b>200,747</b>
<b>Other transfers</b>		
Cumulative revaluation surplus relating to sale of property, transfer to retained earnings	-	-
<b>Total other transfers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2017</b>	<b>609,112</b>	<b>609,112</b>

No comparison figures for 2016 due of the change of accounts code to comply with the ACFID reporting requirements in 2017

**YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS - AUSTRALIA LIMITED**  
**ABN: 45 070 160 904**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

<b>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>	<b>2017 (\$)</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Receipts from customers, etc	2,619,091
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,441,458)
Interest received	2,403
Dividends received	-
Interest Paid	(109,824)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>70,212</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(128,799)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(128,799)</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Proceeds from borrowings	251,810
Repayments from borrowings	(259,410)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(7,600)</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(66,187)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	1,200,658
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>1,134,471</b>

Comparative figures are not available for 2016 Income Statement as 2017 was the first full year of ACFID code compliance.

**YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS - AUSTRALIA LIMITED****ABN: 45 070 160 904****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

The financial statements cover YWAM Medical Ships - Australia Limited as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. YWAM Medical Ships - Australia Limited is a company limited by guarantee. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies****Basis of Preparation**

This summary financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

This financial report is a summarised version of our full financial report. Copies of our 2017 audited financial report can be obtained by request in writing to the Chief Financial Officer at 215 Walker Street TOWNSVILLE, QLD 4810

**NOTE 2 - Comparative Figures**

Comparative figures are not available for 2016 Income Statement as 2017 was the first full year of ACFID code compliance.



**YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS - AUSTRALIA LIMITED**  
**COMPILATION REPORT**

**Scope**

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of YWAM Medical Ships - Australia Limited, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, the income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) code of conduct and quality assurance framework.

**The Responsibility of the Directors**

The directors of YWAM Medical Ships - Australia Limited are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

**Our Responsibility**

On the basis of information provided by the directors, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) code of conduct and quality assurance framework and APES 315 : Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) code of conduct and quality assurance framework. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

**Assurance Disclaimer**

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**19 Stanley Street**  
**TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Dunstan".

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**R. Dunstan**  
**(Registered Company Auditor)**  
**RCA No.: 6834**



# 05

MOVING  
FORWARD









## 5.1 MOVING FORWARD

The year 2017 continued to see YWAM MSA grow and develop. Focus has also been placed on future trajectory of the program.

In the final quarter, scoping and initial work was undertaken around a real-time evaluation of YWAM MSA engagement in PNG. YWAM MSA has a strong culture of innovation and continuous improvement and there is enthusiasm from the Board level through to field leadership around the review process. Main objectives are to identify key strengths to take forward and multiply and also essential learnings to incorporate into strategy from this point.

One element for close exploration is strengthening the community engagement and holistic community development elements of the field program. The Healthy Island approach (and particularly the 'Community Action and Participation' CAP tool) is likely to play a significant role.

Further development of land-based teams is likely to extend and deepen the facilitation YWAM provides to rural outreach patrol in tough to reach places.

Much has been achieved to date. Much more is anticipated as strategic learnings and networks created are built upon in 2018.



# 5.2 2018 DEPLOYMENT

2018 Outreach Calendar*			Outreach Programs								
Outreach #	Location	Dates	PHC	DEN	OPT	OPH	LAB	MED	MAR	HOS	CE
1	<b>Morobe Province</b> Arrive: Lae, Morobe Depart: Lae, Morobe	Friday 26 January – Sunday 11 February	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2	<b>Milne Bay Province</b> Arrive: Alotau, Milne Bay Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 23 February – Sunday 11 March	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
3	<b>Western Province</b> Arrive: Port Moresby, NCD Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 16 March – Sunday 1 April	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
4	<b>Gulf Province</b> Arrive: Port Moresby, NCD Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 13 April – Sunday 29 April	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5	<b>Central Province</b> Arrive: Port Moresby, NCD Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 4 May – Sunday 20 May	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Restock	<b>Townsville</b>	June - July							•	•	
6	<b>Morobe Province</b> Arrive: Lae, Morobe Depart: Lae, Morobe	Friday 3 August – Sunday 19 August	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
7	<b>Oro Province</b> Arrive: Lae, Morobe Depart: Popondetta, Oro	Friday 24 August – Sunday 9 September	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
8	<b>Milne Bay Province</b> Arrive: Alotau, Milne Bay Depart: Alotau, Milne Bay	Friday 21 September – Sunday 7 October	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9	<b>Central Province</b> Arrive: Alotau, Milne Bay Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 12 October – Sunday 21 October	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
10	<b>Western Province</b> Arrive: Port Moresby, NCD Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 26 October – Sunday 11 November	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11	<b>Gulf Province</b> Arrive: Port Moresby, NCD Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 23 November – Sunday 9 December	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
12	<b>NCD</b> Arrive: Port Moresby, NCD Depart: Port Moresby, NCD	Friday 14 December – Friday 21 December	•	•	•			•	•	•	•

## OUTREACH LEGEND

**PHC** Primary Health Care Clinic

**DEN** Dental Clinic

**OPT** Optometry Clinic

**OPH** Ophthalmology Clinic

**LAB** Laboratory

**MED** Journalists, Videographer & Photographer

**MAR** Deck and Engine Operations

**HOS** Housekeeping & Galley

**CE** Community Engagement

\*Subject to change

# 06

## APPENDIX





## 6.1

## LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT



INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

## MINISTER FOR TREASURY

Dear Ken,

2 November 2017

As the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Treasury and on behalf of the National Government, I am writing to express my deep gratitude and strong support to YWAM Medical Ships and its important work in the nation of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

I have witnessed this program under operation in the field and have been impressed with the way YWAM Medical Ships has worked alongside national, provincial and local level governments to overcome isolation in rural areas, support our health workers and together bring much needed health and capacity building services right to the doorstep of our village people.

I am proud that our government has taken the opportunity to partner with organisations such as YWAM, to find innovative solutions to some of the challenges we face. The natural features of our country, alone, make it very challenging to deliver the level of health and education services to which the National Government is committed to moving toward. YWAM Medical Ships is a strong partner as we make this journey forward, as underscored by our K5.5million PGK contribution to the capital purchase of the new ship, *MV YWAM PNG*.

Leveraging support across volunteer services, community donations, corporate sponsorship and governmental contributions, this valued-added approach sees a conservative return on investment of three to one.

What a strategic and encouraging program this is and I have been delighted to witness its continued progress step by step, year by year. Nothing crystallises the magnitude of this more than hearing the story of a mother who sees her children for the first time after receiving cataract surgery aboard the ship.

Stories like this, among many others, remind us of the things that are most important, in particular the critical situation of our people in rural areas matched against the hope that great gains are possible.

In conclusion, I would like to salute the strong leadership displayed by the patrons and senior management of YWAM Medical Ships including the Right Honourable Sir Rabbie Namaliu, Honourable Mike Reynolds, and Mr Ken Mulligan. The perseverance you have shown to see this vision become such a successful reality is to be commended.

On behalf of the National Government, let me again extend our heartfelt thanks to you. We look forward to a strong future of partnering together in service of the people of Papua New Guinea.

Kind regards,

**HON. CHARLES ABEL, MP**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Treasury



**MINISTRY FOR INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**  
*OFFICE OF THE MINISTER*

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15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Ken,

In my role as Minister for Inter-Government Relations, it is my pleasure to write to you and express my strong endorsement of the YWAM Medical Ships program in Papua New Guinea.

I join my colleagues in the National Government who have provided consistent support to these collaborative initiatives over several years now, alongside a number of your key partners across Provincial and District Administrations. What has been achieved to-date is remarkable. I am confident that even more can be achieved into the future as the supportive platform provided by YWAM teams on ship and ashore is maximized and further developed for our nation.

It is in this context that I am greatly encouraged to see the YWAM program aligning to support our key Papua New Guinean priorities. This includes our Medium Term Development Plans and StaRS emphasis and our important decentralization agenda, also alongside the vital National Health Plan and Youth Policy.

Further to this, I wish to strongly commend YWAM activities to Provincial Governments and District Development Authorities across our nation. I see this partnership as an important opportunity that can be grasped, specifically at the sub-national level, to help propel implementation of local aspirations for rural communities.

Please also provide schedule for the location of the ship as I am preparing our calendar for 2018 and wish to invite all Governors through the Provincial Governors Conference to have a tour on the ship and also share experience of serving people in remote rural areas.

Let me again extend my gratitude to you, Ken. We can all be proud of our collective achievements to-date but not complacent. I join colleagues across Papua New Guinea in looking forward to further opportunities to build on these achievements together.

Yours sincerely,

**HON. KEVIN ISIFU, MP**  
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YWAM Medical Ships

*Dear Mr. Mulligan,*

It gives me great pleasure to write today to express my endorsement of the activities of YWAM Medical Ships in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

I have been following the development of the Training and Medical Ship program over the past number of years and have been particularly impressed by the depth of YWAM's collaborative partnerships across many spheres of PNG's community including the health, education, government, church and business sectors.

As a National Government, it has been our strategic determination to invest in this program as part of broader intent to prioritise strengthened services in rural development.

Alongside the excellent work being achieved in the health sector, I am now pleased to see further development of our youth as active agents in development.

In line with the National Higher and Technical Education Plan (2015 – 2024), my Department is active in building partnerships with organisations demonstrating the willingness and capacity to support implementation of our vision.

In light of the above, I look forward to continuing discussion with you and the broader YWAM team, Ken, as we work together to see the youth of PNG mobilise to build toward our national aspirations and Vision 2050.

Kind regards,

**Hon. Francis Marus, EMBA, MP**  
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12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Mr Ken Mulligan OAM  
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Dear Mr. Mulligan,

Belated New Year Greetings.

I make reference to your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 which you expressed satisfaction of the PNG Governments Yearly Financial Contribution in support of the Health Programmes been undertaken by YWAM Medical Ships.

In my capacity as Health Minister, allow me to express my personal thanks to the wonderful Community support YWAM has provided over many years within the Health sector in PNG. The Government has recognized this by providing some financial assistance commencing this year and I enclose the NEC Decision in relation to the joint submission which myself and Minister Charles Abel presented to NEC.

This partnership will only prove more beneficial to our people and again I truly appreciate the role YWAM is providing in terms of effective health services.

Sincerely Yours,



Hon. Michael Malabag, OBE, CBE, MP  
**Minister for Health & HIV/Aids**

Cc: Mr. Pasco Kase  
Health Secretary  
National Department of Health



## 6.2

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## 6.4

# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- ACFID - Australian Council For International Development
- ANGAU - Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit Hospital
- BCG - Bacille Calmette Guerin (vaccine)
- CHW - Community Health Worker
- CRICOS - Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students
- CYP - Couple-Years of Protection
- DDA - District Development Authority
- DFAT – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- DMPA - Depo Medroxy-Progestorone Acetate
- HIV/AIDS – Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
- PNG - Papua New Guinea
- LLG - Local-Level Government
- MFDHS - Middle Fly District Health Services
- MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
- NCD - National Capital District
- NDoH - National Department of Health
- NHP - National Health Plan: 2011-2020
- OCP - Oral Contraceptive Pill
- RTO - Registered Training Organisation
- STaRS - National Strategy for Responsible Sustainable Development for Papua New Guinea
- SDG - Sustainable Development Goals
- TB - Tuberculosis
- YWAM - Youth With A Mission
- YWAM MSA - YWAM Medical Ships - Australia

