



PNGAus Partnership

# INCENTIVE FUND

## Introducing the Incentive Fund

The Incentive Fund is an Australian Government competitive grants program that seeks to improve social and economic development outcomes that benefit Papua New Guinea communities. Funding is available for organisations seeking to implement quality, community-driven social and economic infrastructure and other projects. Projects should be designed to improve the provision of essential services and/or strengthen local economies, and be inclusive of all Papua New Guineans, including women, girls, and people with disabilities. The Incentive Fund is delivered through the Papua New Guinea-Australia Partnership.

The Incentive Fund awards grants of PGK3 million to PGK15 million to organisations seeking to build high-quality, community-driven social and economic infrastructure that will contribute to the below:



Improved service provision, such as health facilities or school buildings.



Better access to economic activities, such as improved market facilities.



More local jobs and economic opportunity through local business development and expansion.



Since 2000, the Incentive Fund has awarded more than PGK700 million in grants to partners in health, education, agriculture, economic development, water and sanitation, and governance and administration.

Projects delivered to date have included new and upgraded infrastructure and other activities for:



Markets



Universities



Primary and secondary schools



Research facilities



Technical and vocational institutions



Hospitals, health centres, aid posts and clinics

### Who do we work with?

Incentive Fund grants are open to a range of organisations, including:



Church-based service providers



Business



Government service providers



NGOs



Provincial and District Governments



Other development partners

## More than an infrastructure program

The Incentive Fund does more than provide grants for quality, sustainable infrastructure. We work with our partners to ensure the benefits of all infrastructure projects **extend to women, youth, people with disabilities and other marginalised groups**. Importantly, we support these groups to have a say in project decisions and implementation.

We also ensure that infrastructure designs consider issues such as disaster readiness and adapting to the impacts of climate change, both now and in the future.



### FPDA boosts crop cultivation and resilience through new facilities

In 2020 PNG's Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) was awarded a PGK15.17 million Incentive Fund grant to build a new training centre and tissue culture laboratory in Kainantu, Eastern Highlands Province. The new facilities mean the FPDA can expand the reach of its agricultural extension training programs to approximately 8,550 farming households across PNG and become an accredited training institute. It can also produce clean, disease-free seedlings and cuttings for farmers allowing for improved quality, and quantity, of yields.



### Improved health facilities for Middle Fly district

Around 14,000 people in Western Province's Middle Fly district stand to benefit from an upgrade to the Bosset Sub-Health Centre. The PGK 16.79 million Incentive Fund grant to Catholic Health Service Kiunga will ensure the upgraded facilities support improved service provision for communities within the catchment area. The new and upgraded facilities include inpatient and outpatient wards, procedure and clinical treatment rooms, maternity, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS wards, a dental clinic, radiology facility, staff houses, incinerator and workshop. Increased access to these facilities and improved services is a key investment in the health of these communities who previously travelled up to 12-hours by boat to the nearest hospital.



The Incentive Fund grants process is robust and designed to encourage grant applications from partner organisations for essential social and economic infrastructure and other projects. We review applications against multiple criteria including need, alignment to Government of PNG priorities, partner organisation capacity and compliance. The Incentive Fund team is available to provide further information to organisations interested in applying for funding. We also support our partner organisations with access to expertise throughout design and implementation.

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