

# WANIATI MATERNAL WAITING HOME



## ANNUAL REPORT-2024

Serving the unserved





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## Chairperson's Message



It is with great pride and honor that I have been entrusted to serve this remarkable charity organization as Chairperson of the Trustee. As the member of this esteemed organization for the 4 years, I have witnessed nothing short of extraordinary servitude, sisterhood, galvanized by impactful initiatives, resulting in unparalleled evidence-based achievements.

I am thrilled to share that in the past year, our collective efforts have resulted in monumental strides from low to moderate- income backgrounds receiving pivotal support.

Moreover, we have received individual and corporate support from Papua New Guinea and abroad especially Australia.

As a leader of this thriving organization, I am committed to mentoring over a lifetime and building upon our ongoing efforts with a focus on expanding our impact areas of Mentoring, Health and Economic Empowerment which includes workforce development.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude for the continued support of our community, our partners, and our sponsors which drive our success.

Together, we will continue forge a brighter future for generations to come.

Warmest Regards,



**Bolena Azimo**  
**Chairperson of the Trustee**

## Executive Director's Message



It is an honor and privileged to join the Association as its Chief Executive Officer since the establishment in 2020. I am grateful for the leadership of the trustees and the passion they and the Waniati Development Association staff have contributed in serving the marginalized pregnant mothers in our remote communities in Eastern Highlands Province. I am thrilled to have the chance to play a part in its future.

I believe that Waniati Development Association play a critical role in reducing maternal and infant mortality rate in Eastern Highlands Province and PNG as a whole. Through my work in the field of philanthropic, I have seen first-hand the enormous energy that can be unlock when every-one is able to contribute their talents and creativity. I am committed to opening the doors of the Association even wider, building on efforts already underway, so that all residents and stakeholders in this remarkable region have the opportunity to take part in advancing the Association's strategic vision.

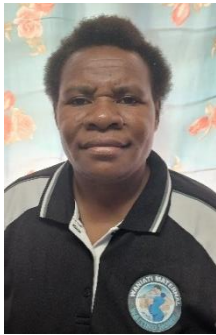
As been working as a CEO for the Association for the past four years, I am so thrilled to work with the Association's staff, dedicated Trustees, and generous volunteers, all of whom bring heart in their commitment to their work. I am humbled to be part of this amazing team. I look forward to working together along with our extraordinary partners and supporters as we accelerate toward our goal of enriching the quality of life for all people in our region, and to meeting and learning from many of you in the coming months ahead.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Victor Timothy'.

Victor Timothy

**Executive Director**

## Board of Trustees



**Bolena Azimo**  
Chairperson



**Victor Timothy**  
Executive Director



**Erick Amae**  
Board Member



**Benjamin Yap**  
Board Member



**Biki Philip**  
Board Member

## Our Team





## Who We Are

### **Our Vision:**

A nation where there is better maternity and postnatal care so no woman is left behind.

### **Our Goal**

Increasing the level of safe delivery and reducing the maternal and infant mortality rate in Eastern Highlands Province and Papua New Guinea as a whole.

### **Our Mission**

In partnership with others, we can create a better and safe living condition for pregnant women from remote areas in Eastern Highlands Province who need Goroka Hospital service to give birth safely.

## Key Programs

### Maternal Waiting Home

Giving birth in remote communities can be challenging. Maternal waiting home can be part of the solution.

Eastern Highlands Province is made up of rugged mountain terrain and broad valley. The health facilities are often far away where the family stay and transportation to the facilities is not often accessible. There are not enough ambulances and many walked or are carried for long distance to seek the care they need.

Most maternal deaths happen in poor and fragile settings like Marawaka, Andkombi and Ubagubi, but the majority can be prevented with access to quality maternal care.

To help ensure that more women in the remote communities in Eastern Highlands Province get necessary care, Waniati Maternal Waiting home have built maternal waiting home just 5 minutes-drive away from the Goroka Provincial Hospital.

Maternal waiting home serves as a temporary residence for pregnant women who live far from health services. By staying here before the start of the labor, they receive continuous assistance from the waiting home's midwife during and after childbirth, thereby reducing delays in seeking health care and reaching the facility.



Health workers went into remote communities and inserted implant to mothers.

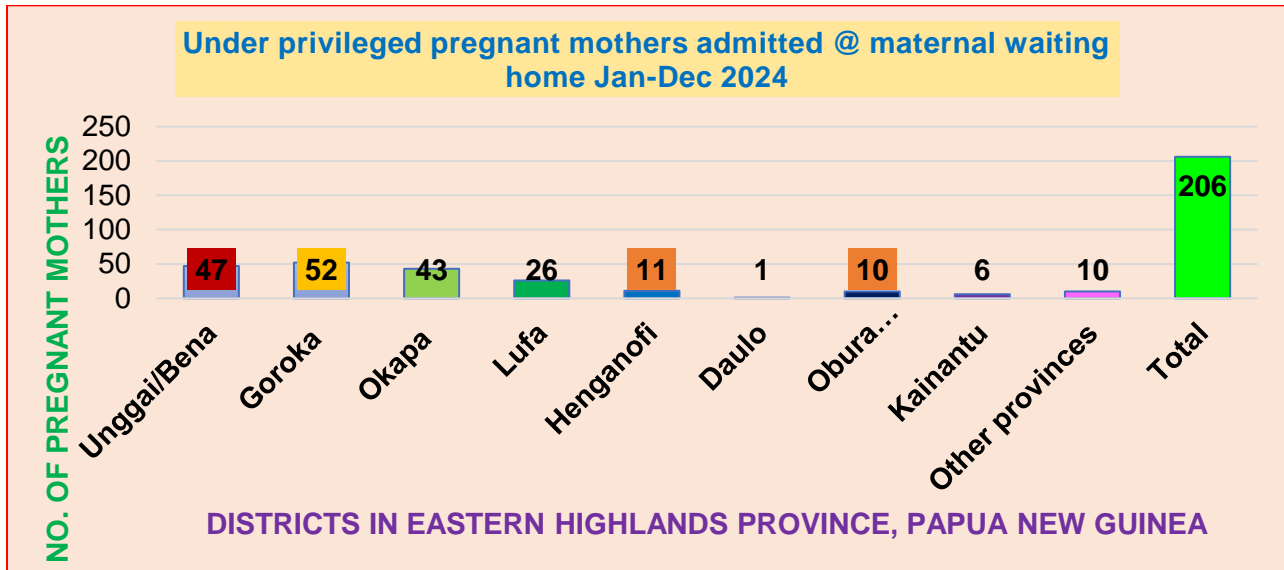


Pregnant mothers received knitted items at the waiting home.





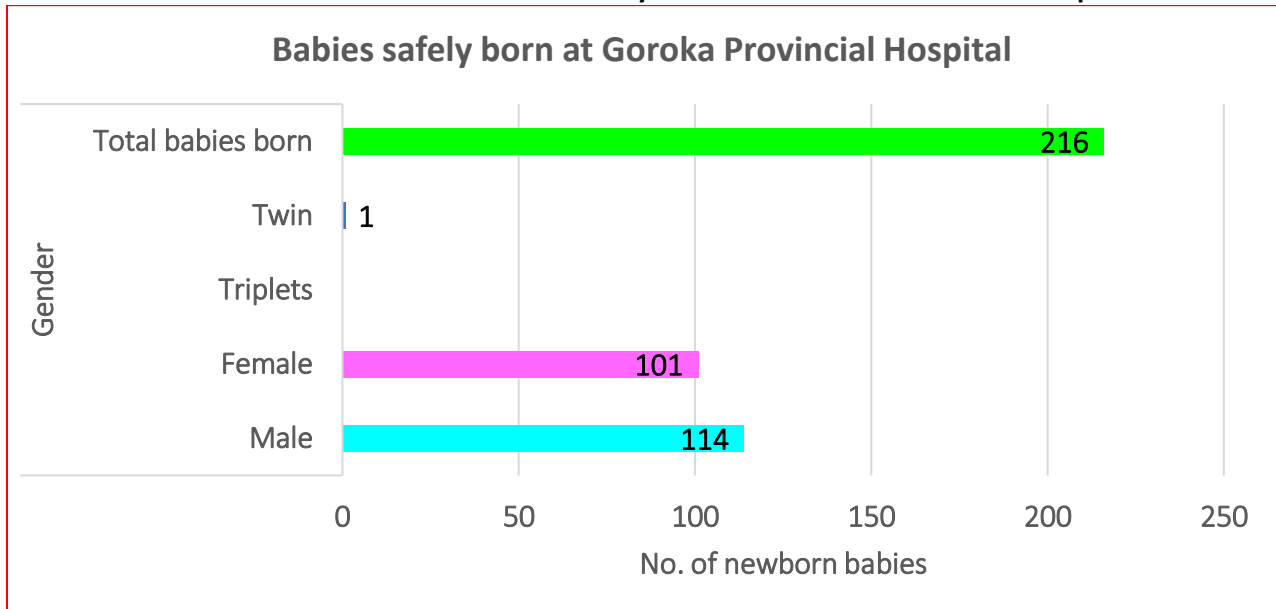
Below is the number of pregnant mothers accommodated and cared for at the Maternal waiting home.



**Achievement FY 2024:**

Assisted two hundred and 206 high risk and marginalized pregnant women delivered their babies safely at Goroka Provincial Hospital.

Below is the number of new born babies successfully delivered at Goroka Provincial Hospital.



**Achievement FY 2024:**

Two hundred & sixteen babies born safely at Goroka Provincial Hospital.

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### Testimonies- Women at maternal waiting home



“My name is Serah and I came from Maimafu, a remote village in Lufa District. Our only route of transport into town is by air and it takes four days to walk from the village to the nearest bus stop. I had a still birth last year due to unsupervised delivery so now I decided to go for supervised delivery and give birth to a live baby. I heard about maternal waiting home in Goroka where you can get good support, and I wanted to come here to get assistance during labour. I feel comfortable here, the maternal waiting home looks like my own home”



Hilda hails from the Wando and was booked at Movi Health Centre in Chuave District, Simbu Province. “I admitted at the maternal waiting home and continued antenatal care because it takes five hours to travel from my village to Movi Health Centre. I was at the waiting home for almost three weeks and I gave birth to fraternal twins. Thank you, Waniati Maternal Waiting Home team, for their tireless efforts in providing accommodation and food for the pregnant mothers”.



Silla is from Karamui, a remote village in Salt-Nomane District, Simbu Province. Due to geographical and mountainous tyranny, economic activities are very low and a family cannot meet all basic things needed to sustain their livelihood and adequately provide for their families. She had a pair of cloth when she was admitted at the waiting home. “Now a days, nothing is free. I would like to thank this charity organization by the commitment and dedication you show to the cause of helping pregnant mothers before and after. I am pleased for this meri brouse and hospitality provided for me”

## Maternal Mortality Reduction Program Assistants (MMRPA)

Waniati Maternal Waiting Home has created its Maternal Mortality Reduction Program (MMRP) specifically to help women to stay healthy during pregnancy and deliver safely, both for their own health and safety and that of their babies. Through this program, Maternal Mortality Reduction Program Assistants (MMRPAs) visit pregnant women regularly and accompany pregnant women to make sure that they attend the correct number of prenatal visits, deliver at a health facility, complete postnatal visits, and have their babies immunized.

To stay healthy during pregnancy and deliver safely, all pregnant women should attend the correct number of prenatal visits, deliver at a health facility, complete postnatal visits, and have their babies immunized. Pregnant women with HIV must also take antiretroviral medicine (ARVs), get their babies tested for HIV at 6 weeks after the birth, and give their babies NVP drops.

To address these serious problems, Waniati Maternal Waiting Home is starting a new program, the Maternal Mortality Reduction Program (MMRP). Through this program, we have trained 40 ordinary



village people who become Maternal Mortality Reduction Program Assistants (MMRPAs) and graduated them with certificates. Through the MMRP, Waniati Maternal Waiting Home will reduce serious health problems, disease, and deaths during pregnancy and birth. In other words, Waniati Maternal Waiting Home will reduce maternal morbidity (disease or health problems) and mortality (deaths).

MMRPAs' work is vital to improving women's, newborns', and families' health. MMRPAs can save lives by educating and accompanying pregnant women.

This program cannot be implemented without the funding support from the Australian Volunteers Program through the Impact Grants Program. We're are so thrilled for the donation of K 25,266.15 so we can conduct training for common people in remote communities and to help them identify high-risk pregnant mothers and assist them to get proper maternal care.

Your contribution had made a significant impact on the Maternal Mortality Reduction Strategy Program Assists and help us move more closer to our goals.

### Waniati Postnatal Integrated Clinic



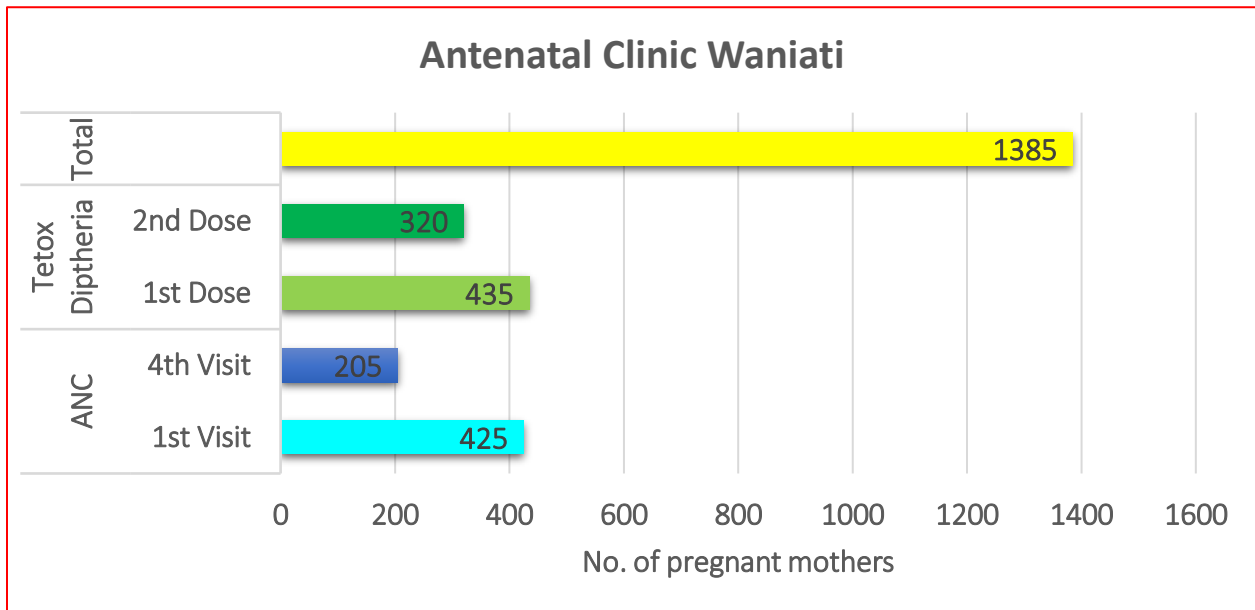
Waniati Postnatal Integrated Clinic is a level two urban clinic. It is the only postnatal clinic in the province which serves 5000-10000 population.

Postnatal stage is the high-risk period where health care workers do not consider to educate mothers on postnatal and neonatal danger signs. Some mothers and their babies lost life during this period. We do health education and provide treatment for mothers and their babies.

We provide routine health care such as immunization, antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, HIV and Syphilis testing.

### 3.0 Main Program Activities and Core Clinical Indicators

3.1 Below is the number of pregnant mothers who visited ANC Waniati Integrated Clinic.

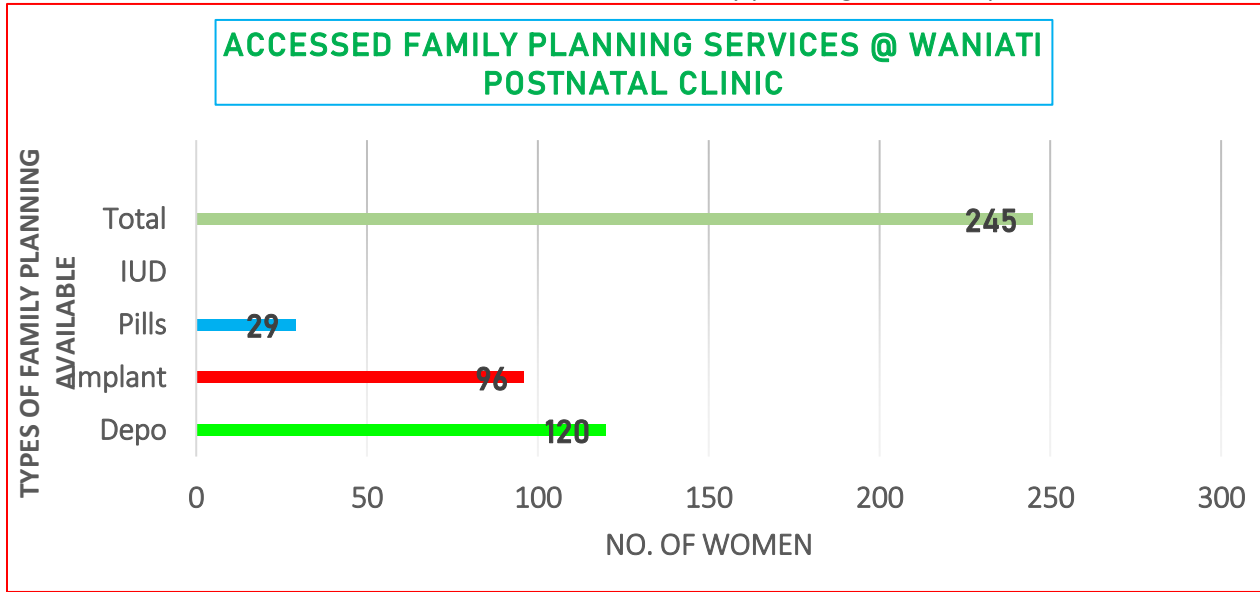


**Achievement FY 2024:**

**One thousand three hundred and eight-five pregnant women attended ANC clinic.**



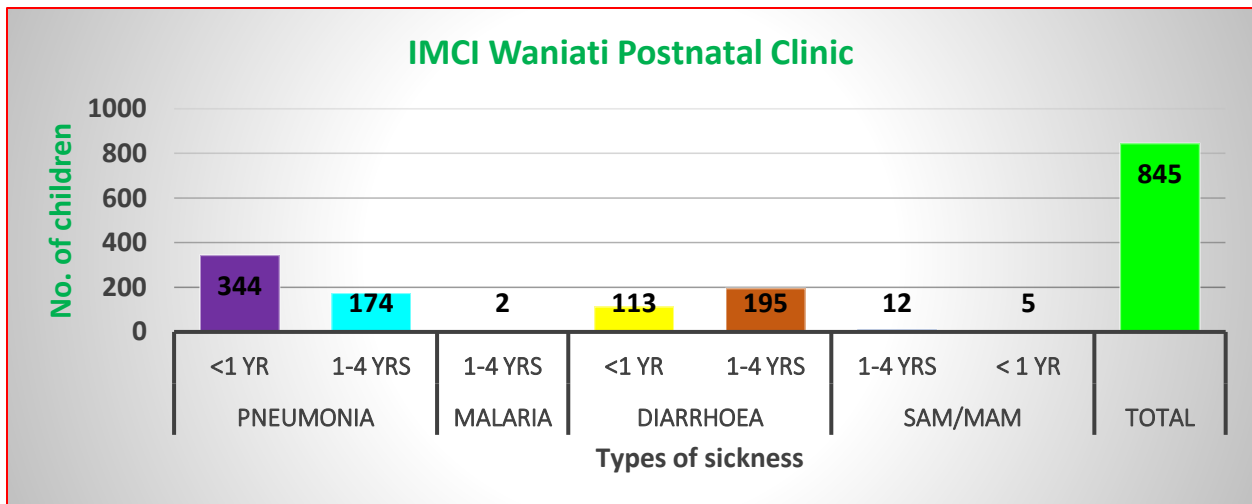
3.2 Below is the number of women who have accessed Family planning- New Acceptors



**Achievement FY 2024:**

**Two hundred and forty-five mothers access family planning**

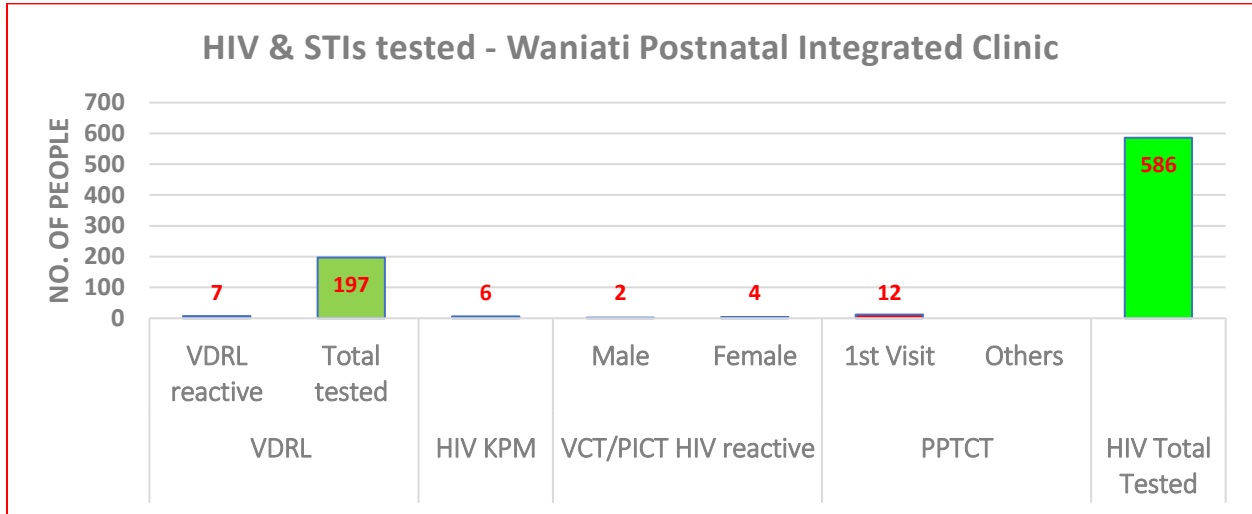
3.3. Below is the number of children who have been treated



**Achievement FY 2024:**

**Eight hundred and forty-five sicknesses were treated and managed.**

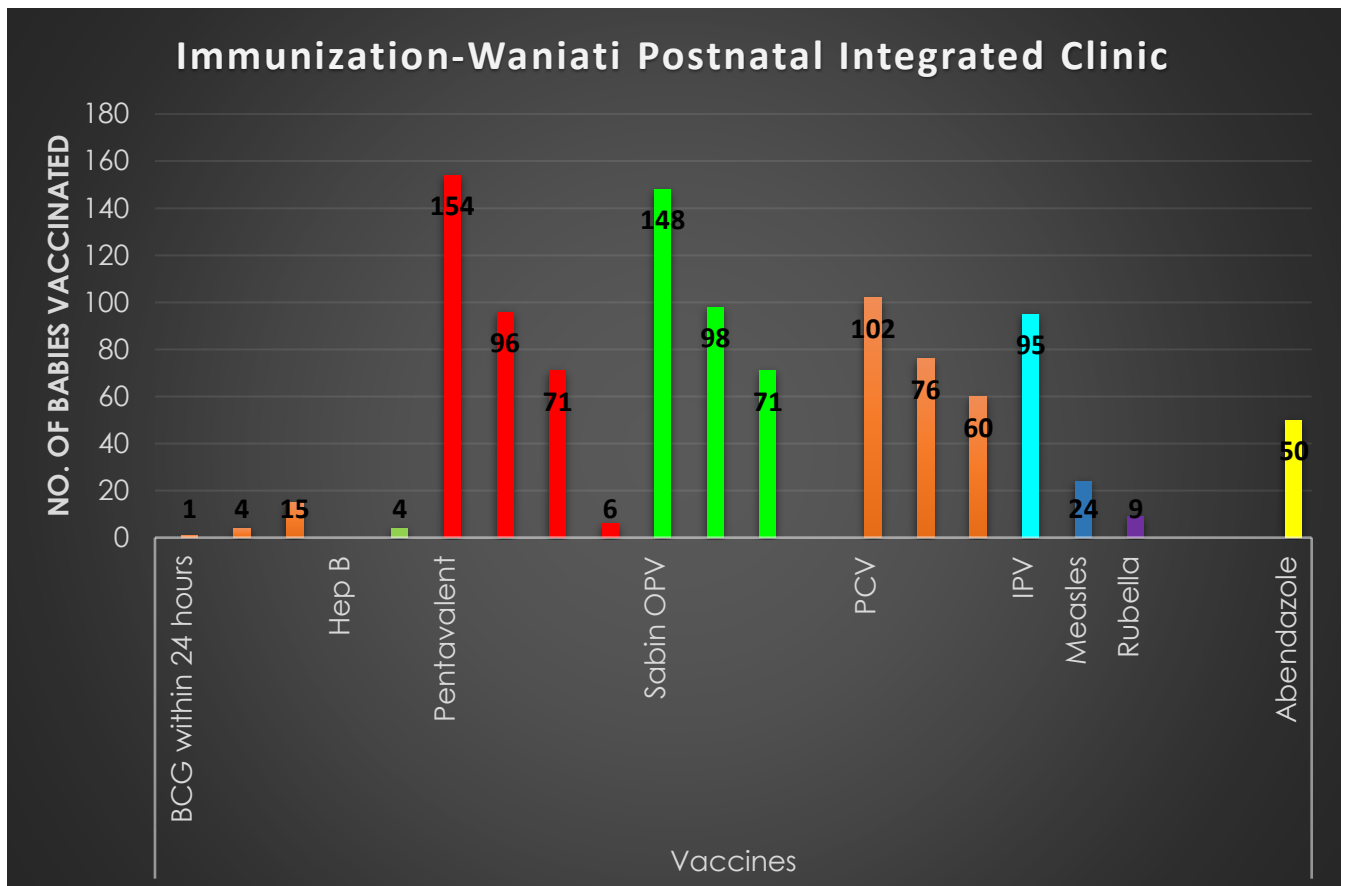
3.4 Below is the number of people who have undergone testing for HIV & STIs



**Achievement FY 2024:**

Five hundred eighty-six people tested for HIV & STIs.

3.5. Below is the number of babies vaccinated.



**Achievement FY 2024.**

One thousand and eighty-five babies were vaccinated at the Waniati Postnatal Integrated Clinic.

### Donations- Partners & individuals

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#### **In lovely memory of late beloved sons (Gideon & Arav).**

Amazing women [Serena and Alicia] had hosted the GiA fundraising campaign which was held in Sydney and Port Moresby through online donations.

They raised a sum of K31,135.47 to help us build a new modern kitchen facility for the mothers who were using the old traditional haus kuk. We built chimney inside the kitchen in case of power outages and so mothers can enjoy cooking on the

fire. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated funds for this campaign. We're so grateful for all the support that has poured in to put up this important facility.

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#### **Young couple donated K1000.00 cash and baby clothes.**

Young couple who hails from Kainantu donated K1000.00 cash and baby clothes to the maternal waiting home in a more recent philanthropic gesture in Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province. With the help, we've purchased assorted goods (rice bags, tinned fish, Maggie noodles, cooking oil toiletries) for the waiting home. We distributed the baby clothes to mothers for their new born babies. Thank Melani and the husband, pregnant mothers have food on their table, instead of going without it.

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### Donated knitted baby clothes

The Creating for Charity-Australia have helped us with the knitted baby items for the pregnant women. We want to reach out and thank the Creating for Charity know how credible they're doing for the mothers accommodated and cared for at the waiting home.

Thank you to the Hellen Hobbs, Kat Fowler and Claire Dalton for valuable contributions to help us help the underprivileged pregnant mothers

accommodated and cared for at the waiting home. Also, Sue (Susan) Moorhead and her daughter-in-law ensured that, the knitted items reached its destination. Both of them faithful packed the knitted items (knitted blankets, socks, hand gloves, caps) and paid for freight costs. All these amazing ladies are light of these mothers in remote communities in Eastern Highlands Province.



### Waniati gets new uniforms

Donated uniforms bring smiles to health care workers as well as ancillary staff for the two health facilities (Maternal waiting home & WDA Postnatal Integrated Clinic).

Two different sets of uniforms were donated, white and black colored uniforms are for the health care workers while red black colored for ancillary staff. The staff were without uniform for almost three years and have been wearing civilian clothes to work.

The charity organization could not afford the staff uniforms for the two health facilities so image how excited the staff were when they put on their new uniforms. We are so blessed to be given the new uniforms for the staff and we wish to thank Susan Moorhead from Toowoomba, Queensland Australia for the donation of new uniforms as well as baby items and foot wears for the mothers at the waiting home.



### Giving back to my community

Manosa Isaiah hails from Amusa, one of the remotest villages in Okapa District, Eastern Highlands province. Amusa is situated far end of West Okapa LLG in Okapa District, so ah he grew up he saw



mothers find difficulty during child birth while attended by relatives. Manosa is a secondary school teacher and was in his first- year teaching at Ivingoi Secondary School, a remote school in Okapa District.

After his sump of payment, he purchased rice bags, cartoon of tinned fish, cooking oil and Maggie noodles for the underprivileged pregnant mothers at the waiting home.

“We have no access to proper roads and basic government services hardly reached my people. The rugged terrain, juggle and big rivers in the Highlands region make access to basic services a difficult task.

Illiteracy and birth rates are very high, and some mothers die trying to give birth. We often have shortage in drug and medical facilities in our community Aid Post. Growing up in such an

unfavorable environment, I’ve seen pregnant mothers extremely hard for them to access maternal health care”

“On be-half of the remote communities in Eastern Highlands Province, I would like to covey our sincere gratitude for Waniati Maternal Waiting Home for stepping in and provide much needed service for the mothers for remote communities in Eastern Highlands Province. I pledged to continue supporting the waiting home with assorted goods for the waiting home” said Manosa.

Huge thank you for such young educated guy coming on board to support the mothers at the waiting home. His support is a great relieve to the waiting home.

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**Garden foods donated to the waiting home.**

A couple who hails from Wando village, Unggai/Bena District have travelled 3 hours to reach nearby bush stop then hopped on a PMV and dropped off at the waiting home.

They donated garden food such as water melon, pumpkin, taro, greens, corn and sugar cane. Their support is timely to help us help the marginalized pregnant accommodated and cared for at the waiting home.



**Books 4 PNG Kids**

The Education for rural people (women and girls) Programme aims to increase literacy among rural women, by promoting literacy training aimed at fostering national capacity and reducing, with the ultimate goal of eliminating, the gender-related gap in education.

Illiteracy is particularly high among rural girls and women which hinders productive and health, and limits opportunities to improve livelihoods. Child

mortality is also higher among illiterate mothers and is directly correlated to mothers' years of schooling. In addition, maternal mortality being higher in rural areas also correlates with the literacy rates among the women in these in these areas being lower.

Unaware but we're so thrilled to have Books 4 PNG Kids from Brisbane had visited the Maternal waiting home in Goroka. We are partners and they will be donating books and other educational materials to the waiting home and as well as other school in Eastern Highlands Province.

**Australian Volunteers Program**



Australian Volunteers Program team had provided mentorship with the recruitment for Remote and In-Country Volunteer Assignment. We are fortunate and will be having an Organizational Management Mentor in the mid of March 2025. We are incredible grateful for your support and commitment to our mission of building Organizational Management System to help strengthen the internal control system for the organization. Their expertise and contributions were instrumentals in achieving [specific results or outcomes], and we truly appreciate the effort and dedication that AVP put into this project (Remote and In-Country Assignments).

It’s always a pleasure working with AVP who shares our commitment to [ shared goals or values], and we believe that this collaboration has strengthened our professional relation. We look forward to future opportunities to work together and achieve even more success.

**Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT)- Health first secretary & Counsellor, Education and Leadership (Anna Riveroll & Laura Marson)**



We are so thrilled to have Australian High Commission representatives (Anna Riveroll and Laura & Marson) pay a courtesy visit for the two health facilities in Goroka with with Australian Volunteers Program and Australian Awards PNG delegates.



Thank you for giving your time to chat with the Waniati team about the work we are doing at the waiting home. The interest that you show in our success stories and development is something for which we feel very grateful.

It is our hope that this relationship between the Australian High Commission Papua New Guinea and Waniati Maternal Waiting Home continue to prosper.

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**Financial Report-2024**

**Income and Expense Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024.**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Subscription		50000.00	
Donation		57753.12	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>107753.12</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Office Equipment	612.00		
Office Furnitures	880.00		
Wages & salaries Expense	44995.00		
Motor Vehicle Running Expense	8940.40		
Assorted Good Expense	8414.16		
Telephone & Mobile	409.00		
Advertisement	708.00		
Postage & Stationary	2403.60		
Sundry Expense	40310.01		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>107672.17</b>		<b>107672.17</b>
<b>Surplus for the Year</b>			<b>80.95</b>

**Waniati Development Association Inc.**

**Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2024**

	K	K
<b>Fixed Assets/Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Land & Building	183962.00	
Office Furniture	1470.20	
Office Equipment	3957.64	
Motor Vehicle	50000.00	<b>239389.84</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank & in hand as at 31/12/2024	<b>80.95</b>	
Grants Receivables		
Debtors		
Subscription in advance		
<b>Current Liabilities payable within 12 months</b>		
Subscription in arrear		
Creditors and accruals		
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>239389.84</b>
Represented by:		
<b>FUNDS</b>		
General Purposes Fund		
Designated Fund-Equipment replacement		
Designated Fund-Equipment replacement		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>239470.79</b>	<b>239470.79</b>



Waniati Development Association Inc.  
**Annual report of the Board of Trustees**  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The board of trustees have pleased the financial statements of Waniati Development Association Inc. for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**Objective and Purpose**

- To foster, promote and assist the care and wellbeing of the marginalized pregnant women ensuring supervised delivery and access to family planning services to avoid maternal mortality in remote communities in Eastern Highlands Province and PNG as a whole.
- To seek assistance from persons and private and public corporations to further promote and enhance the organization objectives.
- To apply its profits (if any) or other income of the association in promoting its objectives.

**Financial results**

The association made a profit (total comprehensive income) of K Nil for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

(2023: K Nil)

The association is not a profit-oriented organization and projects and expenditures are fully covered from grants, contributions and the other donor funding.

**Board of Trustees**

The following persons were trustees of the Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and as of the date of this report, unless indicated otherwise.:

Victor Timothy  
Bolena Azimo  
Benjamin Yap  
Johnson Formu  
Eric Navi

**Dividends**

The Association will forbid the payment of any dividends or payment in nature of any dividends to its members.

**Employees**

The Association as engaged an average of 10 volunteers.

The Association is incorporated in Papua New Guinea, and its office is at Okiufa adjacent to Water Treatment Plant, Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Bolena Azimo  
**Chairperson**

Victor Timothy  
**Executive Director**

Solomon George  
**Admin. & Finance Manage**