



THE FACTS

In Eastern Highlands Province, Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has been working closely with the rural majority and urban disadvantaged communities for 3 years in eight districts.

- » Since its establishment in 2020, Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has directly served more than 1000 marginalized pregnant women and neonates through its development programs and partnered with more than 4 organizations nation-wide.
- » Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has implemented long term, multi-sectoral community development programs in 6 Area Programs. These programs work with communities for up to 3 years and are spread over 8 districts within Eastern Highlands Province.

[ABOUT WANIATI MATERNAL WAITING HOME INC](#)

Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has been operating in the heart of Goroka town in Eastern Highlands Province. For the past 4 years, Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has focused most of its work serving the most under privileged pregnant women by managing from personal savings from Board members and Health Support Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for routine immunization integrated with nutrition in remote parts of Eastern Highlands Province. From 2020-2022, Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. had an Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority health grants portfolio of K54,000.00 and approximately K100,000.00 in private donations in maternal and child health (MCH); family planning (FP) and RH; nutrition; HIV and AIDS; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and malaria. Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. brings of multi-sectoral expertise and technical experience across rural and urban disadvantaged communities' health systems, including workforce development and capacity building, health systems strengthening and disease management, , behavior change and demand creation, coordinating and strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships to strengthen immunization programs, and health policy.

In Eastern Highlands Province, Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. had implemented a model health concept called maternal waiting hut project improved the provision of quality of care for marginalized pregnant women, leading to a decrease in maternal and infant mortality. Within the maternal waiting hut facility Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. had constructed postnatal clinic in which we conducted Volunteer Counselling & Testing (VCT), Provider Initiated Counselling & Testing and Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission.

As a health oriented organization dealing with pregnant mothers, advocacy plays a huge role in reducing stigma and discrimination for these mothers. Especially advocacy on Parent to Child Transmission (PPTC).

Development Experience

Spiritual Enrichment Program

Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has considerable experience in working with inter-faith religious leaders and faith-based organizations. Since the establishment of the organization, Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. conducted religious activities such as taking devotions to pregnant mothers on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. working in collaboratively with the Seventh Day Adventist Church since the inception of charitable organization.

Seventh Day Adventist Church under the Adventist Community Service have continuously support our humanitarian program by donating food stuffs, maternity pads and toiletries for the under privileged pregnant women.



Adventist Community Service department of Seventh Day Adventist Church donated food

Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. conducted advocacy on malaria prevention measures and diagnostic test for sick patient. All antenatal mothers are given anti-malarial in second and third trimester.

In the fight against HIV and AIDS and malaria, Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has been in partnership with the Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority since 2020

Health systems strengthening

Waniati maternal waiting home's health systems strengthening efforts include advocacy and accountability for the availability and quality of health services, integrated household behavior change strategies, provision of the latest laboratory diagnostic equipment and improved management of health supplies procurement and supply chain.

Authorized, AIDS-Free, Mentored, and Safe initiative that is focused on ensuring adolescent girls and young women are at the center of care for HIV.

- ❖ Engaging a faith leader through at the maternal waiting hut that tackle the root causes of harmful behaviors that are based on cultural norms.
- ❖ Ensuring gender equality, social inclusion, and disability integration to empower women and girls, prevent and respond to GBV, and advocate for social justice and behavior change at all levels (individual, family, community, and society).
- ❖ Developing public and private partnerships with local governments and other stakeholders to expand and sustain service delivery and development in vulnerable communities.
- ❖ Facilitating economic strengthening, improved livelihoods, food security, and savings groups through income-generating activities for vulnerable families.

Maternal and Child Health (MCH)

Every pregnant woman who was admitted at maternal waiting hut is informed about the benefits of family planning contraceptives available in our country. Mothers made informed choice and after delivery they have access to family planning.

Postnatal mothers were informed about neonatal danger signs and report to the nearest health facilities for treatment to avoid infant mortality.



Working closely with Village Health Volunteers (VHV) by Waniati Development Association Inc. promotes under privileged pregnant women to go for supervised delivery and access family planning services to prevent maternal and infant mortality and also prevents Parent to Child Transmission (PPTC).

UNFPA Country Rep Ms. Marielle Sander and the team were at the maternal waiting home with Director Mr. Victor Timothy and marginalized pregnant women. UNFPA pledged to work closely with Waniati maternal waiting home in implementing Family Planning and Sexual & Reproductive health.



Community Health Worker (CHW) administering vaccines at a remote community in Eastern Highlands Province during Routine immunization patrol program.

Supply chain management and logistics

Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has extensive experience in coordinating the implementation of all supply chain activities in accordance with established policies, ensuring the timely acquisition/delivery of goods and services for the area. Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has full-time staff dedicated to supply chain management.

Capacity building

Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. has vast experience in the development of training tools and manuals for capacity building of health and non-health personnel. Some of the examples of capacity building include:

- Developed training tools for community actors on the basic services package
- Developed training tools on HIV
- Assisted the Department of Health in the implementation of the community restitution frameworks manual
- Developed a manual for coordination meetings at district level
- Supported the Department of Health to develop Terms of Reference for the implementation of multi-sectoral health platforms
- Supported the Community Health Unit in the development and evaluation of their strategic community health plan
- Developed tools to strengthen health governance through community restitution frameworks
- Conducted national, regional/district, and community-based training of trainers

Health systems strengthening experience Health Systems Strengthening Plus project

The K 54,000.00 Health Systems Strengthening Plus projects (2021-2023), funded by Digicel PNG Foundation and CARE International PNG by construction of Postnatal clinic and installation of WaSH facilities at maternal waiting hut facility.

Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority partnered with Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. to conduct routine immunization integrated with nutrition and Covid-19 in rural and peri-urban communities in Eastern Highlands Province.

Waniati maternal waiting home Inc. supports health policy reform to improve health governance and finance, community involvement in health, and data generation and its use in decision-making.