Anglicare PNG is a Christian based NGO founded by the Anglican Diocese of Port Moresby in 1999 in response to the rise of the HIV & AIDS pandemic in PNG. There are five centers in the country – Mt Hagen, Popondetta, Wabag, Lae and Port Moresby being the main center.

“ANGLICARE PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES SUCH AS: - Voluntary Confidential Counselling & Testing (VCCT) - SEXUAL HEALTH CHECKS - EDUCATION & COUNSELLING - CONDOM DISTRIBUTION”

Anglicare is the first locally run NGO which has developed a Child Protection Policy that meets both the International and National Standards. The following is the speech presented by Ms. Hannah Staines Anglicare Child Protection Program Manager, 2014.

Children are one of the most vulnerable groups of society and therefore need protection: Protection from exploitation, neglect, abuse and all other forms of violence affecting them. For example violence inside and outside the home, sexual abuse, trafficking, neglect, child labor, harmful traditional practices such as child marriage and bullying to name but a few.

Child protection is a big issue in PNG which needs to be addressed. In a nation where violence is wide spread and rule of law can be difficult to enforce, children can be exposed to multiple threats which impact on their rights and this contributes to a failing of future generations of Papua New Guinean children.

In 1993 PNG became a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This means this country has made an international commitment to its children to ensure their fundamental rights. The national government has endeavored to meet its

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FHI 360 visit to Wabag Branch

Family Health International (FHI 360) continues to provide technical assistance to Wabag Anglicare branch. From the months of July through to September, FHI 360 visited the Wabag branch three times. The first two visits were made by the FHI M&E Officer, Eme-lyn Valaun. She made two trips to Wabag to provide assistance to the program officers on data collection, registry and reporting. The latest trip made by FHI 360 was for the ART/OIs Training. This important training was organised by FHI 360 for clinicians and ART prescribers from selected Health Centres in Enga. The ART/OIs training ran for three days and was facilitated by Dr Elsie Ryan (Angau Hospital-Lae) and Nickson Kawage (FHI 360). Wabag Anglicare branch appreciates the continuous support from FHI 360. Branch Manageress Ms. Helen Mark was pleased the her staff capacity in M&E is being increased by the visits.

Anglicare Naiman Clinic accredited

Accreditation Visit

Mary Daniels, HCT Technical Officer, from the NDOH did an accreditation visit to the Naiman stand-alone clinic. Mary was accompanied by Anglicare C&C Manager, Marcia Kalineoe for a one day visit of the clinic. Mary inspected the newly renovated Naiman clinic and also spoke with the C&C team. She also made a visit to the Endakalipin clinic. Mary made a few recommendations for the branch to take into consideration and improve upon. Other than that, her feedback was positive stating that the Naiman stand-alone clinic met the NDOH requirements and would be accredited for full operation. She also mentioned that the C&C team needed to attend HIV lab training in preparation to do confirmation. This was an achievement for the Wabag Anglicare branch this quarter. The HIV/AIDS Logistic Officer (Wilmay Ivuam) from NDOH also visited Naiman Clinic a few weeks after Mary’s trip. Wilmay’s visit was to assess and advice on how logistic was done for the clinic. Wilmay’s visit was form and explained how orders were to be placed to NDOH.
international obligations with the passing of the Lukautim Pikinini Act in 2009 which aims to protect and promote the rights and well-being of all Papua New Guinean children. Our job as the organization of Anglicare PNG and as individuals is to recognize our role to assist in the implementation of this national policy. On an organizational level we can do this by ensuring we have strong policies and procedures which inform our daily service delivery. On an individual level we can offer support and information to the community and ensure Anglicare’s policies and procedures are correctly followed and adhered to.

The Anglicare PNG Child Protection Policy makes explicit and visible our determination that our programs and activities will promote the safety and security of each and every child and young person with whom we come into contact. We will undertake to do all in our power to create a safe environment for children and young people to prevent abuse. It is a collective responsibility to look out for the children of this nation, ensuring their rights are met and they can enjoy their childhood. By doing this we are investing in, not only the children’s future, but also the future of PNG.

For several years Anglicare PNG has been providing much needed services to the community in response to increasing rates of HIV, AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections. From its humble beginnings in Port Moresby Anglicare PNG has now expanded its operations to include Popondetta, Morobe, Mt. Hagen and Wabag. In recent times Anglicare PNG has recognised the rising concerns and needs relating to children’s rights and child protection. We have therefore taken the opportunity to diversify, enhance and complement our existing programming to include the Child Protection Program. The Child Protection Program aims to facilitate the movement of children’s rights and child protection from broad generalities to practical service provision through the development of capacity, identification of resources and planning and implementation of programs to support interventions.

Over the past few months the Child Protection Program has been working to develop a comprehensive and robust Child Protection Policy which will inform and guide all of Anglicare’s members and affect all aspects of our service provision.

The Anglicare PNG Child Protection Policy has now been finalised and we would like to take this opportunity to mark this occasion by demonstrating our commitment and determination to promote a safe and secure environment for all children and young people with whom we come into contact. Following the launch of the Policy, all Port Moresby Anglicare Staff were taken through a training on the Policy guidelines and the expectations of the policy which all Anglicare staff and partners are to abide by. The policy with hard work put in by the Program Manager was put together within the four (4) months of her employment with Anglicare Port Moresby.

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This year has seen many changes in the Human Resource aspect of Anglicare, the organization has given the opportunity to many individuals to develop their skills in their various fields in which they were employed for and were released in good faith.

APNG Inc. saw new staff in Lae (x2).

New Staff for Wabag Branch.

Community Health Workers

Meck Otto Weo is Wabag Anglicare’s recent recruit. He is married with 4 children and hails from Yampu village, Enga Province. Meck is a Community Health Worker by profession and worked for the Catholic Health Services for eight years before joining Wabag Anglicare. Meck resumed duty with Anglicare in August and has been working at the Endakalipin Clinic.

Wabag Anglicare has also recruited another Community Health Worker. Her name is Janet Noah, and she graduated from the St. Gerard CHW Training School (Veifia, Central Prov) early this year (2014). She is happy to be a part of Anglicare, and is currently attached with the Endakalipin Clinic.

APNG also saw its LAe office recruit several new staff to assist in the Program and VCCT work of Anglicare Lae. Mt Hagen has also welcomed new staff and likewise for Anglicare Port Moresby Branch. This is a progressive effort by APNG to improve service delivery more effectively.
A Success Story from the Anglicare Adult Literacy School

Sixty (60) year old Francisca Samalai hails from East Sepik Province, Mother of four (4) Grandmother of nine (9) has been a single parent for the last twenty (20) years after the death of her Husband in 1994.

Francisca completed her standard six (6) Grade six today, in 1972. According to her, school fees were a problem and the commitment to customary obligations was a priority then, thus refusing her the right to complete her education. She got married and raised four wonderful children but due to the death of her husband the only source of income for the family, her children also succumbed to the ill fate which their mum faced, not completing their education. She tried her best to fend for the family by working as a shop assistant but that employment lasted only a year.

This had proven difficult for her as she was not well educated and the struggles were many but through prayers, her Christian Faith and the support of her six (siblings) she has come this far. She came to Port Moresby seeking to retrieve her husband’s retirement benefits four years ago. While waiting to acquire these benefits, she was exposed to her aunt’s daily attendance to the Anglicare Adult Literacy Centre here in Waigani and this made her eager to complete her education, not only for her benefit but for that of all her children. Francisca enrolled in the Anglicare Adult Literacy Program in 2013 following the invite of her Aunt a learner at the Anglicare POM Literacy Centre.

“Mi fil olsem hama-mas nau taim mi kam bek skul”. Mi lukim laif blong mi olsem mi stap long kalabus, bicoz long pasin marit, nogat bik-pla save na mi save wari. Tasol lotu long bikman na bilipo blong mi strogim mi, Bikman igat plan blo mi na em tasol save long futsa blong mi na ol pikinini blong mi”. (I feel so much happiness and joy today, after enrolling to attend Adult Literacy classes, she said I had saw that being less educated and married was a life like in prison and I always worried how to live a good life but I managed to do so through my faith in the Lord and the church to strive for the best not only for me but also for my children. Francisca in her two years as a learner at Anglicare has learnt skills in sewing, cooking, baking basic book keeping and phonics which are all taught here at the Anglicare Literacy Centre in POM. During the recent Graduation under the Church Partnership Program (CPP) Francisca received Third (3rd) Prize in her class for High Academic Achievement which she saw as an honor to the Lord as without God in her life she would not have done well.

“Skull blong mi em ino finis, mi gat bikpla laik long skul yet inap mi dai, na bikman tasol save long futsa blong mi, na mi tok tenkyu long bikman long displa prize na Anglicare Skul na o tisa blong ol husait givim mi moa save, hamamas mi pilim long lewa blong mi emi hat tru long yupla lukim” (Education for me is not finished until I am dead and only the Good Lord knows my future, I would like to thank the Lord for my prize and the Anglicare Adult Literacy School and all its teachers for giving me more knowledge, the happiness and heartfelt than-you I feel in my heart cannot be seen).

When in class Francisca is always willing to help her peers, in doing so has improved in her own learning, she said this has made it easy for her when sitting for class tests.

“Mi bai skul na go bek na skulim ol pikini blong mi long wanem samtin mi lainim, long sait long salim kaikai na klos long mekim moni”. (I will learn as much as possible especially in life skills and I will go back to my village and teach my children how to sell food and sewn goods to money with basic resources), she said.
Literacy receives support from NLAS

The Anglicare Adult Literacy component under the education program received K26,000.00 funding support from the National Literacy and Awareness Secretariat (NLAS). The funding is to help the literacy program, support the running of its Civil Society organizations (CSOs) Partner programs. This is the first time Anglicare Adult Literacy program has received support from NLAS since its partnership with the institution, and NLAS’ will see to it that this support continues every year as part of its support and contribution towards Anglicare Literacy Program to sustain it services and programs with its CSO partners. According to the Anglicare POM Literacy Program Manager “This is a way forward to strengthen the partnership between the two institutions”. The funding will help sustain CSO programs both in Port Moresby, Central and Popondetta. The funds will also be used to help carry out other activities that were not included in the current Church Partnership Program funding. The cheque was presented by NLAS director, Willie Jonduo. Bernard Paru Branch Manager for Anglicare Port Moresby thanked the NLAS for this timely support. He made this known to the partners during a CSO Partnership MOU signing ceremony.

Port Moresby-From Challenges to Success

Shirley Lapu’s tale is commonly heard of but nothing beats her desire and determination to complete her education. Shirley lost both her parents when she was nine (9) and she and her sibling were taken care of by her Uncle and Grandmother. All was going well for Shirley up until her legal guardian (Uncle) passed away while she was in High School. This she thought was the end of her world. “It was the end of my world when I was left out of school, I thought to myself, with no parents but only my grandmother”, she said. She told herself not to give up and to keep trying. She left school due to school fee issues and then was supported by her grandmother and Aunt to complete studies through FODE. While doing so she also enrolled at the Anglicare POM Adult Literacy School in 2012. During that one year she managed to complete the basics in Literacy and Numeracy and attained her Grade Ten Certificate through FODE. She applied after a year and was accepted to study Office Administration at the Department of Works Institute of Technology. “I now have completed my level one and Two Certificate in Office Administration, I am so proud of myself, I want to find a good job now in order to take care of my younger brother” she said. Thank you Anglicare for playing a part in my education. Shirley’s encouragement to youths who have missed out on a chance to further their education is to not give up “keep trying with your heart and hard work and you will prosper”, she said. “I am grateful for my grandmother and Aunty for their support”, she said with a heartfelt smile.
Wabag - 2014 World AIDS Day

2014 World AIDS Day - Wabag To commemorate 2014 World AIDS Day, Wabag Anglicare started its activities a few days prior to the 1st of December, 2014. On the 29th and 30th of November, the Wabag Anglicare team travelled out to the districts to do World AIDS Day awareness. The two districts visited were Wapenamanda and Laiagam/Porgera districts. Stops were made along the highway at market places to disseminate information and to do theatre performances in these districts. On the 1st of December, World AIDS Day, Wabag Anglicare erected its tent on the busiest part of Wabag town to carry out its WAD program. A large crowd was there and different groups and representatives from health institutions and church groups took part to make the WAD program a success. Stakeholders involved were Enga Provincial Health Authority (Enga PHA), Enga Provincial AIDS Council (Enga PAC), Wabag General Hospital and Women and youth groups. Comedian Kanage impersonator, Davis Gai, had been invited from Hagen to join the theatre group. He was the main attraction, and during his performances he disseminated very good HIV/AIDS information. Overall, the Wabag World AIDS Day program was a success, which had been made possible by funding from Churches Partnership Program and Enga PAC. Wabag Anglicare appreciates and thanks these two partners for their support.

Pic 1: Wabag Anglicare staff in red for 2014 World AIDS Day program
Pic 2: World AIDS Day banner with theme, on Anglicare vehicle ready for district WAD program
Pic 3: Women’s group presenting an item
Pic 4: Enga PAC representative, Ben Nema, giving his speech
Pic 7: Kanage performing to a large crowd during the 2014 World AIDS Day program in Wabag town

Wabag Towns very on Kanage entertains the public during the celebrations. APNG has used drama alot to campaign against the spread of HIV and also to show public the ways in caring for PLWH’s

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Anglicare provides services in the following centres - Mt Hagen, Lae, Wabag, Popondetta and Port Moresby with officers attached with the Health Centres in Kundiawa, Tambul, Bukapena, Endakalipin, Oro Bay (St Margaret’s), Kokoda and Angau GH in Lae.
Stakeholders involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS, including the PNG Department of Health, were present in Port Moresby’s Jack Pidik Park to commemorate World AIDS Day.

Minister Counsellor at the Australian High Commission, James Hall, through his speech said that “World AIDS Day was an opportunity to reflect on the changing shape and response to the epidemic in the country”. He said Australia’s focus in health and HIV is to work with the Government of PNG, civil society and the private sector to strengthen health services and better access to essential health care. Australia’s efforts targets the most at risk population groups in high prevalence parts of the country.

Mr Hall said that by working with the many community sector partners during 2013-14, Australia had distributed over 4 million condoms, tested over 125,000 people for HIV, provided around 5900 people with Anti-Retrovirals and tested 40,000 pregnant women for HIV.

This year’s AIDS Day theme is ‘Zero discrimination: Access to services is my right’. The day’s activities began with a walk from Lahara Park at Boroko to Jack Pidik Park at 5 mile and a larger group starting at Unagi Oval to the 5 Mile Jack Pidik Park.
Voluntary Confidential Counselling & Testing

Sites in our respective provinces

### In NCD
- Anglicare PNG Ing Waigani
- Heduru Clinic (3Mile PMGH)
- St Johns Gerehu Clinic
- St Johns Gordons Clinic
- 6 Mile Clinic
- Simon of Syrene - Hohola
- Murray Barracks Clinic
- St Mary’s Medical Center
- CSI - Bomana
- PAU Clinic
- Living Light Health Services - Kaugere

### Specialist Clinics
- Marie Stopes International - 4Mile
- Begabari Clinic - Waigani
- World Vision Drop in Center
- Laws Road Clinic (ANC)

### In Mt Hagen
- Anglicare VCCT Center - Newtown
- Bukapena Health Center
- Kiripia Health Center
- Kuruk Health Center
- Kimil Health Center
- Kotna Health Center
- Tambul Health Center
- Mt. Hagen, Pediatric & Labour wards
- Minj Helath Center
- Rabiamul Care Center
- Mun Aid Post
- Tininga Clinic - General Hospital
- Kuruk Health Center
- Susu Mamas Inc
- Tinsely District Hospital
- Fatima Health Center
- BuPNG HIV Project
- Shalom Care Center

### In Popondetta
- Anglicare Popondetta - Ururu
- Popondetta General Hospital
- St Margarets - Oro Bay
- Kokoda Memorial Hospital
- Siroga Health Center
- Gona Health Center
- St Francis VCCT Center

### In Mt Hagen
- Yampu Health Center
- Kompiam Rural Hospital
- Pumakos Health Center
- Mambisanda Hospital (Mobile Clinic Nyaimanya Clinic)

### In Lae
- Anglicare Imo Namo VCCT Center
- Butibam Clinic
- Wampar
- Bubia Clinic
- Braun Hospital
- ADRA Clinic
- Friends STI Clinic
- Malahang Health Center
- Buimo Health Center
- Unitech Clinic (University of Technology)
- West Taraka Clinic
- Igam Barracks Clinic
- Mutzing Helath Center

### In Enga
- Anglicare Wabag - Neiman VCCT Clinic
- Anglicare Wabag - Neiman VCCT Clinic
- Wabag General Hospital (Endakalipin)
- Porgera District Hospital

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Naiman (Wabag), Imo Namo (Lae), Ururu (Oro), Oro Bay, Kokoda, New Town (Mt Hagen), Waigani (POM)