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Women's group open souvenir shop

The recently launched Western souvenir shop in Kiunga is set to become a window of opportunity for women in the North Fly District and Western Province.

Nupmo Women's Investment Limited (NWIL), the business arm established by Nupmo Women and Children's Association is keen to advance economic opportunities for women, youths and children in partnership with OTDF.

Located inside Cassowary Hotel, the souvenir shop will sell traditional hand-crafted artifacts made by locals such as the popular Suki baskets, Awin and Yongom tulip bilums among other items.

The local women took the initiative to create this revenue-generating opportunity after gaining basic skills

through the financial literacy training organized by the OTDF Business Development Team in mid-2019.

OTDF's Executive Manager for Program Services Mr Eric Kuman said, "Such initiatives through OTDF has paved way for local women to invest and be self-reliant and allows them to contribute meaningfully to the rural communities in Western Province.

L-R: OTDF Executive Manager Corporate Services Renagi Koito and Noni Dukuman, President Nupmo Women and Children's Association officially open the souvenir shop while OTDF Executive Manager for Program Services, Eric Kuman looks on at Cassowary Hotel, Kiunga Western Province.

OTDF Brief Highlights

- OTDF support Aid Post projects in Nakaku and Sapuka in South Fly District.
- Life skills training for CMCA Women and Children continues.
- Sponsorship for tertiary students,
- FODE/Adult Matriculation and PAD continues.
- GDS program to start this year.



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OTDF CEO Havini Vira
Presenting organizational
Targets for 2021



Programs to continue despite Covid-19 pandemic

OTDF's Executive Management team is committed to carrying out its planned activities this year, working within COVID-19 new normal measures.

In line with its five year (2021-2025) theme 'Empowering our communities for a better future,' OTDF aims to see its plans implemented to serve the communities.

This year, in addition to ongoing programs, the focus is to commence West-Agro, food security and water, sanitation & hygiene (Wash).

Mr. Vira said the Agri-business focus is in line with Fly River Provincial Government's plans to ensure people have sustainable livelihoods post-mine life. Commercial agricultural activi-

ties will support food and income security in Western Province.

He said OTDF's aim over the next five years was to see that programs are implemented and targets are achieved in delivering to the communities we serve.

As a non-profit organisation, OTDF's mission is to ensure funds are used wisely, with programs established to realise the development aspirations of community partners by delivering with innovation.



Samagos AIC site ready for construction

In the weeks following the ground-breaking ceremony there have been a number of site visits to conduct detailed topographic surveys to enable the design team to best orientate the Agro-Industrial Centre infrastructure. This has included two additions of land to the initial 9.9 Ha which now sees the Samagos sub-division grow to 13 Ha.

The most significant of these additions being the land alongside the highway that has traditionally been used by OTDF for food security trials. This site will now be terraced to accommodate up to 11 vanilla vine grow out structures for the intensive production of vanilla beans under fully controlled conditions.

The existing nursery structure will remain and the site will drain into a small fish pond. Procurement is underway and civil works are expected to begin by the end of January 2021. Both Samagos and Suki land valuations were completed by Paul Loi from 'The Professional Valuers of PNG Ltd' during a four-day field trip to the respective sites.

The reports have since been submitted to begin preparation for the final stage of title transfer to WestAgro Holdings.

On the Eaglewood front, it is pleasing to report that the second trial distillation of agarwood chips has been successfully completed in conjunction with the University of PNG Chemistry Department.

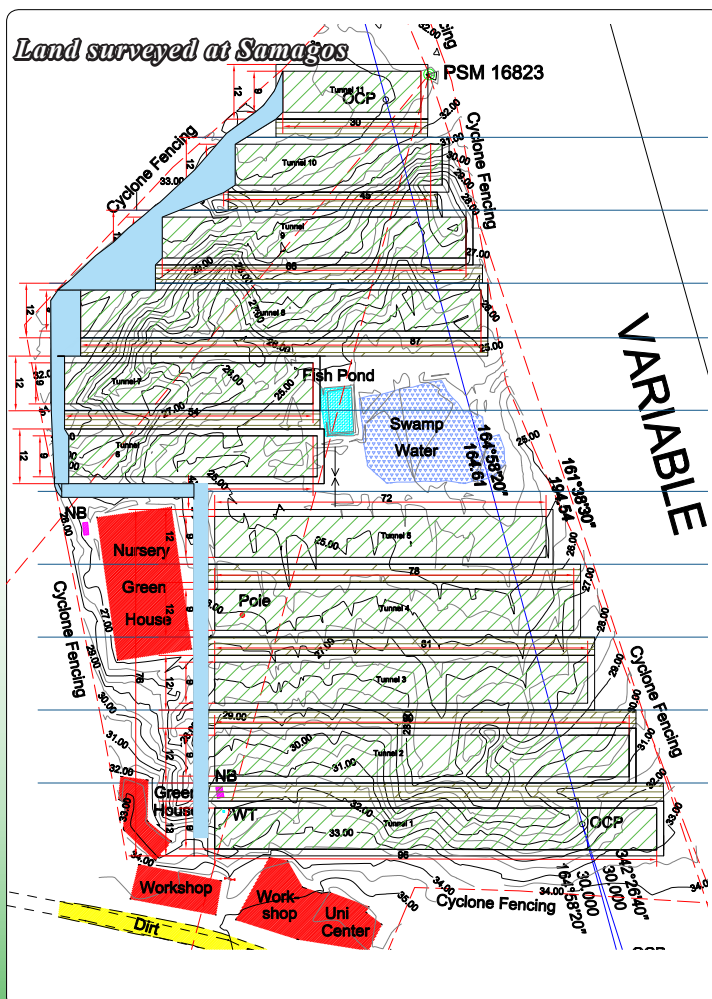
Additionally, five kilograms of agarwood chips have been sent to Perth, Western Australia for oil extraction using Sandalwood distillation technology. The oil from both trials will be sent to France for valuation to enable the Fly Eaglewood business case to be finalised.

Finally, the PNG Incentive Fund approval for the Kaviananga Rice Project has been granted with details around the implementation plans now being worked on ahead of a 1st January 2021 Project start.

Consequently, I was very happy to be able to again venture down river in November to meet with the Kaviananga community to discuss the project and prepare for start-up.

This included landowner consent, project goal setting, gender inclusion, and meeting with members of the Kaviananga Women's Social Issue Concern Group to discuss working on the project and identifying those in the community with disabilities.

Ian Middleton, OTDF Advisor





Jim John presenting live news during his 3rd year practical with TVWan.



Jim on field work as an intern with OTDF media



CMCA Stories of change Communication for development

Effective communication of issues and information will support development in our province.

My name is Jim John and I am an intern with OTDF. My hope is to fulfil my dreams in being the voice of development for my people.

I am from Gii, one of the CMCA villages in the Tutuwe Trust region. I am committed to communicating the issues and concerns of my people effectively through the right mediums to solicit assistance to address them.

I studied Language and Communication at the University of Papua New Guinea for five years. My education was funded through the Tutuwe Trust Fund.

I did my primary education at Gretutu Adventist Primary School in Kiunga from 2005 to 2010.

After completing grade eighth, I was accepted to do grade nine at Kiunga Secondary School in 2011 and continued to complete grade 12 in 2014. I went through a lot of hardships and struggles after the separation of my parents but I was determined to achieve my dream. I am the sixth in a family of one sister and six boys.

All struggles and hardships that I faced did not hinder my education. Putting God first, I overcame all obstacles in my life."

After Grade 12, I was accepted at the University of Papua New Guinea to do a Diploma in Language Communication and took further courses in Journalism, Public Relations and Linguistics from 2015 to 2020.

From a broken home to being a Journalist, I have bright ideas to support my people.

OTDF was very supportive in facilitating my school fees during my studies at UPNG.

I acknowledge OTDF and the VPC Chairman from my village for the provision of school fees through the Trust Fund.

Most rural villages in my province (Western Province) have many issues affecting their lives that need to be addressed.

Issues in health delivery, education, policing, politics, business and many more should be addressed so that services reach our stakeholders, business partners, districts and province.

Going forward, I will ensure the voices of my people are heard so that transparency and good governance will be maintained in delivering basic services at the district and provincial levels.

If I want to see changes in my community, district and province, who will do it? I must rise and be the change for the rightful time has come.

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DEVELOPMENT

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Continue to make efforts to help
the global environment





Operations

Health Talk

Tips to get fit for work

Staying healthy during the COVID-19 period is a must for every worker to reduce stress and medical complications.

With the COVID-19 restrictions still in place, staff can do simple physical exercises to stay healthy and keep fit.

Exercises like running, playing, swimming, jogging, etc. helps maintain a healthy lifestyle and strengthens your immune system.

Here are some simple ways that can keep you healthy:

1 Water - your body needs water to function so drink enough water each day (8 glasses a day, about 2 litres of water)

2 Exercise - physical exercise keeps your body fit.

3 Fresh air - helps the blood circulation in your body to flow smoothly.

4 Sunshine - strengthens your body but don't expose your skin too long on sunlight.

5 Rest - you must have enough rest to ensure your body functions well (Full 8 hours of sleep)

6 Food - Vegetables, fruits, nuts and grains are good for your body. It maintains healthy blood pressure and provides nutrients vital for immune system of your body.

7 Keeping Connection with God - meditation and prayer with your creator God is important in your daily life

Ref: Glow PNG Steps to Health- Giving Light To Our World (Adventist booklet)
1982, Ps Zaccias M, Adventist Minister and Health Advocate
- www.glowonline.org

Heeding COVID-19 rules is important

As safety is our priority, each staff member has a role to play in adhering to COVID-19 protocols.

On January 26th, the OTDF staff members undertook Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, to determine the presence of COVID-19 in the operations.

Staff at the CMCA village, Green Tree Lodge, and Airport Motel were tested to ensure everyone was safe and to continue to work this year.

OTDF will continue practising preventive COVID-19 measures. Our new normal community interaction protocols have been approved by the OTML Business Continuity Department.

Wearing a face mask in public places, hand washing, and maintaining social distancing are mandatory preventative measures in all working areas, including community interaction.



Random PCR swab test conducted at the CMCA compound



12-year-old receives participation certificate.

Twelve-year-old Ondak Chris, was the youngest participant in a group of 49 students from the Nupmo region who attended baking skills training held at the Awin Tamaro community learning centre during the school holidays in December 2020.

The participants were awarded certificates of participation on the 18th of December after the week-long training.

Upskilling in baking was a bonus for young people during their holiday period to add to their life skills.

Ondak Chris said, "Although my mother discouraged me from going to the training because of the house chores, I still went. She later realised the importance and agreed that I attend to learn to bake for family consumption or to start a small baking venture."

She continued, "It is not a mistake that I took the training because now, I can bake different varieties

of cookies and sell it to raise my school fees."

She enrolled this year at Ningerum Primary School to begin her grade 3.

The skills training is a partnership between OTDF and Kiunga Technical and Vocational Training Centre to empower women and children of the CMCA to create household SME's.

Picture Above:

Ondak Chris, receiving her certificate during the recent graduation held at Awin Tamaro.

Picture Below:

Mrs. Ole KVTC trainer takes lead during a practical baking session.



The Wesley's new home at Awini Tamaro, Ningerum

OTDF delivers house in Ningerum Tamaro for disabled girl

Amkari Wesley and her daughter, Maureen, from Ningerum Tamaro were the proud recipients of a new house.

Mrs Wesley said they had been living in the old house, built with bush materials by her eldest son in 2015.

She is from Minibon village, in the Ningerum LLG. She has eight children; three girls and five boys. Her sixth child is unable to walk and talk normally.

Mrs. Wesley recalled that Maureen Wesley was born in 1996 as a healthy baby girl. A few months after delivery, her baby experienced polio-like symptoms.

Amkari said her daughter's skin turned reddish in color and her face began to lose form, she saw changes on her daughter's body and face.

At this stage, Amkari knew her daughter would not be able to grow normally.

Taking care of Maureen each day

was a real struggle for her in the old house. She currently sells fresh produce like kaukau, banana, greens or taro from her garden to purchase items like rice, soap, salt and oil to look after her family.

She also sells betel nut and cigarettes to sustain her household.

When she is out earning an income, her neighbors and relatives take care of her daughter.

As a single mother it has been a real challenge to raise six children.

Caring for her daughter is also demanding but as a parent, the love for her child motivates her to care for Maureen.

"I am so emotional, my daughter can rest well in a decent new home, we cannot ask for more. This house will ensure my sick daughter and other children live comfortably."

The housing project was approved by the Tutuwe Trust, in March 2018 and delivered in 2019 at the cost of K27,143.10.

Amkari Wesley and her daughter Maureen Wesley at the old house.





OTDF's OTDF Executive Manager Corporate Services Renagi Koiro in discussion with Upper Lower Ok Tedi village representatives

Business activities good for financial sustainability.

OTDF as the community service provider in the CMCA region of Western Province, aims to provide good governance, accountable systems and processes for local businesses to be self-sustainable beyond 2020.

On December 15th 2020, shareholder representatives under Upper Lower Ok Tedi Limited attended the final board meeting for 2020 at the Cassowary Hotel in Kiunga.

Village Planning Committee (VPC) Chairman for Kungim village, Paul Yarokam said that locals venturing into business activities is good because it would sustain their livelihoods.

Mr Yarokam believes that through profitable business, money is not wasted but put to wise use. VPC chairman for Ambaga village, Kawok Konmop also said that people feel comfortable when there is clear communication.

He said, "During troubled times, OTDF is here to support us through discussions, understanding and reaching a consensus between the Board members and the communities for service delivery."

Good coordination of plans and programs and continued support of board members of Upper Lower Ok Tedi Limited is vital for the businesses to operate profitably.

A highlight for the year was the awarding of 'Share Certificates' to Ambaga, Birimkamba, Kungim, Komokpin and Kungembit villages of lower OK Tedi region acknowledging their involvement as investors in the land owner company, Upper Lower Ok Tedi Limited.



Amidst Covid-19 pandemic, OTDF still continues to support the Trust boards of the CMCA.

Education scholarship officer (CMCA) Bonnie Yakumani attending to students queries at the office.

Students encouraged to support province and districts



Education scholarship officer (PAD) Shemila Kasi attending to a student at the OTDF office.

"The sponsorship covers 152 villages of the eight trust regions which include Nupmo, Tutuwe, Waitri, Middle Fly, Manawete, Kiwaba, Dudi, and Suki Fly Gogo. We would like the students to come back but we don't have big organisations or companies that will attract the students to the province.

We would like the students to be educated, and if they are able to secure employment outside, that is good. Our focus is on students going into tertiary institutions like the agriculture colleges, the nursing colleges and the teacher training colleges to come back and assist the local communities in the province."

Bonnie Yakumani- Education Scholarship Officer.

It's back to school for many students across the country.

And for students in Western Province, more than 300 successful students who have completed their secondary education or FODE programs will commence tertiary studies in respective universities and colleges around the country.

Despite challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, OTDF is still committed to serving the students in the CMCA and Preferred Area Development (PAD) corridors.

On 13 January, many students turned up at the OTDF office in Kiunga seeking educational sponsorship assistance for 2021.

While assisting these students, they are encouraged to return home to develop their own districts or communities with skills and knowledge gained from the tertiary institutions after completing their studies.

Each year, about K1.3 million is allocated to support FODE and Scholarship students from 156 villages of the CMCA regions respectively.



The new born twins delivered safely at Rumginae hospital

A success story: Middle Fly Women's Association Health Support Program

Medical report provided by Junlai Nawalin – OIC, Obo Clinic on 12th December, 2020

"Currently at Kaviananga village, the twin baby girls are 10 months old. They are very healthy and their nutrition status is very good (80-100 %) on the weight chart. They are up to date with immunisation shots and have not been presented to Obo health Centre with any illness or other infectious diseases.

Their mother Robanie Peter is also well after the delivery of her twins.

Robanie said, "They are a blessing and I thank God we are healthy and well. Thank you to all who have helped my babies and me."

Robanie had birth complications on 17th January 2020 and was identified as a high risk mother needing urgent referral for a supervised delivery at a better equipped medical facility.

An urgent call was made to Dr. Kevin Pondikou at Rumginae Health Centre and she was brought to Rumginae with the assistance of OTDF and the Middle Fly Women and Children Association.

Swift intervention by OTDF Executive Management Team saw the OTML twin otter plane which normally lands at the Aiambak airstrip, diverted to Obo and Robanie was flown to Kiunga.

She was met by OTDF Community Development team who assisted with her transfer to the Rumginae hospital.

Upon arrival at Rumginae Health Centre, Robanie had a safe and supervised twin delivery, without any

complication to both the babies and the mother on 22 January. The twin girl's birth weight was 2.4 kg and 2.6 kg respectively.

After being discharged from the hospital the babies were given their first dose of immunisations and returned safely back to Kaviananga on board MV Fly Hope, the CMCA passenger ferry.



The twins at ten months old with their mum Robanie.

Community group registered and ready to participate

Mrs Kaiyun in her family block

Inspired by agriculture projects introduced by Ok Tedi Mining Limited (OTML) in earlier food security programs and ongoing government and private sector initiatives, a family group has opted to go into agriculture development for sustainable livelihoods.

Mrs Mary Kaiyun registered her group 'Hanua Community Empowerment and Development Services (HCEDS) with the Papua New Guinea Investment Promotion Authority in October to help her family and surrounding communities learn agriculture and life skills.

Mrs Kaiyun said, "I have a hectare of land which my family and I cleared and planted rubber and some va-

nilla. The idea is to transform my block of land into an economic training centre for my family and surrounding communities between Gre village and Miamsomnai village in the North Fly District."

She said, "I am glad that my family block is the first demonstration block to trial the two vanilla species Tahitensis and Planifolia as part of the WestAgro project. It is a challenge for my family and I, having little knowledge in planting vanilla, but given this opportunity to participate in the program is a privilege for us to maintain the demonstration block, while we learn new skills."

Reviving fish farms to maintain quality fish stock

National Fisheries Authority (NFA) officer said the Nile Tilapia is better managed when correctly farmed to prevent gene contamination and maintain healthy growth.

Joshua Noiney, NFA Aquaculture field officer said it is natural for tilapia in main rivers to breed at enormous rates, but over time getting exposed to other fish may result in cross-breeding resulting in gene contamination.

He said fish with contaminated genes causes the offspring /fingerlings to decrease in physical size once they reach adult stage.

Mr Noiney said, "Keeping fish in farms decreases gene contamination compared to them living in the main river system. Fish farming is not new, but times have changed and sustainable farming should be encouraged."

He said the importance of well managed fish farming is to maintain the bigger fish size for a decent meal and sold for better prices in the market.

CEO Havini Vira said OTDF will support the Western Province Division of Fisheries as the program progresses.

He said, "OTDF is always vocal on food security, and

fish farming fits well in this sustainable development program. OTDF will provide some support to the district DAL staff in 2021 when technical training begins."



L-R Havini Vira OTDF CEO, Waum Elemunop – WP Division of Fisheries officer. Joshua Noiney – Aquaculture Officer with National Fisheries Authority

Kevin Tom OTDF Community Education Services Coordinator, Ms Primrose Aioge, Peter Nickson, Andrew Mari PSSD Program Manager



Maritime Cadets set course to sail

To gain captaincy of a large ship you need to have a thorough understanding of logistics, navigation, maritime and safety law and management.

Years of experience and significant on-the-job training is also required, and you need to earn a captain's license from the National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA) – which can take up to ten years.

Two Maritime cadets on 2nd December, signed contracts to start their sea time training.

They enrolled at the PNG Maritime College in Madang in February 2020, as part of the OTDF managed cadet program funded by Ok Tedi Mining Limited.

Primrose Aioge and Peter Nickson will undergo 24 months of sea time training to qualify them as Deck Officers on large seafaring ships.

Ms Aioge is currently on board OTML Copper Ship MV Fly Resilience while Master Peter is on board the OTML Copper ship MV Fly Prosperity. Miss Aioge was elated when she

received her acceptance letter to undergo training to be a Deck Cadet. She is from the Middle Fly region of Western Province.

Ms. Aioge said, "A female trying to be a sailor is a challenge but I am ready. I encourage more of my peers to step out of their comfort zones and try something new. I want to travel the international waters and I will work towards that goal."

She added, "I thank God and my family for this opportunity as well as OTML and OTDF for making this dream a reality."

Originating from the inlands, Mr Nickson has never been on large sea faring vessels and is naturally anxious about the forthcoming experience.

He said, "It will be an opportunity for me to prove that a boy from the bush can captain a ship out at sea."

Programs Services Manager Mr. Andrew Mari encouraged both cadets to fulfil their dreams, respect the career they chose and be good ambassadors of Western

Province and PNG. He encouraged more females to apply for the Maritime Cadetship Program.

The Program is sponsored by OTML and managed by OTDF for young aspiring individuals who want sea-faring careers.

'Over 600 students from Western Province and Preferred Area were sponsored and successfully graduated through various Scholarship Programs. Ok Tedi Mining Ltd and Ok Tedi Development Foundation are committed to developing the human resource of Western Province and Preferred Area.'

*Andrew Mari
Manager - Program Services
Sustainable Development*

If you have fever and/or cough you should stay at home regardless of your travel or contact history.

If you have returned from an area that is subject to travel restrictions due to COVID-19 you should restrict your movement for 14 days.

All people are advised to:

- > **Reduce** social interactions
- > **Keep a distance** of 2m between you and other people
- > **Do not** shake hands or make close contact where possible

If you have symptoms visit **your closest health facility or call 1-800-200**

How to Prevent



Stop

shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people



Distance

yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell



Wash

your hands well and often to avoid contamination



Cover

your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard



Avoid

touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands



Clean

and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Symptoms

- > Fever (High Temperature)
- > A Cough
- > Shortness of Breath
- > Breathing Difficulties

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*** National SOE Centre**

covid19.info.gov.pg

*** WHO Website**

<https://www.who.int/>

When going outdoors, and where social distancing is not possible, wear your masks at all times



Village school receives 9,000 Litre water tank



OTDF CEO Havini Vira (L) hands over the tank to Drimdamasuk representative, looking on are OTDF staff and community leaders.

Outgoing CEO for OTDF Ian Middleton had made a commitment to Drimdamasuk Primary School for a water harvest facility to be used by the staff and students to collect water for cooking and drinking.

The delivery of a 9,000L Tuffa water tank on Sunday 22 November to Drimdamasuk Primary School fulfils this commitment made by the CEO's office.

Mr Sam Biku an OTDF staff and local from Drimdamasuk on behalf of his community expressed his gratitude to Mr Middleton for the commitment and approval

of shipment especially from Kiunga to Drimdamasuk Village waterfront.

"I also thank Mr Igea Yassa's, Program Services Operations (PSO) Manager, support in delivery of the water tank," he said.

OTDF CEO Mr Havini Vira, when presenting the tank to the community said OTDF's mandate is in the CMCA corridor and such support to non CMCA villages is rare, yet possible, given it serves the common good of the community.

Landowner Company opens Bige shop

Lotic Bige Limited (LBL) on December 1st opened a mini shop and a fresh produce outlet at Bige.

The landowner company in the Central and Lower Ok Tedi region now gives villagers access to store goods instead of travelling 15 kilometers to the nearest shop along the Kiunga –Tabubil highway.

The shop will be the central point for LBL to buy fresh produce from Bige and the surrounding villages as well. A forty-foot container was also transformed into a controlled storage facility behind the outlet to store fresh food.

Bige Village Business Group Chairman Isaiah Maun thanked the LBL Management and Board members present for approving the business venture.

He said, "This is a golden opportunity because the service is now at our doorstep. We can sell our market produce and also buy store goods, we don't have to travel the distance to Kiunga and spend extra on PMV fares." He encouraged the community to look after the shop and the assets within the property.

Musje Werror OTML MD and CEO and Chairman for OTDF board, making a purchase from the shop



Cathy Maun, LBL - Bige shop keeper



About us



Ok Tedi Development Foundation Limited (OTDF) is a not for profit organisation, formed in 2001 as part of the Community Mine Continuation Agreement (CMCA), enabling consent from the communities for the Ok Tedi Mine to continue operating.

Following a review of the CMCA in 2006/2007, the Ok Tedi Fly River Development Program (OTFRDP) was registered as the Company's trading name, paving the way for OTDF to operate independently of OTML from March 2010.

OTDF is a dynamic organisation mandated to mobilise funds and deliver sustainable projects into all 6 Mine Villages & 8 CMCA Trust regions of the Western Province (Tutuwe, Wai Tri, Nupmo, Middle Fly, Suki Fly Gogo, Manawete, Kiwaba and Dudi).

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Green Tree striker, using volley technique