

Community Empowerment



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A smiling man with grey hair, wearing a dark t-shirt and light blue shorts, is walking outdoors. He is carrying a long wooden pole across his shoulders. On the left side of the pole, a bunch of green bananas is hanging. On the right side, a red plastic container is hanging. In his right hand, he is holding a white plastic bucket. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a blue-roofed building.

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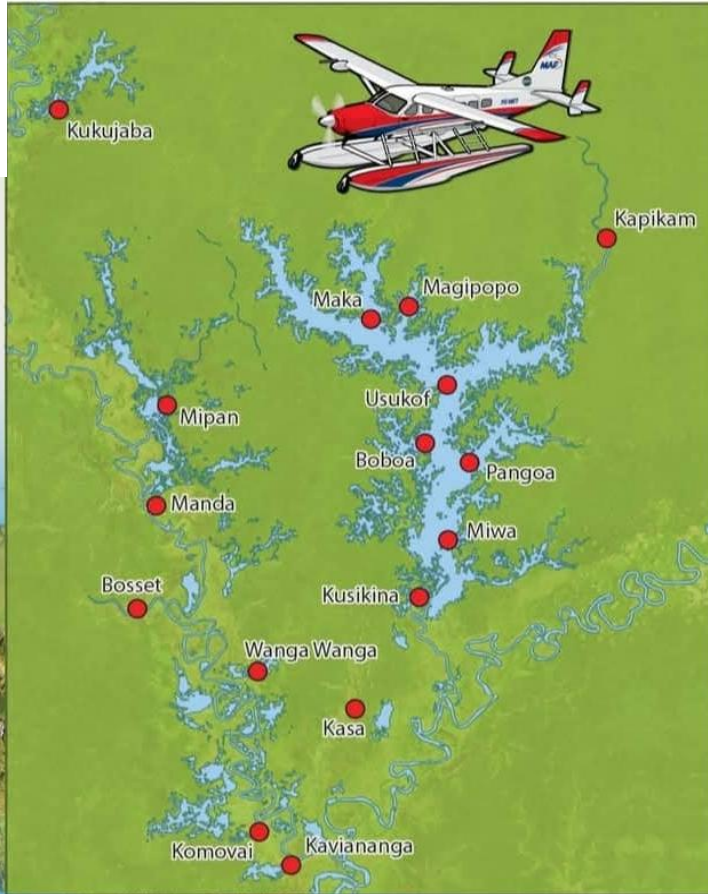
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Lake Murray Overview



Community Engagement (14,200 population)

Over 500 locals engaged

Development Projects (*History – Highlights*)

Local Tracks

- Built all-season internal roads and bike tracks using local manpower and innovative engineering, improving access to health and education, and piloting motorbike use to cut travel time from 3 days to half a day.

LM Store

- Established a locally built hardware and wholesale trade store in the Lake Region using flood-relief containers, reducing travel time for essential goods, creating jobs, and providing fuel.

Floating Docks

- Developed floating docks at Lake Murray (Boboa) using local materials and manpower, promoting skills development, job creation, cost reduction, environmental sustainability, and community ownership.

Ramp & Jetty

- Constructed a locally built ramp and jetty using wood, mud, and bamboo to support barge and float plane access, enabling PGK 3 million flood relief operations, boosting local employment, skills, and community-driven development.

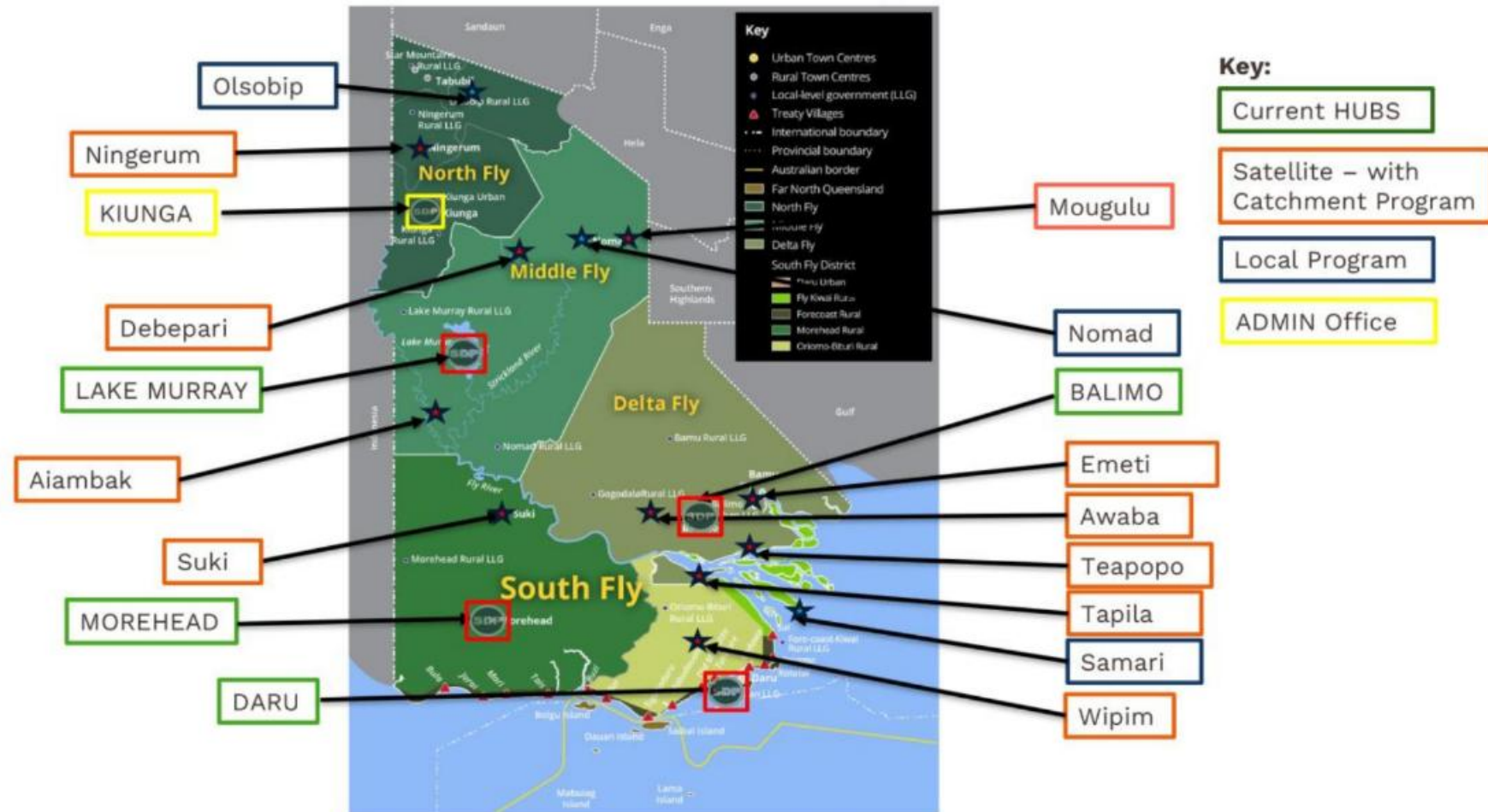
Other projects

- Borewell Drilling, boat engine repair services, Airstrip Terminal, Airstrip Fencing, HF Restoration, Staff Accommodation, FODE Classroom & Dorm build, Timber Milling



Hub & Spoke Community Involvement

- 4x Main Hubs
- 10x Satellite Hubs
- 3x local programs
- 5x Liaison Officers
- 22x LLG Liaison Officers
- Hub Coordinators
- Village Liaison Officers (VLOs)





Community Engagement Footprint



North Fly District

- Infrastructure & Logistic Support to stakeholders
- Establishment of Kiunga Rep Office
- Float Dock (Kukujaba) and 9 x airstrip rehab at selected locs
- Borewell



Middle Fly District

- 10 x float docks (7 in LM)
- Diverse Community Engagement Programs mainly in LM
- Borewell



Delta Fly District

- Timber Milling
- Road Repairs
- Borewell
- Community Engagement

South Fly District

- Infrastructure & Logistic Support to stakeholders (internal & external)
- Establishment of SDP head office – Daru
- Community Engagement Programs in Teapopo, Suki & Morehead



Interventions

Impact

- Average household income
- Change in Living Standards
- Behavioral Change
- Increased local economic activity

Learnings

- Managing Expectations
- Cash access
- Not all community needs are the same



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