

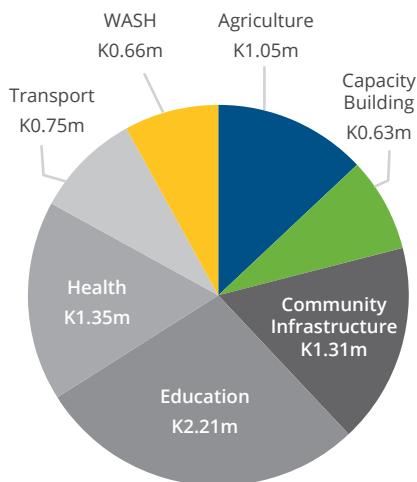
A Community Development Program was initiated in 2010 to align with community, Local level Government and District plans and priorities. Since then, the Wafi-Golpu Project has invested over K8 million in community infrastructure projects and development programs in the project area.

Wafi-Golpu Joint Venture's objective is to focus on activities of mutual benefit to company and communities.

Since 2010, the Wafi-Golpu Project has been working closely with the government and various partners and agencies such as Mineral Resources Authority, Lutheran Development Services, and Adventist Development and Relief Agency to strengthen and grow community programs and projects in a sustainable manner.

Areas of investment have included:

- » Agriculture
- » Health
- » WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)
- » Education
- » Community infrastructure
- » Capacity building programs



Wafi-Golpu Project Community Development Expenditure, 2010-2016 (PGK7.96million)

AGRICULTURE

Since 2010, WGJV has worked with the Lower Watut Farmer's Cooperative Society and other partners to create a vibrant cocoa industry among the 1,000 cocoa growing families in the Project area. The current area under production is over 600 hectares which supplies an estimated 300 tonnes per year earning the farmers an estimated K2.1 million per annum.

The WGJV-supported program has provided for the development of nurseries for high-yielding cocoa varieties for distribution to farmers, crop husbandry training, cocoa bean fermenting and drying training, quality control training, and marketing assistance. The program has also supplied eight dryers on a cost-sharing basis to enable farmers to produce higher quality beans.

Through this partnership, the cocoa farmers in the Project area have won cocoa quality awards in 2015 at the prestigious Salon du Chocolat in Paris and 2017 at PNG's inaugural cocoa show.

Work is currently progressing at Babul on a new cocoa nursery which will produce and distribute up to 100,000 seedlings per quarter to farmers in the area.

Lower Watut Chocolate

The WGJV facilitated a partnership between the Lower Watut Farmers' Cooperative Society and Paradise Foods subsidiary Queen Emma Chocolates to supply cocoa beans for production of Lower Watut-branded dark chocolate.

With good support from Cocoa Board PNG and WGJV, the Lower Watut chocolate is now sold in selected shops in PNG.

HEALTH

WGJV recognises the significance of healthy communities its footprint and has partnered with the provincial and district health offices to strengthen primary health care and improve health services delivery. Since 2012, the Project has

- » provided logistical support to annual health patrol outreach programs with provincial and district health offices to treat the sick and carry out vaccinations for children.
- » continued logistical support for the government-managed health facilities in the Project area to ensure medical supplies are received.
- » built new community health facilities at Wongkins, Timini and Bavaga.
- » carried out renovation works at Pokwaluma and Zindaga Aid Posts.
- » distributed 10,000 treated mosquito nets in communities to help prevent malaria.

WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)

Since 2010, WGJV has worked with communities, local level governments through partner organisations to install water supplies and Ventilation Improved Pit latrines along with sanitation training in 16 communities in the Project area. A comprehensive WASH maintenance and training program is being planned for early 2018.





Wafi-Golpu Joint Venture recognises the significance of improving community health, education, water supply, building infrastructure and continuing capacity building programs with strong partnership and support from the government.

EDUCATION

Working with district and provincial education officials, WGJV has provided significant support to the educational sector in the Project area through the construction of new and rehabilitation of existing elementary and primary school infrastructure, support to teacher training, and provision of school fee assistance.

Support for this sector has included:

- » Elementary and primary school teacher training
- » Funding 12 elementary teaching positions while schools have been undergoing registration
- » Provision of school materials for elementary schools
- » Logistical support for district school inspectors
- » New elementary facilities at Zindaga, Zilani, Pekumbe, Kapunung, and Hekeng and new primary facilities at Zindaga
- » Renovation works at Pokwaluma and Timini Primary Schools

WGJV bursary assistance has been provided to 288 students from the Wafi-Golpu area since 2012 primarily to assist them to re-enter the formal education system through matriculation studies as well as vocational, colleges and universities.

CAPACITY BUILDING

WGJV in partnership with Mineral Resources Authority and Morobe Provincial Education Division has been working closely with target groups particularly the

women to skill and build capacity.

Programs have included:

- » Seven Adult Literacy and Numeracy schools initiated in 2012 and more than 950 people participating in the courses to date
- » Three Personal Viability Training completed, facilitated by the Entrepreneurial Development Training Centre
- » A village bakery program where women are learning to make baked goods to earn money for other community projects and eventually sell products to the Wafi-Golpu camp
- » Financial literacy, leadership training, Start Your Business and Improve Your Business programs have been conducted through partner organisations.
- » Facilitation of small-scale mining training by Mineral Resources Authority for alluvial miners from the project area

ROADS & BRIDGES

In 2013, WGJV completed 3 Bailey bridges (1x15 metre and 2x42 metre bridges) and culverts, and constructed roads to divert traffic away from the rivers. This was done to ensure the safety of staff and the communities travelling through the many rivers and creeks that posed high risks during rain.

Regular road maintenance is undertaken on the Wafi-Golpu Project road network to ensure safe road access for communities, government, and Project personnel.



OTHER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Apart from the health and education facilities noted above, WGJV has worked closely with the community leaders to scope and construct community hall buildings at Bavaga, Venembeli and Finchif.

OUR VALUES

As one team, and as individuals, we will be accountable, deliver high performance, be honest, behave ethically, and show care and respect.

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