



Kula Spirit

Spacim Pikinini-PNG Inc



The Kula Spirit is a private boat clinic (licence number 0201) that delivers health services to rural communities in Milne Bay Province of PNG (MBP) through Rotary and Spacim Pikinini-PNG Inc (SP), a registered NGO, not-for-profit charity focused on maternal health and family planning. The Kula Spirit has been operating in Milne Bay since 2015 providing much needed medical supplies, equipment, contraceptive implants, support, training and capacity building for health facilities. Partnering with the Milne Bay Provincial Health Authority (MBPHA), St Barnabas School of Nursing, PNGATSA, UPNG and church health agencies, the Kula Spirit has conducted a number of successful outreach programs across the province. Since 2013, SP has provided some 60,000 family planning implants, giving women the right to choose and preventing an estimated 90,000 pregnancies.

Objectives:

- To reduce maternal mortality in Milne Bay; and
- To increase under five survival rates in Milne Bay.

Strategic Plan

Between 2017 and 2020 the Kula Spirit and Spacim-Pikinini-PNG Inc aim to expand their services and run an evidence-based, targeted maternal health program in Milne Bay. This program will be piloted in the Suau, MBP area and rolled out to other districts. The program will focus on:

- Family Planning: providing family planning education and implants to women in MBP;
- Clean Birth Kits: providing clean birth kits, including misoprostol, to health facilities and Village Birthing Assistants (VBAs) plus ongoing training of VBA and at isolated health facilities; and
- Regular Specialist Outreach: conducting regular outreach programs with specialists and training to provide primary health care delivery.

Needs

In order to expand our work and achieve our objective to improve maternal health outcomes in Milne Bay, we need support. In particular, we face an immediate funding need to cover repairs and maintenance of the Kula Spirit in order to keep her sea worthy. Initially, we need immediate funding of some AUD30,000 to cover this maintenance work load (rebuild of engine). Any form of financial support or donations would be greatly appreciated and allow us to strengthen struggling health facilities and meet the needs of rural communities.



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