

# Fly Breeze Newsletter



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Mr. Andrew Mari presents the dummy cheque to Okma Junior High School Board, witnessed by OTDF senior staff

## K100,000.00 for Okma Junior High School

The Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) is committed to education development in the Community Mine Continuation Agreement (CMCA) communities. This was shown through a K100,000.00 financial contribution towards the building of the Okma Junior High School in the Nupmo Region in Western Province.

A dummy cheque was officially presented on the 31st of December at the OTDF Conference Room by the OTDF acting Chief Executive Officer Mr. Andrew Mari, to representatives of the Okma Junior High School Board. The funding is specifically allocated toward the building and refurbishment of school infrastructure, with the aim of improving learning conditions for students.

The Okma Junior High School Board welcomed the assistance and expressed sincere appreciation to OTDF for the timely donation. Board members acknowledged that the funding would greatly assist the school in addressing long-standing infrastructure needs and improving overall education standards for students in the Nupmo Region.

Mr. Mark Yauram, Okma Junior High School Board Vice Chairman, thanked OTDF for its support for the betterment of Okma.

During the presentation he said, "On behalf of the people of Okma, I would like to thank OTDF for supporting this social obligation. This investment, a first of its kind, will work towards something greater for the generations to come."

Speaking during the presentation, OTDF Finance Manager Mr. Raphael Nali emphasised

that the support reflects OTDF's long-term vision and strategic objectives towards education in the Province.

"This support is important because it aligns directly with the goals of the organisation. Education is the pillar of our future, and by investing in school infrastructure, we are investing in the next generation of leaders from our CMCA communities," Mr. Nali said.

Acting CEO Andrew Mari echoed these sentiments, highlighting education remains a core pillar of OTDF's development mandate. He noted that improved infrastructure not only enhances learning outcomes but also encourages school attendance and supports teachers in delivering quality education.

Okma Junior High School is in the Nupmo Region within the mine footprint areas of Western Province, an area where access to quality educational facilities remains a key development priority. The investment will support the construction and upgrading of classrooms and other essential facilities, ensuring a safer, more conducive learning environment for both students and teachers.

The Ok Tedi Development Foundation continues to work closely with community stakeholders, school boards, and local leaders across Western Province to deliver meaningful and sustainable development outcomes.

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Community Project delivered



Supporting local business grow



Double classroom for St Rita School-Moian



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## Community Education

L-R: Mr. Moses Kalup ( Manager PSSD), Mr. Raphael Nali ( Acting Manager Corporate Services) , Mr. Andrew Mari ( Acting CEO), Hon. Maso Hewabi MP Middle Fly , Petrus Malongim MF DDA CEO and Paul Umbe OTDF Team Leader Education (CES)

### OTDF renew agreement to administer MFDDA scholarship

The Middle Fly District Development Authority (DDA) renewed its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the second time with the Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF), extending the partnership from January to December this year to support scholarships.

While a significant portion of the agreement continues to focus on education assistance and scholarships, the partnership will also support other programs implemented by OTDF that align with the Middle Fly DDA's development plans. Through the education program students from the Middle Fly District have been sponsored to pursue studies at various institutions nation wide.

The MOA signing was attended by Honourable Maso Hewabi, Member for Middle Fly District, and Mr. Petrus Malongim, Chief Executive Officer of the Middle Fly District Development Authority, who both emphasised the importance of education in the district's development.

Hon. Maso Hewabi thanked OTDF for its role in delivering the scholarship program.

"I want to thank OTDF for the successful delivery of the scholarships program for the last two years. With your support and by working hand in hand, 169 students have been sponsored under the MFDDA," he said.

Speaking during the signing, OTDF Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr. Andrew Mari thanked the Middle Fly DDA for recognising OTDF's role and having confidence in the Foundation to deliver the education program.

Mr. Mari said: "The funding that OTDF receives from the MFDDA is solely for scholarship expenses. The administrative costs are covered under OTDF. This partnership adds value to our relationship and enables us to make a positive and meaningful contribution to Western Province, let our communities judge us for our actions and not our words," he added.

Under the MOA, OTDF will continue to manage and administer the scholarship program and other agreed programs in close coordination with the Middle Fly DDA, ensuring transparency, accountability, and alignment with district priorities.

The renewed partnership reflects a shared commitment to investing in education and community development, aiming to create lasting benefits for the people of the Middle Fly District.



File photo: Rumginae Nursing students & staff, NF, WP



OTDF Operations Manager Philemon Nahuet (L) hands over the community project to Wombon VPC Chairman Domki Kaweak (R).

## CMCA Trust delivers dinghy and 40HP outboard motor to Wombon Village

Wombon Village, under the CMCA Nupmo Trust region, received a new dinghy and a 40-horsepowered outboard motor engine, officially delivered at the Ningrum waterfront on 28 January 2026. Marking the start of projec delivery for the Trust Administration.

The project delivery was witnessed by community leaders, clan representatives, villagers, and development partner Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) staff, which initiated and supported the procurement, logistics from the supplier and transportation of the assets to the community.

The project was initiated and implemented through the Wombon Village Planning Committee (VPC) under the the Nupmo Trust. Mr Domki Kaweak, VPC Chairman, formally received the dinghy and outboard motor from OTDF, expressing satisfaction that the project had been successfully completed under his leadership.

“This dinghy and motor will serve our people for both river transport and income-generating activities for the community of Wombon,” Chairman Kaweak said. “Reliable transport is essential to our daily lives, and this project will improve access to markets, services, and opportunities.”

In good faith, the dinghy and outboard motor were officially handed over to the community witnessed by the community. Mr Francis Job, community leader and spokesperson for the Konmenen Clan, accepted the assets and assured, it is for the benefit of the community.

Mr Job praised the timely delivery of the project and highlighted the positive impact it will have on community mobility and living standards.

“We are thankful that this important asset has been delivered as planned. Community projects like this improve livelihoods and strengthen transport along our river system,” Mr Job said.

“On behalf of the Konmenen Clan, I thank OTDF for standing with our VPC Chairman Domki from day one until the successful

delivery of this project. It has not been easy, but the community waited patiently, and today we are proud to receive it.”

OTDF Operations Manager Mr Philemon Nahuet formally handed over the assets and commended Chairman Domki and the Wombon community for their commitment throughout the planning and implementation process.

“These assets were purchased using Wombon village development funds, and ownership rests with the community,” Mr Nahuet said.

“The care, management, and sustainability of this dinghy and motor are now your responsibility. When community assets are well managed, they continue to benefit future generations.”



The community asset being tested before it serves the community



Gre Business Group and development partners after the lease renewal signing ceremony

## Supporting local business entity grow through lease agreement

The Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) has renewed its three-year vehicle lease agreement with GRE Village Business Group a local company from Tutuwe region, for the continued use of an Isuzu Dyna vehicle.

The lease agreement was formally signed on 31 December at the OTDF Conference Room in Kiunga, marking the continuation of a long-standing working relationship between the two organisations. The new agreement follows the successful completion and expiry of the previous lease arrangement in November 2025 and reflects OTDF's ongoing commitment to ensuring uninterrupted logistical support for its operations while strengthening partnerships with locally owned businesses from mine-impacted communities.

Under the agreement, the Isuzu Dyna will be used to support a range of OTDF's logistical and operational requirements. These include the transportation of equipment, and materials necessary for program delivery, community engagement activities, and other operational functions across OTDF's areas of responsibility.

The lease arrangement is critical to maintaining operational efficiency, particularly in supporting field-based activities along the Kiunga Tabubil Highway and villages in and around Kiunga.

"The conclusion of the previous lease in November 2025 required a timely replacement to ensure continuity of transport support," said OTDF Acting CEO Mr. Andrew Mari. "This new three-year agreement enables OTDF to sustainably meet its logistics requirements while reinforcing its commitment to engaging local landowner companies as trusted service providers". Engaging such local companies aligns with OTDF's broader mandate to promote local business participation, create economic opportunities for local communities and landowner groups, and ensure benefits flow back to mine-impacted communities.

The lease agreement includes clearly defined terms and conditions covering vehicle use, maintenance responsibilities, and operational requirements. The vehicle will be operated strictly in accordance with OTDF's internal policies, safety standards, and compliance requirements to ensure reliability and safe usage throughout the lease period.

GRE Village Business Group welcomed the agreement, stating that the lease provides a stable and ongoing commercial opportunity for the company as a community-owned business, while strengthening its partnership with OTDF.

The lease will run for a period of three years, providing certainty for both parties and supporting long-term planning and operational continuity.

OTDF continues to engage CMCA local companies through a range of service arrangements, including transport, logistics, and other operational support services. These engagements form part of the Foundation's broader strategy to support effective program delivery while promoting sustainable local business development and participation in the mine-affected regions.



The OTDF Operations team deliver Trust projects using the leased vehicle



Mr Nali (L) presents the bus key to Kwiroknai VPC Chairman Nowa Dem (R) witnessed by OTDF staff.

## Kwiroknai Village receives coaster bus to ease transport challenges

Residents of Kwiroknai Village welcomed the handover of a 26 Seat Coaster Bus to the community on Tuesday, 16 December 2025. The vehicle was officially received by the Chairman Nowa Dem of Kwiroknai Village Planning Committee (VPC).

Speaking on behalf of the community, Mr. Dem described the bus as a lifeline that will significantly improve daily life in the village. "I wish to thank the Trust Administration for following through on the villages' request to have a community bus purchased from the Village Development Funds (VDF).

"This bus will help our people travel safely and with certainty," he said. "Our mothers will no longer have to wait by the roadside in bad weather, our children can attend school activities more easily, and those who are sick can reach health services without delay."

The bus was formally presented to the community by Mr. Raphael Nali, Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) Finance Manager and Acting Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS), during a handover ceremony attended by community leaders and OTDF staff.

In presenting the bus, Mr. Nali encouraged the community to see the vehicle not only as a transport solution but also as an opportunity to create sustainable income. He urged the VPC to manage the asset responsibly and explore income-generating uses to support its ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Nali said: "This bus belongs to the community, use it wisely, it can generate income to cover fuel, servicing and repairs, ensuring it continues to benefit the people of Kwiroknai in the long term. I encourage the VPC to manage it properly and purchase a new one and fleet of buses in many years to come."

OTDF Regional Development Coordinator for North Fly, Mr. Andrew Baine, also addressed the gathering and apologised to the community for delays experienced in receiving the bus. He explained that documentation processes and shipment of such assets often take time and are factors beyond OTDF's direct control. "We understand the community's expectations," Mr Baine said. "While delays can be frustrating, processes such as documentation and shipment are necessary and unavoidable. We appreciate your

patience and thank you for your continued cooperation."

The VPC Chairman confirmed the bus will be managed under the VPC framework to ensure transparency, accountability and fair access. Priority use will be given to medical emergencies, school and church activities, and essential travel to government offices, while commercial use will help sustain upkeep costs.

As the Coaster Bus begins operation, Kwiroknai Village looks forward to improved access to services, stronger social and economic connections, and new opportunities that support health, education and law and order across the North Fly District.



Community partners share a light moment after the handover program



Students and community members celebrate the opening of the double classroom

## Moian School receives new double classroom

Moian Village in the Upper Middle Fly marked an important milestone with the opening of a new double classroom at St Rita Moian Primary School, officially handed over on 11 December 2025.

The classroom, fully furnished with 20 student desks, was completed at a cost of over PGK120,000 through combined support from the Middle Fly CMCA Regional Development Trust Fund, managed by the Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) Trust Administration, with additional contributions from the OTDF CEO's Office and the Middle Fly Women and Children Association.

The Board of Management of St Rita Moian Primary School expressed its appreciation to all partners involved, noting that the new infrastructure will greatly improve the learning environment and help address long-standing classroom shortages.

Community leaders praised the strong partnership between the community and key stakeholders, highlighting the project as an excellent example of what can be accomplished through collaboration. During the handover ceremony, Mr. Xaviour Wembut, the School Board Chairman and Youth President, expressed his gratitude to the stakeholders and urged the community to take full ownership of the new facilities.

He emphasized the importance of caring for and protecting these facilities to benefit future generations. Moian Village Planning Committee Chairman, Francis Kumin, thanked the CMCA Trust, OTDF, local contractors, and community members for their collective effort.

"This classroom shows what we can achieve when leadership, trust approval, and community support come together," Mr Kumin said.

OTDF Manager Program Services Sustainable Development, Moses Kalup, said the project reflected a community-driven approach under CMCA trust processes.

"This classroom was initiated by the community and approved through the trust to ensure it is sustainable and delivers long-term benefits," Mr Kalup said.

OTDF Acting Executive Manager Program Services, Mr. Philemon Nahuet, reaffirmed OTDF's commitment to education beyond infrastructure, including adult matriculation and second-chance education.

"Our support for education goes beyond buildings. We are creating pathways for children, especially girls and vulnerable students, to reach their full potential," Mr Nahuet said.

The new classroom is the second infrastructure built by OTDF and is expected to reduce overcrowding and improve learning conditions for students both in Moian and the nearby villages of Kawok and Erecta.



L-R: School Board Chairman Xaviour Wembut and OTDF acting EMPS Philemon Nahuet officiate the ribbon cutting to open the classroom

# Month in pictures



OTDF inks agreement with local business for staff accomodation



Nupmo Investment Limited Board Meeting



PLAM Safety & Tool Box Meeting



Eco Torusim Training for Mine village W&C executives



For consistency & daily submission of Take Five Safety checklist



OTDF Quarter four Board meeting in Tabubil



Community support for Rumginae School of Nursing, NF



WaSH Program Open Defecation Free Declaration, Komovai Village, MF



The participants from the Manawete CMCA Trust region prepare for the certification ceremony

## Advanced sewing skills shared across Damera, Kenedibi, and Urio villages

The training forms part of a longer term capacity building process that began in 2024, when Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) worked with Kiunga Vocational Center (KVC) to train community Trainers of Trainers (TOTs). These community TOTs were equipped with sewing and facilitation skills by KVC instructors, enabling them to deliver practical, hands on training directly within their own villages.

Building on this foundation, the November 2025 sewing trainings were arranged by OTDF and delivered by the trained community TOTs, in collaboration with the Manawete Women and Children’s Association. Conducted between 4–14 November 2025, the program aimed to strengthen Women Social Issues Concern Group (WSICG) members, support sustainable livelihood activities, and encourage the local production of school uniforms and other essential garments.

Participation across all three villages was strong, demonstrating growing interest in skills based economic opportunities. In Damera Village, 27 women completed the full training program, while more than 50 additional women attended as observers. In Kenedibi Village, 24 women—comprising 15 adults and 9 youth—completed the program, with over 50 women observing the sessions. Similarly, in Urio Village, 24 women actively participated in the training, supported by both adult and youth trainees, alongside more than 50 consistent observers.

Although the trainings were originally planned as week long activities, all three communities completed the program within an accelerated three day period. This reflected the strong commitment, cooperation, and motivation of participants, as well as the effectiveness of the community led training approach. Throughout the sessions, trainees gained practical experience in fabric cutting, machine sewing, and garment finishing, and successfully produced WSICG uniform blouses as part of their hands on learning.

As participants’ skills improved, early signs of economic activity began to emerge, with women exploring opportunities for

home based sewing services, uniform production, and small scale microbusiness initiatives. These developments highlight the potential for sewing skills to contribute to household income and longer term community resilience.

Despite the positive outcomes, several challenges were identified across all three villages, including limited access to sewing machines and materials, varying skill levels among participants, and the need for more time to practise and reinforce newly acquired skills.

In response, the Manawete Women and Children’s Association recommends increasing access to sewing machines, expanding training to include a wider range of garment types, and providing structured follow up support focused on small business development. Strengthening collaboration among WSICG groups in neighbouring communities is also seen as a key strategy for sustaining momentum and shared learning.

Through this community driven and skills focused approach, the Manawete Women and Children’s Association reaffirms its commitment to advancing women’s empowerment and strengthening economic resilience across Western Province by scaling up locally led initiatives that respond directly to community needs.



Participants in a practical session sewing garments from patterns



L-R: OTDF Trust Administration BD officer John Henry weighing the packaged fish fillets while Alfie Yet FCS storeman stacks the boxes and looking on is Junior Kirinam BD assistant staff.

## Zibo Zonga Fishing company deliver 5th order of barramundi and prawns for OTML catering

The Middle Fly section of PNG's Fly River boasts some of its finest fishing spots. This potential has been revitalised by the community-owned Zibo Zonga Fishing Company, which operates out of the Obo station.

Building upon Western Province's legacy of artisanal barramundi fishing—a low-technology commercial practice dating back to the early 1980s—the Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF) has now elevated this local industry to new heights.

On Monday, December 8, 2025, OTDF's Business Development team delivered 278.3 kilograms of fresh whole barramundi, barramundi fillets, and prawns valued at over K15,000 to Fubilan Catering Services (FCS). Warehouse Manager Mr. Steve Mipi confirmed the order will be served to mine employees during the festive season, showcasing how traditional fishing heritage continues to nourish and support the regional economy today. FCS storeman Alfie Yet expressed enthusiasm while processing a recent order, noting that after three years of primarily handling imports, receiving consistent local produce from Zibo Zonga Fisheries is a welcome shift. This sentiment aligns with OTDF Business Development Officer Henry John's report, confirming this as the fifth delivery from Zibo Zonga, featuring reliable volumes of fish fillets and prawns.

The collaboration has proven commercially viable: the 30th October delivery alone supplied 309.85kg of seafood, generating over K17,000.00.

Zibo Zonga's capability to meet this demand stems from its full compliance with National Fishing Authority (NFA) standards, having secured critical licenses in 2024 for purchasing, processing, storing, and exporting freezer-grade products.

This partnership marks a major milestone for local enterprise, enabling FCS to source fresh, traceable riverine products while strengthening regional economies. OTDF and NFA jointly support the initiative, providing operational guidance and ensuring compliance—including periodic license renewals.

Notably, Zibo Zonga's NFA licenses authorize trade exclusively in frozen products, limited to: Estuary Fin Fish, Barramundi, Prawns, Swim Bladder, Catfish and Tilapia.

Zibo Zonga Fishing Company Limited was incorporated on 24 July 2019. It is a local small scale fishing entity wholly owned by the Community Mine Continuation Agreement (CMCA) communities in the Central and Lower Middle Fly Region. The company board comprises of both local landowner representatives and external directors from key stakeholders that includes the Fly River Provincial Fisheries Division and Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF). The fish processing facility is located at Obo station, Lake Murray LLG, Middle Fly Region. Fish buying points will also be situated in selected villages in the Central and Lower Middle Fly Villages with an estimated population of 12,250 people. These villages include Kaviananga, Obo, Owa, Levame, Kasa, Komovai, Aiambak, Wangawanga, Bosset, Manda, Mipan, and Kuem.



L-R: Junior Kirinam BD assistant staff & Nasame Nonofa OTDF staff show the whole Barramundi compliant to the NFA catch size (50 cm approximately 20 inches or fork length).

# Time Out



1. Different professions with one goal to serve
2. Reviving agriculture as the backbone of society
3. Support staff who contribute to development

4. Staff training create networks and form friendship
5. Respect is an organisational value at OTDF
6. Encouraging community presence

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