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The North Fly Health Services Development Programme (NFHSDP) is an Ok Tedi Mining Limited initiative to deliver better health services to the people of North Fly District. The programme commenced in 2009.

The programme promotes partnership in delivering health services, with the current health service providers:

- ◆ Catholic Health Services (CHS)
- ◆ North Fly District Health Services (Government)
- ◆ ECPNG and
- ◆ Others.

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Villages in North Fly now have Village Health Volunteers



The VHV graduates with their certificates standing with Programme staff.

Five villages in the North Fly District in Western Province have welcomed newly trained Village Health Volunteers (VHV) who graduated on the 7th of November, at Gusiore village.

The six weeks training was facilitated by the North Fly Health Services Development Programme (NFHSDP) and the Community Mine Continuation Agreement (CMCA) – Middle and South Fly Health Programme (CMSFHP) which saw ten volunteers trained.

During the graduation NFHSDP Programme Administrator Sammy Bogen told the graduating volunteers

that NFHSDP strongly supports such training.

“NFHSDP strongly supports such training and we thank Ok Tedi Mining Limited for its commitment to health in the North Fly District,” Bogen said.

He added that education and training is important for the North Fly people and NFHSDP is dedicated to supporting these with a scholarship program.

“There are scholarships available for students from North Fly District who wish to study any health courses available throughout the country, in any tertiary institution,” he explained.

Mr. Bogen also explained the role and work of the NFHSDP in the district, urging the community to support health patrol teams when they visit for scoping or carrying out a project.

“The communities must support patrol teams as they roll out solar lighting to health facilities, water catchment in the installation of water tanks to villages, clinical services and delivery of medical supplies to villages,” Mr Bogen stressed.

VHV facilitator and trainer, Hellen Baule of CMSFHP explained to the community at the graduation that the VHV's are there to help the

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Villages hand over Healthy Village proposal

Four villages in the North Fly District have presented a combined proposal to the North Fly Health Services Development Programme (NFHSDP) for Healthy Village projects during the graduation of ten village health volunteers, at Gusiore village in November (2014).

The proposal was presented to NFHSDP Programme Administrator, Sammy Bogen from Harin Woram the Community Health Worker and a National Volunteer Services volunteer on behalf of the four villages.

Before presenting the proposal Mr. Woram explained the reason behind the proposal saying it was a community initiative, where by communities in the four villages seek support from the NFHSDP in regards to the Health Village Program.

“At the end of April this year (2014) a total of 82 villagers from Gusiore, Gasuke 1 and 2 and Timinisiriap, held a Community Action Participation training, were we identified three important health related problems that affect our daily living,” Woram explained.

The three problems identified by Mr. Woram were the; unsafe drinking water, unimproved toilets and tall grass or bush in the villages.

“So we put together an action plan to



NFHSDP Programme Administrator, Sammy Bogen receiving the proposal from Gusiore Community representative Harin Woram (L-R)

purchase water tanks, build 44 Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) toilets and purchase one grass cutter to help us get there, and we now present this to the NFHSDP, North Fly District Health, Kiunga Rural LLG for funding to purchase items,” Mr. Woram said.

NFHSDP Programme Administrator, Mr. Bogen received the proposal and highlighted that there are grants available for villages in the North Fly District.

“NFHSDP has grants for villages in the North Fly District for health projects of

up to K15, 000 and communities must work together to identify certain health problems faced in the village and then come up with an Action Plan for funding of the projects,” Mr. Bogen explained.

He thanked the four villages in the district to put together a single proposal.

Mr. Woram also presented copies of the proposal to the LLG President’s Office and the North Fly District Health.

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people avoid diseases and assist in keeping the village a healthy place for all.

“These VHV’s are the village’s first point of contact to assist avoid diseases and also have a role to uphold healthy practices, teach healthy ways and encourage good health,” Ms. Baule said.

She said the students covered five modules in the 6 weeks training and thanked them and the villages, youths and women groups for their assistance.

Gusiore village elder Monfort Awetari thanked the other four villages, Gasuke 1 and 2, Timinisiriap and Rudmesuk for choosing his village to host the training and thanked the NFHSDP and CMSFHP for their

continued support.

“I want to thank the NFHSDP and CMSFHP for their continued support in terms of health service delivery, training and infrastructure projects in Gusiore and the other villages in the North Fly District,” Monfort said.

The graduating volunteers were reminded of their task as volunteers and were then

presented with their certificates and identification cards.

Each of the five villages welcomed two VHV’s each, a male and a female.

The female VHV’s completed a week long practical at the Kiunga Hospital after completing the training while the male VHV’s commenced work in their communities.

OTML has committed K32 million over the next 5 years for NFHSDP

ECPNG partners Programme for Honinabi patrol

In October 2014 North Fly Health Services Development Programme (NFHSDP) supported ECPNG Health Services to conduct a three-week integrated outreach health patrol to the Nomad region.

The patrol was led by Sister Tina Swokin, a senior Evangelical Church of PNG nursing officer.

Sr. Swokin's led patrol provided a range of primary health services including mother and child health, HIV and TB services.

Clinic points were set up at aid posts in Honinabi and covered nine villages, Suabi that covered six villages and Yehibi that covered five villages.

Over 1, 270 people were reached including 458 community members during health awareness and promotion sessions while 54 boys and girls were reached during school visits to Honinabi and Suabi community schools providing reproductive health promotion information.

NFHSDP would like to thank ECPNG for

organising and leading this patrol, the communities visited for their hospitality in welcoming the NFHSDP as part of the health team.

Also the Summer Institute of Linguistics Mission for the water provided to the team from their small water tank, and the teachers for allowing the team to share very important health messages with the students at Honinabi and Suabi community schools. 

New incinerator helps keeps Rumginae clean



**(Above) The Incinerator at Rumginae Hospital,
(Insert) The complete assembled and fully functioning Incinerator**

A newly constructed and installed incinerator at Rumginae Hospital is keeping the facility clean according to a staff member there.

The incinerator was donated by the Catholic Health Services (CHS) and was constructed and assembled by the North Fly Health Services Development Programme (NFHSDP) in November 2014.

Mokota Tapon, Rural Health Coordinator said that the incinerator has helped in keeping the hospital grounds clean and that disposable medical items can now be easily burnt.

"It is working great and now the grounds are clean and safe from disposable items such as syringes, blades, gloves and others," Mr. Tapon said.

He said the old incinerator was not working properly and rubbish was not burnt and they were forced to dispose of the rubbish elsewhere.

"The old incinerator did not burn the rubbish properly and we had to dispose the rubbish in public dump sites which was an unhealthy practice for us and the community here," he added.

"It is working great and now the grounds are clean and safe from disposable items..."

The new incinerator has an ash disposal pit and a two way burning system where rubbish is put on the top burner while the fire goes on the bottom burner.

This allows the rubbish to be burnt properly and the ash then falls down to the collecting pit which is cemented all around.

The hospital and NFHSDP staff regularly check the incinerator to make sure it is in working condition. 

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Gusiore Aid Post is registered to NDoH

For more than three years, the community at Gusiore Village in the North Fly District wanted their aid post to be registered with the National Department of Health (NDoH) so they could receive their annual share of medical supplies.

Well, they will wait no more!

The North Fly District Health Manager, John Lari announced to the community that their aid post was registered this year (2014).

"I know you all have been continuously asking about the status of your aid post with the NDoH.

I am pleased to tell you that I have received your aid post registration number from NDoH to confirm that the long wait is over and that Gusiore aid post is registered," Mr Lari announced.

"Gusiore can now receive their annual



The Gusiore Aid Post now registered to NDoH

supply of medical drugs and equipment like any other health facility around the country," he said.

Community health worker and volunteer, Harin Woram expressed gratitude on behalf of the Gusiore people saying they can now focus on delivering the service to their people.

Early this year the village leaders asked the North Fly Health Services Development Programme (NFHSDP) to assist in registering the aid post.

NFHSDP officers liaised with the District Health Office, and after several months of waiting, all parties got the news they have waited for.

Season's Greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year in 2015.

From the North Fly Health Services Development Programme, we wish you a safe Festive Season and Happy celebrations.

May God continue to bless you all!

Logos for North Fly Health Services Development Program, Abt, and JTA are also present.



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