



**Australian High Commission**  
**Papua New Guinea**

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## MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

AUSTRALIA IS PARTNERING WITH PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME PRODUCTIVE AND ENGAGED MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES, CONTRIBUTING TO PNG'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

### FACTS

- 60 percent of PNG's population is under the age of 25 (UNFPA PNG).
- An increasing number of youths are struggling to find employment after leaving school without proper qualifications and skills.
- PNG Government recognizes the importance of addressing the education and employment demands of its young citizens (Vision 2050).
- Australia's contribution (A\$15million over three years) is benefitting an estimated 38,196 youths in Port Moresby, Central Province, Lae and Madang.

### Australia's Contribution

Australia supports life and pre-vocational skills training for at-risk and disengaged youth and provides opportunities for on the job experience.

Equipped with these skills and work experience, young people will have a better chance at finding jobs, starting up their own businesses or pursuing further formal training and education.

Australian assistance is delivered through youth development partnerships with Ginigoada Foundation and City Mission PNG and contributions to the Urban Youth Employment Project (UYEP).

### Our Partners

## GINIGOADA FOUNDATION



Graduates from Ginigoada Skills Training in February 2018

Ginigoada delivers short-term skills development training across Port Moresby, Central Province and Lae through a fleet of mobile training buses.

The training is designed to support those who are unable to complete formal education to gain skills for further education or job opportunities.

Life Skills Training courses include:

- » Adult literacy
- » Youth skills
- » Life and business skills
- » Financial literacy
- » Health skills

Since 2015, 23,581 young people have graduated from Ginigoada's training programs with 535 successfully employed.

Ginigoada also runs a skills training program in partnership with vocational schools, which prepares young people for on the job placements.

The Australian Government provided PGK5.8 million in funding to Ginigoada's youth programs from 2015-2018.

Private sector partners, including the Port Moresby and Lae Chambers of Commerce and Industry, help to place graduates in further training or paid employment after completing initial training.

## CITY MISSION PNG



David (right) successfully completed City Mission's 18-month program and received private sponsorship to study at APTC. David helps out at the Mirgeda Farm Coffee Shop in his free time.

City Mission runs an 18-month Youth Life Skills program for young men who have experienced drug and alcohol addiction and poverty.

The training package includes literacy and numeracy skills, vocational training, counselling and mentoring.

The focus of its program is to:

- » Rehabilitate disengaged young men by teaching them soft skills around ethical and moral conduct (discipline, self-respect, a healthy work ethic);
- » Equip them with basic literacy and numeracy skills and pre-vocational training;
- » Create opportunities for them through job-training placements with private sector companies, and;
- » Reintegrate them back into their communities by supporting them to gain fulltime employment and continuing counselling and mentoring.

City Mission operates out of Port Moresby, Lae and Madang and also runs programs for women and children.

The Australian Government provided PGK3.2 million in funding to City Mission's youth programs from 2015-2018.

City Mission has reached  
1,696 young men since 2015

## URBAN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT (UYEP)

The Urban Youth Employment Project (UYEP) has been operating in Port Moresby since 2011.

UYEP provides young people in the National Capital District with income from temporary employment and aims to increase their chances of finding jobs.

The project is an initiative of the Government of PNG, managed by the World Bank and the National Capital District Commission.

UYEP was originally designed as a five-year project expected to end in 2016. Additional Australian Government grant funding of US\$10.8 million has enabled UYEP to continue implementation to June 2019.

UYEP has two main components:

- » Youth Job Corps which provides Life Skills for Employment Training and Public Works Job Placements.
- » Skills Development and Employment Scheme (SDES) provides on-the-job training and market-oriented work experience.

- UYEP has provided employment and training to more than 16,000 young people in the National Capital District.
- It has generated just over 730,000 paid labour days, transferred more than PGK18 million in stipends, and established more than 16,500 bank accounts for urban youth in Port Moresby.

Mollie Oii (below) is a single mother who is grateful for a second chance with UYEP

