

# Waniati Maternal Waiting Home

## ANNUAL REPORT

2023



*(Middle) Postnatal mother with triplet daughter*

DECEMBER 4

Authorized by: *Board members*

*Save a Woman Save a Nation through  
Maternal Waiting Home*



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## Chairperson's Message



I welcome this opportunity to share with you all from the desk of the Chairperson of Waniati Maternal Waiting Home. We are grateful for all the wonderful blessings we are experiencing in this season despite the challenges around us. Thank you for your dedication and unwavering commitment to making a positive difference in serving the underprivileged pregnant mothers from remote communities in Eastern Highlands Province.

Volunteerism is very difficult and most people prefer working to earn an income to sustain their life and family. Those of us who have served diligently understand what it takes to remain committed and faithful to the purpose for which we are called. It therefore gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the hard working members of the team who make things happen... the members of the Board and the Executive.

Our Charitable organization continues to strengthen and refine its governance processes to ensure we have the highest standard of compliance. The organization is slowly building its organizational, technical and financial management system capacity. The organization will engage an audit company to furnish financial audit report at the end of each financial year.

We are grateful for the support received through our partner (Digicel PNG Foundation) who funded our WASH projects at the maternal waiting home.

*Bolena Azimo*  
*Chairperson*

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## *Executive Director's Message*



It is my privilege to write to you once more. For three years, I have been entrusted with the responsibility to serve as Chief Executive Officer for Waniati Maternal Waiting Home, and during this period I have endeavored to shape an organization culture where principle-centred leadership drives business strategy.

Every year has its own challenges and I am so thrilled of what the association has achieved through our hard working staff and volunteers.

Inflation in Papua New Guinea is sky rocketing beyond the means of most people to afford basic goods and services certainly made it difficult for us to accommodate and cared for the influx of pregnant mothers at the waiting home. However, we were still able to deliver our programs for the benefit of our marginalized pregnant mothers with the support from membership contribution and our new partner PAIGA coming on board to subsidize the operational costs incurred at the waiting home.

Speculating back to the journey we have taken, we stand firm and excited of our dedication to ensure that every pregnant mother from remote communities in the Eastern Highlands Province goes for supervised delivery and access family planning to eradicate Maternal and Infant Mortality Rate in Eastern Highlands Province and PNG as a whole.

We are so excited to partner with Australian based Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and individuals who have supported our programs in kind and monetary value to serve the unserved pregnant mothers in Eastern Highlands Province.

I wish to once again acknowledge and appreciate the chairperson and midwife at the waiting home, Bolena Azimo for the great vision, passion and leadership she has brought to the Waniati Maternal Waiting Home. She has vast experience with a midwifery background who has sacrificed her time, effort and resources in implementing maternal waiting home concept in Eastern Highlands Province which serves the bulk of women populace.

I also wish to thank Sue Moorhead for her valuable mentoring in the mid of this year and linking with Australian based NGOs and also donations for Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic. It's hard to express how important our partnership has been to this organization capacity development. I believe your guidance has led to a significant change in my work ethic, career goals and general outlook.

I also thank the Board and Management of the charitable organization and volunteers who work so tirelessly to make sure we are creating peace and safe environment where marginalized pregnant woman is not left behind.

*Victor Timothy*  
*Executive Director*

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## Board Members



*Bolena Azimo  
Chairperson*



*Victor Timothy  
Executive Director*



*Benjamin Yep  
Board Member*



*Biki Philip  
Board Member*



*Johnson Formu  
Board Member*



*Erick Amae  
Board Member*

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## Our Team



**Left to right:** Solomon George (Finance Manager), Victor Timothy (Executive Director), Bolena Azimo (General Manager), Erick Amae (Social Program Manager),



**Who We Are**

**OUR VISION**

A nation where there is better maternity and postnatal care so no mother 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 mothers from remote areas in Eastern Highlands Province who need Goroka Hospital service to give birth safely.

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## Health

### Key Programs

#### Maternal waiting home

The Maternal Waiting Home Program aims to improve standards in health and livelihood for underprivileged pregnant mothers from remote rural communities who need Goroka Hospital services to give birth safely. Providing a conducive healthy environment for a pregnant mother is a fundamental human right of critical importance to health, wellbeing and economic prosperity. It is a human rights for a mother to be pregnant and delivery her baby in a safe and healthy environment.

Many mothers in remote areas cannot go for supervised delivery and access family planning services at the Goroka Provincial Hospital. When women are referred from very remote areas, they are worried about food where they will cook and they come with their relatives, the hospital cannot cater for them to stay for two to three months and that were the maternal waiting home comes in, which we have built really assisted the marginalized pregnant mothers of Eastern Highlands Province and PNG as a whole.

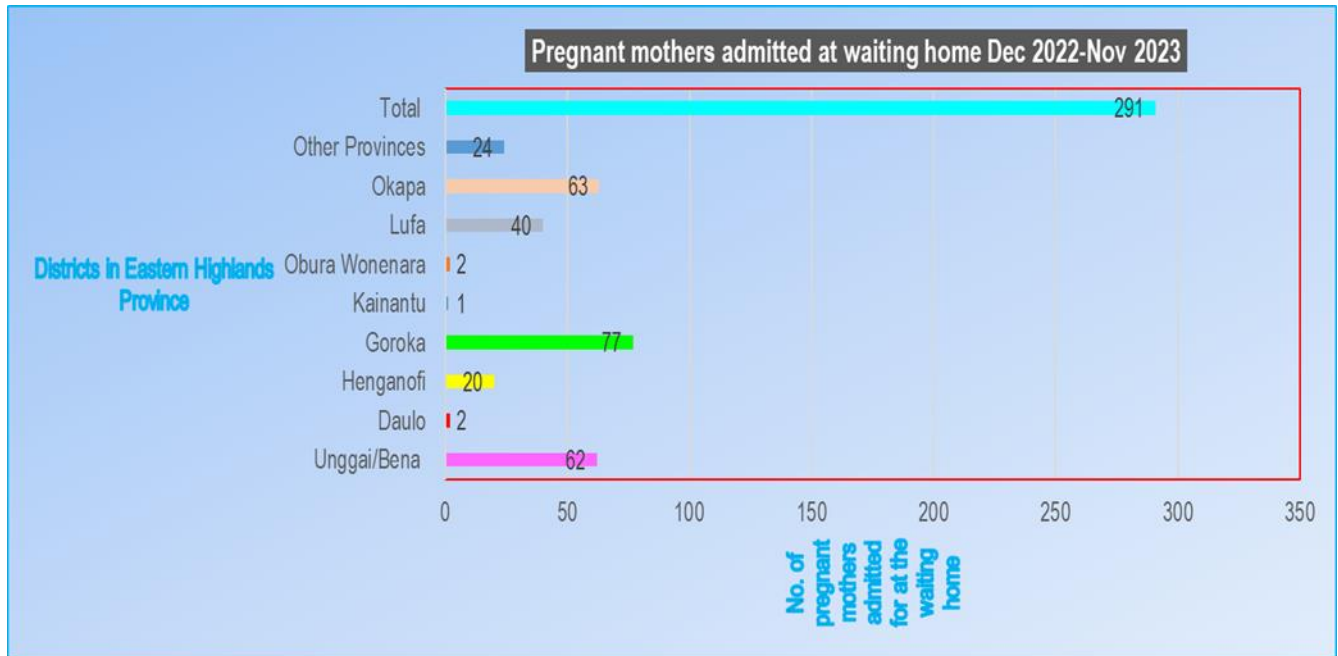
This year we partnered with the Australian based NGOs and individuals who have assisted in kind and monetary value to meet the operational cost for the organization and as well as items needed by the pregnant mothers at the waiting home. Some of partner organizations we partnered with are; Peoples of Australasia Innovative and Growth Abroad (PAIGA), Days for Girls Australia, Australian Aid through Australian Volunteers Program (AVP) and individual donations (Sue Moorhead & Elliot Croucher).

Thank you Seng Da Trading Ltd for your generous donation to the Waniati Maternal Waiting Home. Companies like you are vital to the continued success of our mission to the project from extinction, and we are grateful for your support. Thank you again for your dedication to help ease the situation and for helping us prevent Maternal and Infant Mortality Rate in Eastern Highlands Province and PNG as a whole.

We've partnered with Digicel PNG Foundation and through its Community Grants Program, two important health facilities were funded and was constructed at the maternal waiting home in Goroka. The WASH facilities was funded through the Foundation's Community Grants Program. We are so thrilled to partner with existing and new partners to assist high risk and underprivileged women to deliver their babies safely.



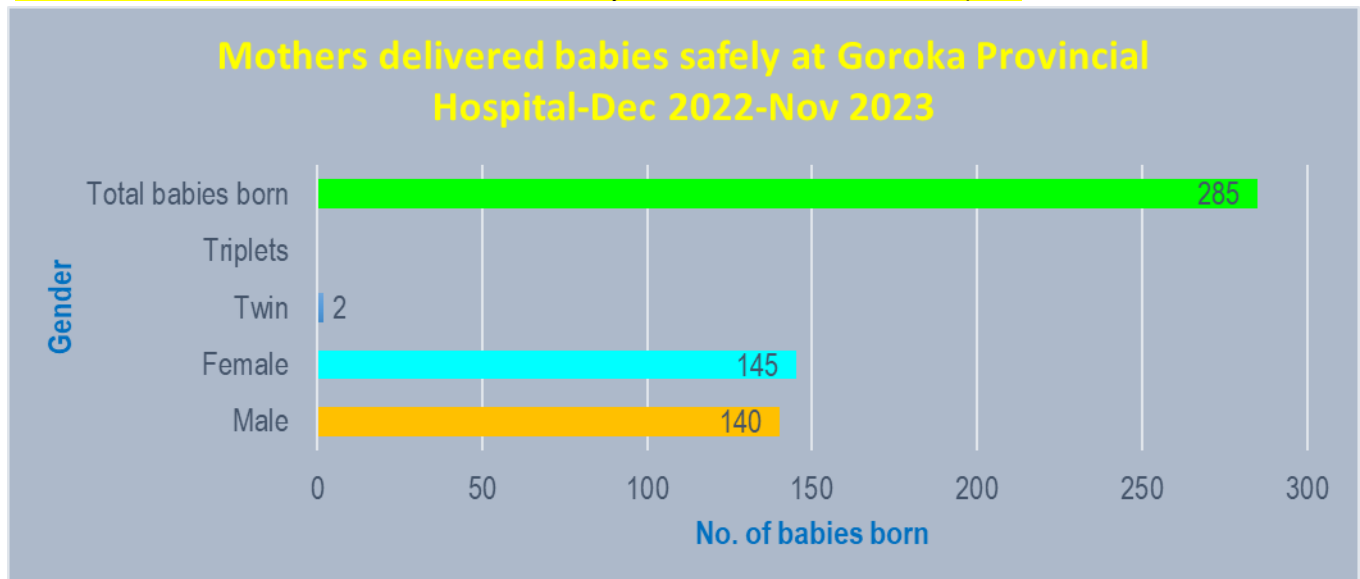
Below is the number of pregnant mothers accommodated and cared for at the Maternal waiting home.



**Achievement FY 2023:**

Assisted two hundred and ninety-one high risk and marginalized pregnant women deliver their babies safely at Goroka Provincial Hospital.

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



**Achievement FY 2023:**

Two hundred and eighty-five born safely at Goroka Provincial Hospital.

## Donations to Maternal Waiting Home by Partners



**PAIGA-APHEDA** donation to Waniati Maternal Waiting Home. The funds are intended to be used to support pregnant mothers from remote areas who need Goroka Hospital services to give birth safely.

At the moment, with high cost of living and the prices of goods and services increasing, purchasing store food (rice & tinned fish), toiletries, maternal packs, baby bundles, vehicle service parts which the organization couldn't meet as our budget prohibits regular purchases of these items at the maternal waiting home.



We're thinking of whining down our maternal waiting home program but fortunately PAIGA came on board and provides funding assistance which rescue the organization to meet concurrent and other related costs.

It was a high time but PAIGA acted swiftly and many marginalized pregnant mothers would go for supervised delivery and access family planning services at Goroka Provincial Hospital.



It's a tradition and culture for the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) church to pay visits to hospitals, prisons, widows and orphans in the communities through the Adventist Community Services (ACS) Program.

The Wando SDA church in Goroka and Unggai/Bena district have donated store & garden foods, firewood, toiletries, maternal packs and baby bundles for the pregnant women cared for at the waiting home.



Digicel Company and its philanthropic arm, the Digicel PNG Foundation aims to make great impact on communities where the company do business. Digicel branch here in Goroka donated baby bundles to pregnant mothers at the waiting home.

It is one of the company's obligation to give it back to the communities under its Corporate Social Responsibility of the organization.

The Digicel Company and its philanthropic arm, the Digicel PNG Foundation are working collaboratively with Waniati Maternal Waiting Home to assist high risk and underprivileged women deliver their babies safely.



The Waniati Maternal Waiting Home in Goroka received a donation of food stuff, maternal packs, baby bundles and toiletries worth K2, 000.00 from **SENG DA Trading Ltd**. The waiting home has been facing financial problems in providing balanced nutritious meals and essential items needed at the labour ward.

The Managing Director from SENG DA Trading Ltd presented the items as a means of support to the pregnant women. The maternal waiting home facility provided an essential service because it is operated like a hospital and open every day to attend to pregnant mothers. Pregnant women who were the full time residents at the waiting home. They eat, take shower, receive medication and need around clock supervision and checks while waiting for labour. These pregnant have a lot of need.

SENG DA Trading Ltd has come on board to support this worthy cause under its Corporate Social Responsibility where it does business activities. The Executive Director of Waniati Maternal Waiting Home was thankful for the donation, adding the contribution towards supporting their programmes at the waiting home.

We had also written to the Government for support but had not received a feedback yet. It's such a good gesture from SENG DA Trading Ltd at such a critical time where the price of goods and services are sky rocketing.

## Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WaSH)

### Water supply & Septic toilet

WASH is a fundamental human right of critical importance to health, wellbeing and economic prosperity. Unsafe drinking water, lack of sanitation and poor hygiene practices directly contribute to the transmission of preventable diseases, including neglected tropical diseases, diarrhea, cholera, dysentery and typhoid.



The WaSH facility project was successfully delivered and maintained on the time frame and within budget. The project outcome was delivered as expected.

The under privileged pregnant mothers will no longer use pit toilet but access to the septic toilet and water hand basin installed in the ablution block. Pregnant mothers and sick patients can fetch water at the maternal waiting home rather than travelling distance to fetch water from creeks.

Director and founder Victor Timothy honored handing over scissor to Guest of Honour Ms. Serena Sasingian, CEO Digicel Foundation to officially open WASH facilities at the waiting home.

## Menstrual Hygiene Awareness

In Papua New Guinea society, it's a taboo and culture for the men folks to keep distance away from pregnant mothers during childbirth period and even when it comes to talk about Menstrual Hygiene no one wants to discuss.



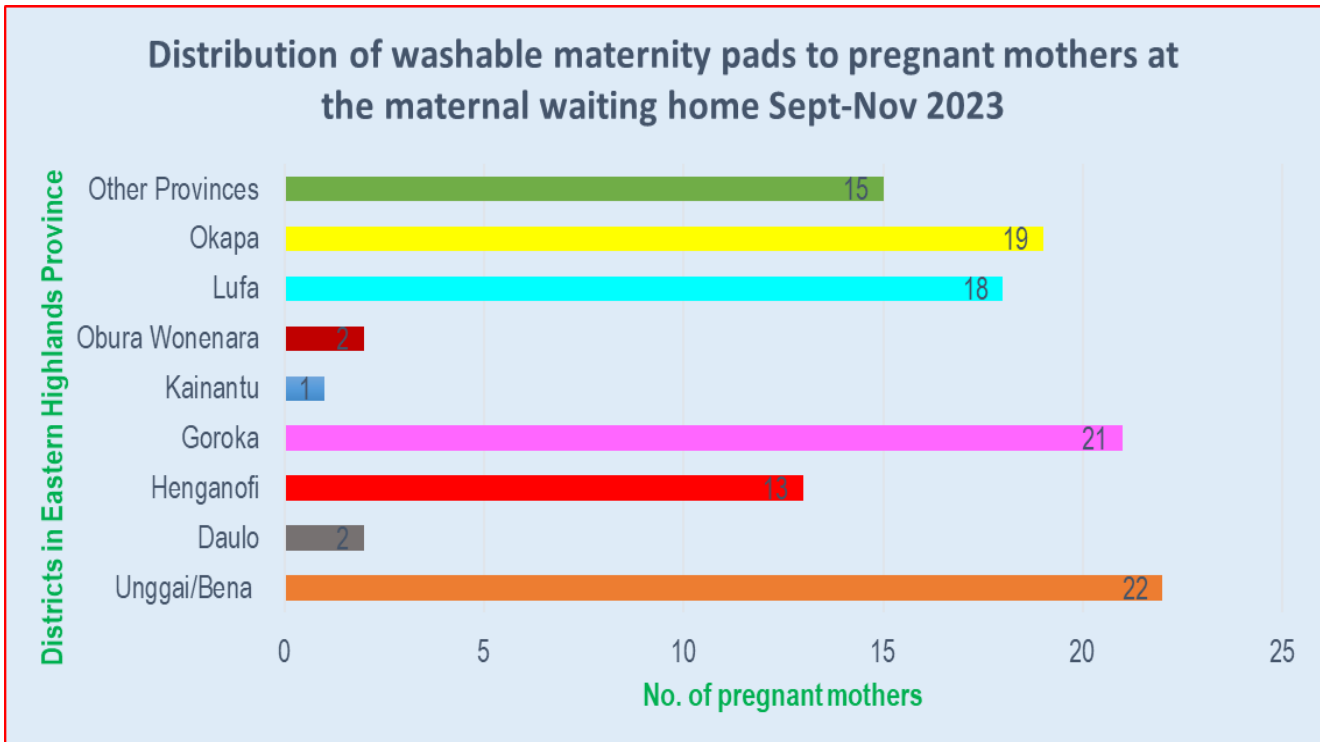
Days for Girls Australia donated 150 Kit washable maternity pads to pregnant women accommodated and cared for at the waiting home. The total value of donation to the waiting home is approximately K8, 300.00.

"The pregnant women were so happy (to receive 150 reusable Menstrual Kits and) send their greetings and love to the DfGA. One of the pregnant mothers said the reusable Menstrual Kits has been of great help to the pregnant women to use after giving birth at Goroka Hospital. Menstrual pads are very expensive for a rural pregnant mother to buy and I use old clothes, towels, and traditional materials such as moss and leaves are utilized". "Most pregnant women can go for supervised delivery at the Goroka hospital which can now help in reducing maternal and infant mortality rate in Eastern Highlands Province and PNG as a whole due to availability of Reusable Menstrual kits at the waiting home." a pregnant mother said.

The Waniati Maternal Waiting Home is very pleased to have signed a new 3-year MOU for collaboration on the distribution of DfGA Washable Menstrual Health Kits to our marginalized pregnant mothers who are accommodated and cared for at the waiting home in Goroka, Papua New Guinea.

With this new MOU in place, we'd even have more kits to distribute to pregnant women, and we would love your assistance to raise funds to deliver these kits to the underprivileged pregnant women in remote areas in Eastern Highlands Province.

Below is the number of pregnant women who have received washable maternity pads at the maternal waiting home:



#### Achievement FY 2023:

One hundred and thirteen pregnant mothers attended Menstrual Hygiene awareness and have received washable maternity pads at the waiting home.

### Organization Capacity building- IT Mentor for Software and Web development trainer



Australians have been volunteering in Papua New Guinea remote communities for more than 50 years through the Australian Volunteers Program (AVP).

The pandemic forced a shift to remote volunteering. So, we are thrilled to welcome on board Shanna Kavanagh as our IT Mentor for Software and Web development trainer for a duration for six months.

Waniati Maternal Waiting Home who will be working hand-in hand with Australian Volunteers Program team and Shanna to update and improve the organization's website to capture updated information appealing to targeted audience.

Australians would help to build organization capacity in the area of Integrated Financial Management System, Employment Recruitment Processes, Finance & Operation Policies, Operational manual, and Monitoring &

#### Achievement FY 2023/2024:

Australian Volunteers Program has nominated Shanna Kavanagh- IT Mentor for Software and Web development trainer with Waniati Maternal Waiting Home. The remote assignment is scheduled to start on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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## Maternal and Child Healthcare

### Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic

It's very vital that postnatal mothers and their new born babies are educated well on the postnatal and neonatal danger signs to avoid maternal and infant mortality rate. Most rural mothers are not informed about all these danger signs after giving birth to their child.

The postnatal integrated day clinic was established within the maternal waiting home facility purposely to educate and examine mothers and their neonates to ensure that both are well and in good health before discharging them from waiting home and going back to their remote villages.



eNurse is an Australian based company has offered sphygmomanometer kit and Sue Moorhead a good friend who resides in Toowoomba, Queensland in Australia has donated medical equipment to Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic. And also Elliot Croucher is another Australian guy who has contributed to meet the administration costs and paving way for the parcel containing medical equipment to reach the Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic.

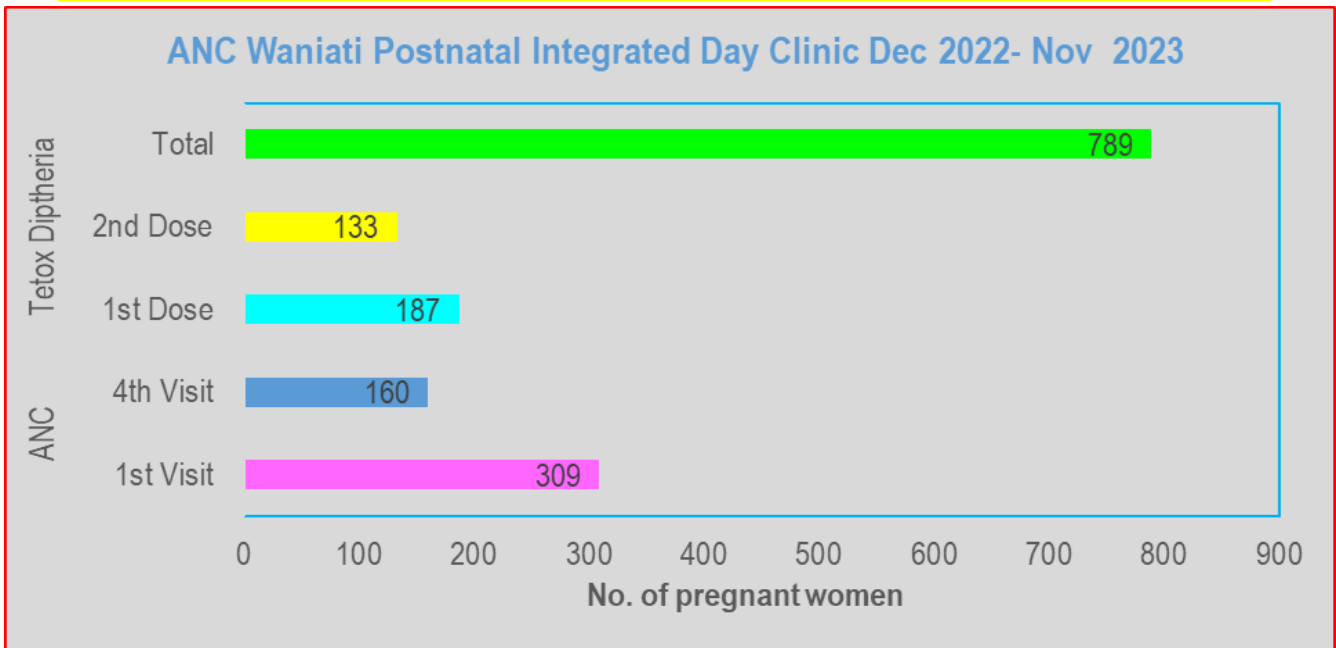
Thank you for all your generous donation to the Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic. Companies and individuals like you are vital to the continued success of our mission to the project from extinction, and we are grateful for your support.

The equipment would be beneficial to the Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic as it would be used to assist healthcare workers to examine mothers and their new born babies.

Working together to eradicate Maternal and Infant Mortality rate in Eastern Highlands Province and PNG as a whole.

### 3.0 Main Program Activities and Core Clinical Indicators

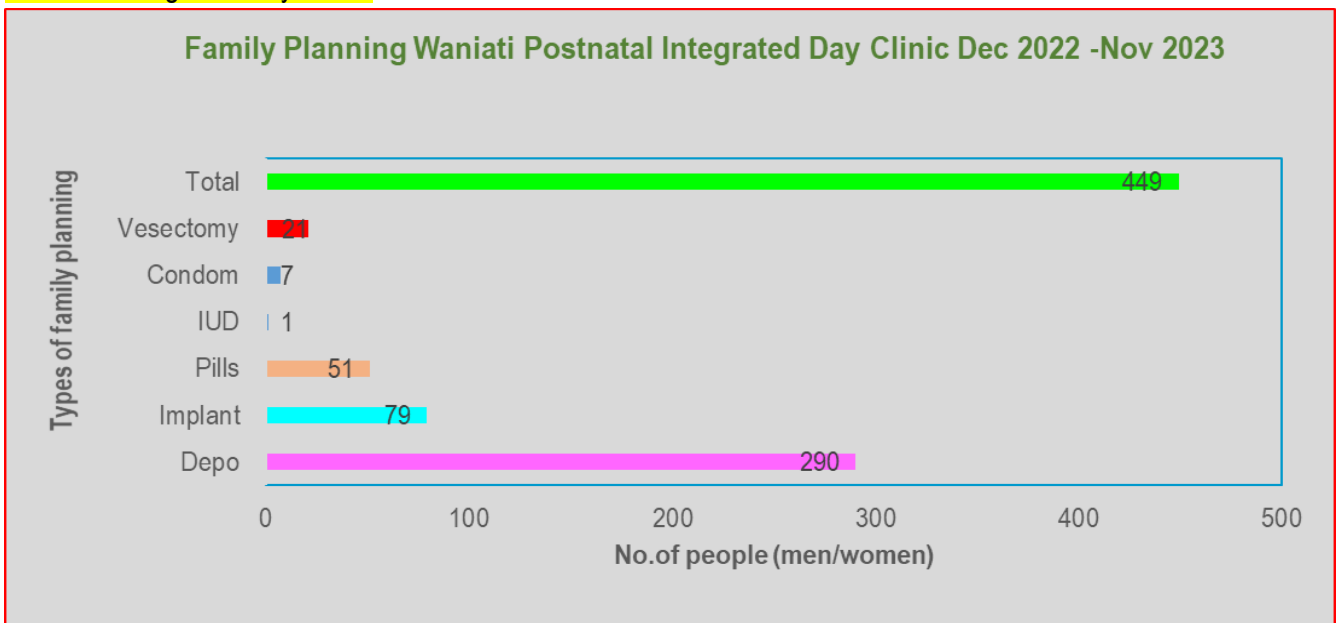
3.1 Below is the number of pregnant mothers who have visited ANC Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic:



Achievement FY 2023:

Seven hundred and eighty-nine pregnant mothers attended ANC clinic.

3.2 Below is the number of people who have access Family Planning Services- New Acceptors at Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic:

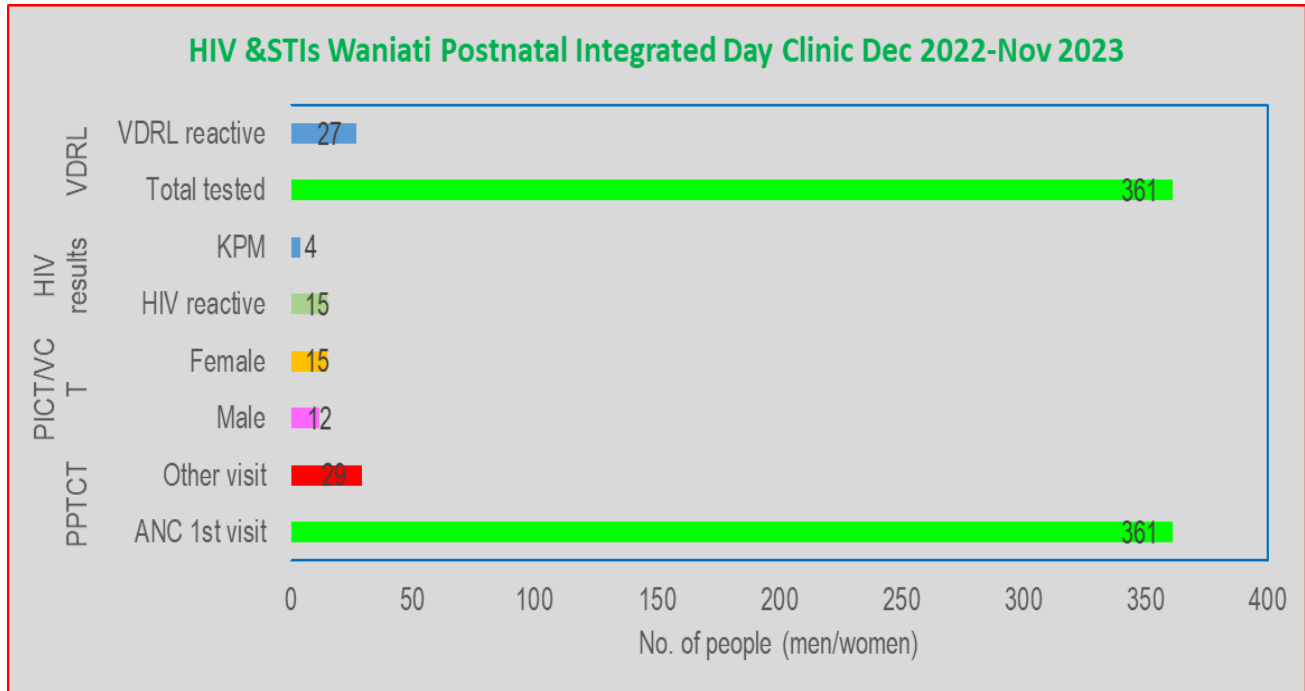


Achievement FY 2023:

Four hundred and forty-nine people access family planning services.



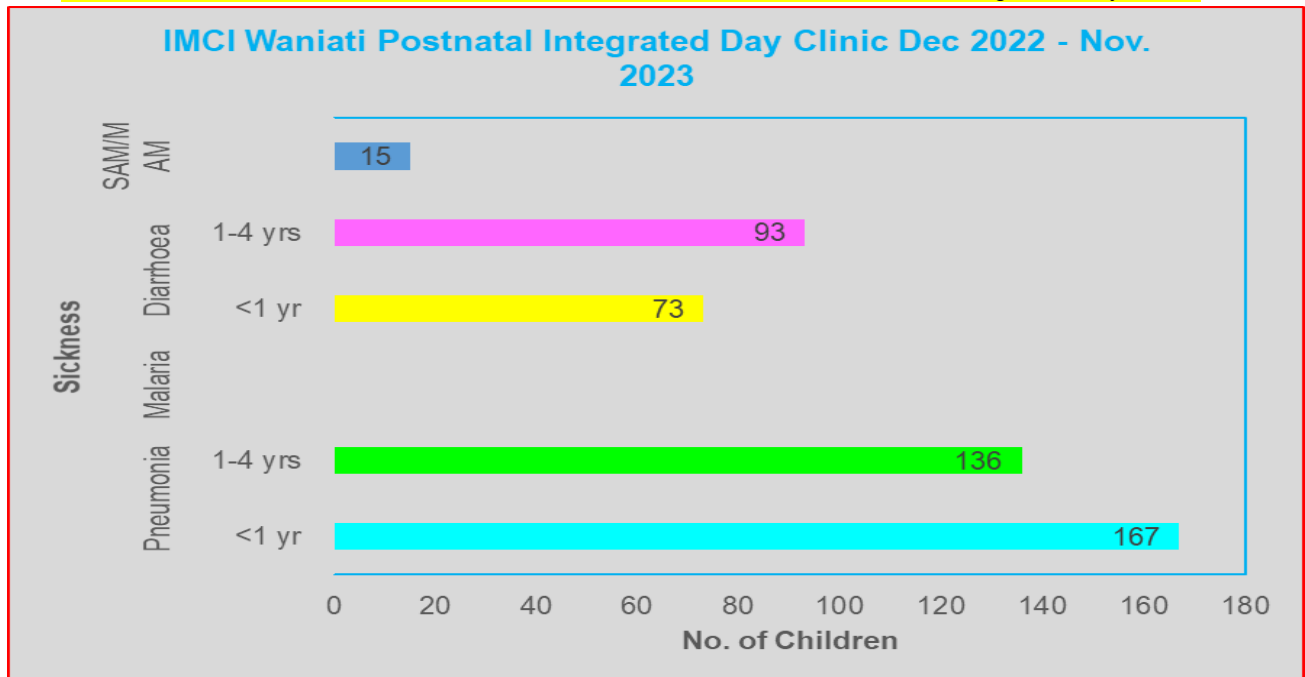
**3.3** Below is the number of people who have undergone testing for HIV & STIs at Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic:



**Achievement FY 2023:**

Three hundred and sixty-one people tested for HIV & STIs and 15 were HIV reactive.

**3.4** Below is the number of children who have been treated at Waniati Postnatal Integrated Day Clinic:



**Achievement FY 2023:**

All other sickness was treated and managed except malaria due to no rapid kit and was referred to North Goroka Urban Clinic.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Income, Expense and Balance of Cumulative Funds For the Year Ended 30 November 2023.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Members Contributions		10000.00	10000.00
Special Contribution			
Donors & Partners			
EHPHA		5,000.00	5,000.00
Digicel Foundation PNG		50,000.00	50,000.00
PAIGA		21632.33	21,632.33
Others		200.00	200.00
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>86,832.33</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Office Equipment			
Office Furniture			
Staff Allowance Expense	23,664.05		
Motor Vehicle Running Expense	7,773.00		
Assorted Goods Expense	5,108.35		
Office Stationeries	354.50		
Sundries Expense	39,859.60		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>76,759.50</b>
<b>Excess of Income/Expenditure for the Years</b>			<b>10,072.83</b>

**Waniati Development Association Inc.  
Balance Sheet as 30 November 2023**

	K	K
<b>Fixed Assets/Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Land & Building	140,826.60	
Office Furniture	3,940.70	
Office Equipment	3,892.64	
Motor Vehicle	50,000.00	<b>198,659.94</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank & in hand as at 30/11/2023	10,072.83	
Grants Receivables		
Debtors		
Subscription in advance		<b>10,072.83</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b> payable within 12 months		
Subscription in arrear		
Creditors and accruals		
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>208,732.77</b>
Represented by:		
FUNDS		
General Purposes Fund		
Designated Fund-Equipment replacement		
Designated Fund-Equipment replacement		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>208,732.77</b>	<b>208,732.77</b>

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## Waniati Development Association Inc.

Annual report of the board of directors  
For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The board of directors have pleasure in submitting the financial statements of Waniati Development Association Inc. for the year ended 30<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

### 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 Papua New Guinea.
- To seek assistance from persons and private and public corporations to further promote and improve 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (2022: K Nil)

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

### Board of directors

The following persons were directors of the Association for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and as of the date of this report unless indicated otherwise:

Victor Timothy  
Bolena Azimo  
Johnson Formu

### 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.

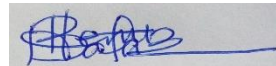
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors.



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**Bolena Azimo**  
Chairperson



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**Victor Timothy**  
Executive Director



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**Solomon George**  
Admin. & Finance Manager



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