

Fly Breeze Newsletter



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Development partners renew the agreement for life skills program

Training partnership renewed

A partnership is a way forward to deliver projects in the mine impact communities along the CMCA corridor.

Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF), Kiunga Technical Vocational Education Training Center (KTVETC), and nine CMCA Women & Children's Associations renewed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to provide Life Skills Training.

The MoA signed on 23 November at the KTVETC in Kiunga allows for life skills training to continue in response to community interest and requests.

To support community development in the footprint villages of Ok Tedi Mining Limited (OTML), OTDF first approached KTVETC in 2020 to commence this program with funding from the North and Middle Fly women & children's associations.

This renewal of the agreement now extends the program reach to South Fly from 2023 to 2025.

According to Program Services Sustainable Development Manager Mr Andrew Mari, it is a win-win arrangement with KTVETC, a nationally recognised institution, supported to extend the life skills training to all the CMCA communities in the North, Middle, and South Fly Trust regions.

KTVETC Manageress Mrs Helen Gire Dupnai was instrumental in rolling out life skills programs under the initial MoA and this renewal marks a milestone achievement as they prepare to run training in the South Fly. "Since the initial signing, the KTVETC is proud to have trained over 900 participants in short courses in personal viability, sewing, carpentry, cooking, baking, and agriculture."

Middle Fly Women and Children President, Ms Charlotte Mathews, representing the eight sister associations thanked KTVETC and the development partner for transferring the life skills to the women and youths of the CMCA. "Thank you OTDF and thanks KTVETC, I am wearing a meri blouse sewn during one of the training. Our women sew to wear today, we sew clothes, we bake and we sell to earn money to support our families, we are empowered".

OTDF CEO said the numbers speak for themselves. "The task ahead for OTDF is to strengthen monitoring and evaluation to determine the impact of this program."

OTDF is a delivery vehicle and will continue to partner with CMCA communities and service providers to facilitate development".

Women leaders, KTVETC staff, community representatives, and OTDF Executive management were present to witness the ceremony.

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OTDF CEO Mr. Vira (L) receives the keys from WTHL Chairman Mr. Neweng

Local CMCA Trust Company signs second investment deal

Wai Tri Holdings Limited (WTHL) welcomed the signing of a second investment deal in Kiunga Western Province on the 28th October 2022.

Chairman of WTHL Mr Martin Neweng expressed his appreciation for the delivery of the vehicle. "It took quite a while to get the business off the ground, it was not easy, so it is a privilege for me as the Chairman to see this achievement."

The Toyota Land Cruiser is leased to OTDF for three years with OTDF to cater for operational and maintenance costs.

Mr Neweng said this ceremony marked another milestone for the company after WTHL ventured into real estate mid-this year in Port Moresby.

OTDF Executive Manager Corporate Services, Mr Renagi Koiro advised, "All investments are risks in themselves, choosing the right one is good but choosing the wrong one can be disastrous."

WTHL was registered four years ago by the OTDF Business Development team as a regional company for Wai Tri communities. The concept was to start small and expand as opportunities presented.

OTDF CEO, Mr Havini Vira commended the board and management on the growth of the entity within the space of four years. He said: "It's good to see the second investment and. OTDF will continue to support local investments. The challenge for the board and management of WTHL now is to independently manage the business without OTDF support".



OWN champions- L-R OTDF staff Josephine Laka, Jack Klomes, Wona Anae, Cassandra Sebastian, Tessie Tsido and Igea Yassa

OTDF supports cancer awareness program

Ok Tedi Womens Network (OWN) representatives shared with OTDF staff awareness on cancer in October and November.

As part of the bi-monthly OWN awareness program, messages were delivered by OTDF staff who are registered members of the network, established by female staff of OTML.

The Month of October is dedicated to cancer awareness, also known as Pinktober while November is called Movember and is dedicated to cancer awareness for men.

According to Kiunga Operations health staff present during the awareness sessions, cancer treatment facilities are available both locally and internationally with early detection and treatment possible. Lifestyle is a significant cause factor for various cancers.

OWN member and OTDF Livelihood Development Program Coordinator, Ms. Josephine Laka, says health awareness is everyone's responsibility, and the message should be shared with family and friends.



BSP Trainer Mr. Chris Philip facilitates the Financial Literacy training to Tutuwa Ara members at Matkomnai Community Learning Center

Women learn Financial Literacy

Eighty participants from four trust regions of the Community Mine Continuation Agreement (CMCA) completed training in banking education and were provided with BSP Finance Literacy Training certificates recognised by the Bank of Papua New Guinea.

The 76 women who attended were chair ladies and representatives from Nupmo, Tutuwa, Nima Ara, and Middle Fly Women & Children's Associations. Four interested men also attended.

Mrs Catherine Wanmut a participant at Bige said she had learnt a lot and appreciated the knowledge in savings and budgeting gained from the BSP team. She said: "I have always wanted to attend a training and when given this opportunity, I took it. We mothers struggle to save, we sell garden produce and items of choice each day, but we do not save the income generated because of our obligations. Now that I have gained this knowledge, I can save and budget to get a loan, which I will use to increase my business."

BSP Kiunga Branch Manager Rueben Attai told the participants that knowing how to save and spend money was a routine that required personal control over money.

He told the participants that the training should equip them with a better understanding of why banking services exist and how to use the knowledge to their gain, now and into the future.

He said his dedicated teams carry out banking education or financial literacy training in the communities before assisting customers open accounts at BSP Kiunga. According to Business Development Officer Ms Dau Tapie, over 218 participants have benefited from banking education in the province since its inception in 2019 in partnership with BSP.

The program is an initiative of the OTDF in partnership with BSP Kiunga branch staff who facilitate the training focused on saving, budgeting, and business development skills.

Brief updates

- ☐ Senamrae village receives sawmill, delivered by OTDF RDO team
- ☐ Rice mills for South Fly pilot villages received & training completed
- ☐ Putmabin Village Church Project delivered,
- ☐ Presentation of a new Hino Truck to Solnae Ara Business Group on 10th October 2022
- ☐ Miamrae house Project x 4 houses progressing to completion
- ☐ Trust Syndicate Meeting concluded on a high with positive returns on investments
- ☐ Gre Community group sign vehicle lease agreement with OTDF
- ☐ South Fly Project material movement from Kiunga completed by Operations team
- ☐ MiBank conducts awareness session to OkTedi Mine Village women and children association members on available services.
- ☐ Movement of Trust project materials down river completed by Operations team
- ☐ Community Development team travel with Women & Children's Associations executive for patrol
- ☐ Procurement of materials for Ok Tedi Mine villages housing project
- ☐ Completion of all South Fly Community Learning Centres
- ☐ WaSH project continues for villages in Suki



Putmabin village development funds build church for Evangelical Brotherhood Church (EBC) located at Alice Pit junction

Community Education



Shimron Guimben (R) invigilates the FODE exams in Tabubil

OTDF Scholarship Program highlight

Shimron Guimben – Graduate Teacher

A local man from Western Province is providing his service to his people at no cost.

Mr Shimron Guimben is currently the Flexible Open Distance Education (FODE) Tutor engaged by the Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) Community Education Services (CES) Program who has been providing support to students in Tabubil since August this year.

As a recipient of the CMCA scholarship support, he believes in giving back to where it is needed.

Shimron graduated with a Bachelor's Degree

in teaching, majoring in Science and Mathematics from the University of Goroka. "I graduated on the 19th of April this year and was given the opportunity by OTDF CES program to provide tutorial support to the FODE and Adult Matriculation (AM) learners in Tabubil.

I am enjoying every bit of it, as it gives me exposure and experience in assisting adult learners which is no different to normal classroom teaching".

His motto in life is to serve while believing in an educated society. "I want to thank my sponsors, the Wai Tri and Tutuwe Trust through OTDF, for the scholarship support over the four years of my studies. With this I have opted to give back to my people my

service as a tutor while awaiting my posting from the Department of Education.

Playing a leadership role as the President for the Fly River Students Association while at university has motivated me to push on with my career and has brought me this far."

Shimron is part of a group of over 250 students from Western who attended tertiary institutions across the country sponsored under OTDF in 2017.

The scholarship program is funded by the nine CMCA Trusts while PAD is under OTML at a cost of K2.69 million for both new and continuing students and administered by OTDF.

Japanese Ambassador acknowledges work of OTDF in Western Province

The 2nd of November marks a special moment at Ok Tedi Development Foundation as the Japanese Head of Mission visited the OTDF head office.

The Japanese team led by his Excellency Ambassador Nobuyuki Watanabe made a courtesy call to OTDF Kiunga Office.

The visit was organised by Ok Tedi Mining Limited and accompanied by senior executives and managers from OTML Port Moresby and Tabubil offices.

Ambassador Watanabe received a warm welcome from OTDF Executive Management and staff with presentations of gifts and an overview of the company's history and its role in the communities.

The Japanese Ambassador thanked OTDF for the welcome while saying, "I appreciate the work you do in the communities. I am very grateful to know this thank you very much for your kind contribution."

The visit concluded with a visit to the Fly Vanilla Agro-Industrial Centre (AIC). The Ambassador and his official were privileged to be the first visitors to visit this monumental agri-business venture in Kiunga, Western Province.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Renagi Koiro welcomed Ambassador Watanabe and the Economic Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy, Mr. Satoshi Isono, and acknowledged the visit as the first to the organisation.



Ambassador Watanabe on site at the Samagos AIC, Kiunga WP



North Fly Women learn about Community Development work

Women Leaders from five Women and Children Associations attended two weeks of comprehensive training on the Papua New Guinea National Standards for Community Development Workers Training (CDW) in Tabubil, Star Mountain LLG of Western Province.

Mrs Alice Mumuyong an Executive for the Ok Tedi Mine Village Women and Children’s Association said this training is a first and a positive step for them. She said: “After going through the core elements of CDW Training, it has shown that, when we go into our communities, we will definitely need to change our approach. The CDW training has clearly shown that we have to do things differently.”

Ms Eve Narok Secretary for the Tutuwe Ara Women and Children’s Association said: “I am empowered to do my work in the community”.

Lead trainer Ms Bala Tedumo said this training is mandatory for any development organisation or community development worker to undergo in order to work in a community. Similarly, it gives community leaders the compliance standards to perform their duties as mandated leaders chosen by their respective communities.

She said it gives the leaders a sense of ownership to take lead of development in their communities. “These women executives automatically fall into the category of CDW workers due to the line of work they’ve been doing”.

Ms Tedumo added that the course has different sets of topics covering eight core units in Conducting Community Training and Awareness, Report Writing and Steps in Community Entry and Consultations. She said: “Due to time limitation, the two weeks training covered the elements of the eight core units, which basically touches on the approaches on how to enter a community to do consultations. The rest of the core units will be delivered next year (2023). The leaders and executives who attended have been working at the community level, but needed capacity building in the steps taken to enter any community, even theirs, and how to start community consultations with ease”.

Mr Kuam Senawai, OTML Manager for Community Relations and OTDF Board Director, officially closed the training.

The training is an initiative of Ok Tedi Development Foundation Community Development Program under the Program Services Sustainable Development.





Junior Arget receives the futsal trophy from Executive Manager Corporate Services Renagi Koiro

OTDF Sports Program ends on high

The 2022 OTDF corporate sports program ended on a positive note with the futsal competition completing the multi-sporting fest in October.

The program helps employees manage stress and maintain their fitness and health through sports.

OTDF Executive Manager Corporate Services Mr. Renagi Koiro, in his congratulatory remarks after the futsal grand final, encouraged participation in such company events because it also unites and builds a healthy corporate culture.

The games were a relief this year for staff after COVID-19 denied social gatherings and activities in 2021.

The sports fest began with volleyball and after 10 rounds of matches, the final playoffs saw Team Diwai defeat reigning champions team Riverside.

Basketball followed and again team Diwai secured the title, maintaining the lead through the rounds defeating reigning champions team Makau.

We concluded the year with futsal and the intense competition saw PLAM Power securing the top spot for the second time

around after defeating the corporate services team Makau seven goals to three. PLAM Power won the futsal competition in 2020. The sports desk team congratulates all who participated in this company-sanctioned sports program.

90-DAY Finish Strong Campaign – Focusing on Values to Finish Strong

This year has thrown many challenges at us, but in true Ok Tedi style, we are facing them to deliver results for our stakeholders. OTDF as the development arm of OTML has been actively participating in the 90-Day Challenge in its unique ways over the years.

As part of the 90-Day Finish Strong Challenge, OTDF plans to achieve and surpass set targets. Delivering projects effectively in the last quarter of the year to the communities is one way the organisation contributes to the 90-Day challenge.

OTDF this year is also participating in the volleyball 90-Day challenge with all contractors and staff in OTML Kiunga operations. According to the organising committee, all rounds are now complete and the playoffs will commence at the end of November with finals in early December.



OTDF team walking to Kungim village to do a project site inspection

Time Out



1. Futsal grandfinalists - PLAM Power & Makau

2. PLAM Power the reigning futsal champions

3. Game highlights

4. OTDF WaSH team in South Fly

5. Team OTDF in the 90-Day Challenge

6. OTDF Board of Directors Mine visit

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