



Press Release
“Community Library Launched”

Monday 30th January, 2023 – The people of Taurama in the National Capital District can now benefit from their very own Community Library that was launched on Saturday the 28th of January. Funded by The Voice Inc. (TVI) through its CleanGen Innovation Grants Program, the Melanesian Girl Library is a project by CleanGen Ambassador and Political Science graduate of the University of Goroka, Joni Babona. From 2021 The Voice Inc. (TVI) has supported Joni with grant funding of K20,000.00 to complete this project.

When speaking of her vision for the library, Miss Babona remarked that it is her hope that the library will enable children to conveniently access books to read. The Melanesian Girl Library is open to schools, churches and organizations within the community who require library services.

“I thank TVI and my family for their support in completing this project. I hope that the Melanesian Girl Library will serve and build the young people of Taurama”, shared Miss Babona.

Among guests in attendance for the launch was Executive Director of The Voice Inc. (TVI), Maliwai Sasingian, and her team.

“TVI is proud to continue to support young people such as Joni through our CleanGen Innovation Grants Program. Since 2019 we have supported more than 20 projects throughout 16 provinces and have witnessed first hand the impact that young people can make in their communities” Sasingian remarked.

The CleanGen Innovation Grants Program supports individuals and communities with grant funding of up to K10,000 to carry out projects that fall within 13 thematic areas which include Education and Literacy, Financial Inclusion and Youth Development. The Voice Inc. (TVI) will officially open applications for the CleanGen Innovation Grants for 2023 on the 1st of March.

For further information on the grants program become CleanGen Member and visit the grants page on www.cleangen.org or contact the organization via email on info@thevoicepng.org.

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