

The Kumbu Community in the Baiyer LLG, Mul Baiyer & Lumusa District of Western Highlands Province (WHP) in Papua New Guinea celebrated the successful completion of a crucial water supply project. The project was completed under the Australia Humanitarian Partnership Program (AHP) and is part of the Australia Government Disaster Ready Program, which aims to strengthen communities in PNG. The project launch was attended by community members, educated elites, provincial and local-level government representatives, and district police officials. They all gathered to witness the official opening.

The inauguration ceremony had Ps Win Konga, Vice President of the Baptist Union, and representatives from the AHP Disaster Ready Coordination Consortium (DRCC), including a Care International representative and a Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CANDO) representative from Caritas Australia.

This important project aims to help the Kumbu Community deal with natural disasters. It wants to ensure the community can handle landslides during the wet seasons. Landslides have caused problems with the local drinking water systems and led to a lack of water during dry periods. The project also wants to make things safer for women and girls, who used to have to travel far to get water.

The water supply project will help more than 2000 people, including the local school, health facility, safe house, churches, and people passing through the area. The whole community thanked the Australian government, the generous donor supporting the project, and the organization BUPNG for their hard work in making this important project happen.

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