

## **PROJECT UPLIFT DISTRIBUTION REPORT DECEMBER 2014**

This report has been compiled from individual reports completed after receipt of 3 containers by the following uplift members:

Tima Kofana, Leah Alufo'oa, Georgina Ariki, Fiona Maelasi, Minnie Ora, Brenda Koroni and Decima Regatule

Reports **not** received from: Dulcie Darcie, Anne Halea and Alison Sio

### **UPLIFT MEMBER REPORT: Tima Kofana**

<b>Province:</b>	MALAITA AND GUADALCANAL INCLUDING HONIARA
<b>Person Responsible for Distribution:</b>	Tima Kofana and cluster group
<b>Members Name:</b>	Tima Kofana

#### **No of items received:**

- 62 boxes of books
- 7 Boxes of clothes
- 3 baby cots
- 30 boxes of bras
- 3 boxes of kitchen utensils

#### **Summary:**

This was the most enjoyable distribution I took part in as my children and the extended family including aunts and uncles were all involved. The feedback was so positive and appreciation from women, children, teachers and all who has received the project uplift gifts has been overwhelming.

Women, girls and children were all excited when they saw us as news had already spread about the work that we do. Men also thanked us and were wondering if there was anything for them. We had to convey to the men folks that the target group for this project is the disadvantaged women and children in our society and there were other projects that catered for them. This communication helped them appreciate our assistance more as they saw their wife's and children happy after receiving the gifts.

For the bras, we managed to cover 12 communities in Malaita and 3 in Guadalcanal. Disadvantaged women in Honiara were also given bras. The demand for the bras has increased as the quality is really good. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz and Uplift Aussie for your commitment, perseverance and the energy to do this for your friends here in Sols. You guys continue to amaze us with the bra collecting and we just appreciate the heart to do this good work for your sisters here in Sols. We pray that God will continue to bless you all and the good work that you do to make the world and our small communities here a better place.

Below are some snapshots from my house as we were getting ready to go by ship to Malaita.



We had to hire a truck and thanks to hubby for providing the freight for this load.



The banana boat ride to the villages was a thrill in itself for the kids as it was the first time to go in rough seas. We had to hire 3 banana boats for this trip.



DATE	VILLAGE	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS	TOTALS
01/10/14	Jerusalem Fatima Tatava villages in East Central Guadalcanal	Widows Women who don't have a cash income Young single mums		
				68 women and children

#### Stories about this Village:

The women of the 3 community village of Jerusalem, Fatima and Tatava village in East Central Guadalcanal really appreciated the work of uplift Solomons with their kind donations in the form of clothes, books and bras. The expressions of gratitude were on everyone's lips as they say. The clothes were much appreciated as communities were also victims of the April floods. The effect of the floods was evident in their food gardens as the heavy rains had washed most their food crops. I also gave 3 boxes of mixed kitchen utensils for these communities.

Children were most excited with the books they received and also wanted to extend their thanks to Liz and team



DATE	VILLAGE	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS	TOTALS
23/08/14	Taifala Village Sinaragu	Women who don't have a cash income Girls Young single mums	80 40	
				120

#### Stories coming from the village

Women of Taifala Village close to Sinaragu in East Kwaio were quiet happy to receive the gifts. Ladies received 3 bras with 1 pair of undies. They also mentioned that they really appreciate the bras as they look really nice and comfortable to wear. There were also some comparisons done to the bras they had and most commented that the Uplift bras were of a high quality. The girls really appreciated the undies as most only wore shorts under their skirts. My representative for this community was Ms Jean Amos who paid the freight fees herself. Taifala village is really one of the remotes place in East Kwaio and getting there is really hard. Their other request is for more clothes for their children as they seem to be so far out from the main centres. Thanks to Liz Baker and friends for the quality gifts.

DATE	VILLAGE	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS	TOTALS
6/10/14	Sifilo village, East Kwaio	Widows / Single Mums Women who don't have a cash income	4 55	
				59

Stories coming from the village:

Women in this community were also thankful for the bras. What a blessing was the comment of most women. All women passed on their appreciation and wished Liz and family Gods blessing.



DATE	VILLAGE	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS	TOTALS
7/10/14	Atoifi Community	Women and girls		30

Stories coming from the recipients:

The Atoifi community were in for a surprise when they saw my team with baby cots and bags of bra at the hospital grounds. The community here consist of mainly health workers and student burses from all provinces in the Solomons. My group was welcomed by the CEO of the hospital and she was delighted to receive the baby cots, medical books and bras for the health workers. The CEO even helped to distribute the bras for the workers. The community here are so remote from the rural centres and most times they only get to the centres once or twice a year. If there are ships then maybe they can travel but otherwise they have to go by canoe and then trucks to get to the centres.



There were so many giggles and sounds of excitement from the women. Some even had to ask questions about whether the bras were really free. I was also given an opportunity to talk about the history of the uplift project, Liz and friends.....got the information from the website. All women were so thankful for the gifts however the guys also wondered if there were anything for them...maybe undies for the guys Liz!!



DATE	VILLAGE	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS	TOTALS
7/10/14	Na 'au Villages 1 & 2	Women and girls	60 80	140

***Stories from the Village:***

The women of Na 'au 1 and Na 'au 2 have heard of our work since 2012 and have forwarded to me their list of names and sizes since 2012. When my mother in law went to distribute at Canaan village in 2012, women from nearby communities heard of the distribution and have sent all their requests since that time. We are slowly meeting their requests. The two villages are quiet huge and also really far away from the Atoifi hospital. It took us almost 45 minutes on foot to reach their village through the airport runway which is the safest way to get there. When we returned halfway rain poured down like crazy and we were all soaked in the rain.

Despite all this we persevered as we had accomplished our mission of sharing and distributing for the women in the village. When we arrived most women had gone to the garden so we had to wait for a while for them to get back. When they returned we had a short prayer and started our program. I gave an introduction about the activities of the group and what we have been doing since 2012.

All the women were thankful and really appreciate the bras and to boost it more they were impressed that it was all the way from Australia. The shy ones just smiled from A to Z and whispered Tagio which is pidgin for thank you.



DATE	School	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS	TOTALS
7/10/14	Waneagu Community School	School Library		More than 500 students

### **Boxes of books**

Most of the boxes of books were for the secondary level which we distributed for Waneagu community school. Some of the books got wet when we were traveling in the banana boat however we put them out to dry in the sun before taking it the school. The school principal received the books on behalf of the school.

The school does not have a library and they are requesting if they could have those steel/aluminium bookshelves for their proposed library. As mentioned in the last report most rural schools are in need of school equipment like desks, chairs and stationaries as these resources are not sufficient to cater for the increasing young population. Any assistance in the areas mentioned will be greatly appreciated.



The principal of Waneagu School Mr Joseph Wane receiving the books for the school

DATE	VILLAGE	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS	TOTALS
6/10/14	Canaan Villages 1 & 2	Children	35	
		Women	20	

### ***Stories from the Village:***



Women and Children of Canaan were so happy to receive the clothes. After Sunday Service at the local church, the children and their mothers gathered at the community open ground and I briefly told them the uplift background. Kids were so excited that as soon as they received their cloth bags they opened it up and started wearing them immediately. The women were also thrilled to get their bit and just thanked us for thinking of them. They also said to pass on their thanks to Liz and friends in Australia.

A general appreciation for the efforts and commitment to this type of community work was also lamented by the women. Only once in a 'blue' moon do they get this type of assistance and once they knew it was all the way from Australia they valued the gifts even more. This is one of the first communities that I distributed bras to in 2012 and now its clothes. Some women even showed me their bras which was still intact since 2012. They are kindly requesting if there could have more water containers to keep water and basic torch lights if possible.

### **DISTRIBUTION REPORT FROM: LEAH ALUFO'OA (Member Project Uplift SI)**

Below were pictures taken during distributions of bras, kitchenware, children and adult clothing and warm blankets. A total of twelve (12) families at Lungga that were affected by the Flash flooding received the donated items.

From the Recipient's: ***"On behalf of the families tha received these donated items we would like to thank your group for the good heart you have to think of us. No one has ever given free donations like what your group has done and I must say that you have a heart for us therefore, God will continue to richly bless your women's group as you continue to help those who are in need. We really, really appreciate what you have given to us today."*** By Fr. Jack Aitoreia- the one in red t-shirt with the red hat.



Above: the families at Lungga with the boxes which we packed for them in each boxes were Bra's, blankets, children's clothes, adults clothes, plates, cups and pillow cases.



Mr. Wilson Alufo'oa and Mrs. Leah Alufo'oa with the families at Lungga explaining to them about the donations. We met with the families at Mr. Eddie Gaza's residence at Lungga.

***Request from Mr. Gaza and Fr. J. Aitorea was if there's any possibility in future to assist their school back at their home village with school desks, chairs and library books. (Uplift to take note of this).***



Above Lena Arimana with Library books handed over to her at her residence at Rove for a Kindy School at her home village 'AreAre' in Malaita. It is a new kindergarten recently established at her home village.

Word of thanks from Lena Arimana, ***"Thank you for donating these kindergarten reading books. The school was established back in 2013 and we found it very difficult to get such resources for children back in the rural areas. These books will help our teachers and the children to improve their learning and it will help the teachers to set up a small reading corner for the children. I appeal to your group in future if more library books were donated please we still need some more reading books, colours and other Kindergarten resources or materials. Taggio tumas Leah lo group blo ufala."***

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Mary, Ethel and Esther, women reps from the Tuaruhu riverside that were badly affected by the flash flooding in April. Boxes were packed with bras, pants, children's clothing and Blankets for families living alongside the Tuaruhu river.

***"From Ethel Sisia: Taggio tumas na for olketa bra and calico yia. Bae mifala go and searim gud lo mifala. Taggio for Bra and Pants because river washim away nao olketa samting ia, so barava gud tumas nao u tingim mifala fo givim mifala." "Thank you for the bras and clothing, we will share them well among others. The river took all our things so it is very good that you thought of us"***

***Translation***

From Mary: ***"since flash flooding mifala samfala no wearim bra nao becos water tekem evri bra so hem hang loss nomoa susu ia, then she laughed Hahaha...so taggio tumas nao lo group blo ufala and next taem moa no forgtem mifala."***

***"Since the floods some of us have no worn bras at all because the water carried them all away, so our boobs just hang loose (giggled), so thank you so much to your group and please don't forget about us"*** Translation

***They were so happy with the donated items given to them.***

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## Story



IMAGE A

IMAGE A - Above is a presentation on cartons of Plates, cups and spoons to Church Pastor Charlie and his Assistant at Marafa Training Centre in the Central Guadalcanal Province. This Marafa Training Centre accommodates young boys who come from villages over the mountains in the highlands of Central Guadalcanal. "This a great gift to the community and for the Ministry which aims to look after the Lost, Last and least people," said Pastor Charlie, "Already they have young boys who are undertaking training which helps develop them to be future leaders and in particular in spiritual growth. We do appreciate the work of Project Uplift and for the hard working women who travel to distribute goods out to the poor, needy people."



IMAGE B

IMAGE B –This woman lives in the mountains and travelled an hour and a half's walk to the Mafara Village training centre to collect a bag of children's clothing. She acknowledged this special gift from Uplift and I was extremely happy to be able to hand these goods over to a needy family.

The image below is of villagers who came down from the Mountains to attend a Church service at Marafa Training Centre. After the church service we discussed how best we could organized for women to come together to collect bras. Because it is far and difficult to climb up the Mountains and distribute to women.

A day was organized for this activity. Almost five cartons were distributed to them on the following week- sadly there was no camera available to take photos on this day. My camera has not been functioning well.



The above image is of a woman and child from Isabel Province. She is a mother of four children. She arrived in Honiara purposely to buy clothes and other basic items for her family. She lives in the Highlands of Isabel Province and has no opportunity to come to town because of travelling expenses. As this is her first time in town she was surprised to see many new things in town. She stays with relatives next to my home. When I saw her as someone new in the community, I invited her to my home for a cup of tea and then gave her some of the items, Dolls, Bras, warm clothes, kids shoes, clothes.. Grace said" I cannot understand how so much could be given to her family free with no costs!." Grace said she will also share with her sister who has five kids when she returns. " A very big thank you for the work of Project Uplift both in Australia and Solomon's" said Grace.

NOTE: Since I will have my holidays again during the Christmas period, I will then complete the distribution when I am free and have money to meet freights (truck/Boat) . On completion of the distribution I will then forward a further report in January 2015.  
Many thanks for understanding.

# Fiona Maelasi Project Uplift Distribution Report

## December 2014

### Container 1 Unpacked 5th Aug, 2014

My first unpack in the Solomons! Great to be able to help out at the other end! We rallied some helpers and the transport was kindly provided by Woodford International School via two trucks! It was a warm day, but with the help of some SIVA members, Aspen Medical Staff and the amazing Uplift SI team and their families we got it done in what was apparently record time – two hours!



### DISTRIBUTION A

Most goods received by Maelasi Family were taken to a flood affected area, sorted and distributed with the aid of Aspen Medical staff volunteers and Solomon Islands Victoria Association Members.



Kiloko displaced village is located on the Ngalibu River about 20 minutes East of Honiara on Guadalcanal. All those whose houses were destroyed are living in very basic conditions with little access to water, housing and sanitation. They have lost almost everything and their gardens from which they make a meagre amount of income as well as feeding their families had been washed away.

Families gathered at a set time and goods were distributed on behalf of Uplift SI.



12 boxes of men's, women's and children's clothing, 100 'Wrap with Love Inc' blankets, 4 boxes of elderly warm clothes, 5 boxes of kitchen/household items, 5 boxes of bras and underwear were transported to Kiloko Displaced Village and sorted into family group bundles based on number of adults and children in the household- information that had been obtained by an elder member of the community prior to our arrival.



The village representative who accepted the donations on behalf of the community stated, "What has happened to us had made life very hard and we are amazed that people in Australia care enough to help us- these things you have given us will make a big difference in our lives- thank you for these wonderful gifts and God. Bless you all!"

The smiles were evident as each family carried away their bundles! All were extremely grateful!

## DISTRIBUION B



The remaining 100 'Wrap with Love' blankets stored at my home were distributed to Hearts of Hope!

Founder/Director, Janet Aihari. 'Hearts of Hope' provide support for widows and orphans who reside in villages in Malaita Province.

Due to many younger family members moving away from their home island to seek employment, more increasingly older family members are left alone to fend for themselves and an 'out of sight, out of mind' situation occurs where they struggle to walk what is often kilometres to their subsistence gardens from which they need to then carry back what they have harvested. They often need to carry water from a central point within the village and struggle to do their daily tasks. When unwell they may have no one to check on them- Hearts of Hope does frequent visits to villages to make checks on those who have little support and provide them with basic needs such as soap, and water containers.

Janet was most grateful for the donation of the 100 'Wrap with Love Inc' blankets. She stated, These are such an incredible gift and I know that not only will they keep many elderly people warm, but the amazing colours will brighten up their lives. This is a miracle to us to receive such a donation and were are so incredibly thankful to the wonderful people who have spent so much time making these beautiful blankets for us – I know they will be cherished by those who received them.”

3 boxes of elder warm clothing, 2 boxes of bras and a number of 5 litre drinking water bottles and bladders were also distributed.

Janet has notified us that the blankets have been received with amazement and are being treasured by the elderly recipients! The distribution made the front page of the national newspaper 'The Solomon Star' recently – Janet is pictures with one of the widows who receive support from her organisation. The other image is of Janet with an elderly widow receiving a blanket in a village in Malaita – Janet informs me she looks sad but she was actually crying with happiness!

Janet is in frequent contact with us and continues her distributions over the next weeks in the lead up to Christmas and has many more photos to share with us!



## CONTAINER 2 - Unpacked 17th August



Container 2 unpack happened in record time with the support of Aspen Medical paramedic team who clearly do not waste time! Woodford International School provided Transport once again and Woodford School families and students helped out. Solomon Islands Victoria Association members were there to help, as were the usual Uplift SI family and friends.

### DISTRIBUTION A

1 box of books/teaching resources along with educational materials donated by Woodford International School were delivered to Ngalibu Primary School when the Year 4 students visited to spend a few hours teaching them to play games and hand over the handmade resources they had created to help the school out. Ngalibu School was completely devastated by the floods and classrooms were severely damaged and resources were completely destroyed. The Ngalibu river runs along side the school and the river broke its' banks right next to the school, inundating the homes and school, with residents barely escaping with their lives.

4 months after the floods, classrooms were still in ruins and materials were scarce. Students were only able to attend a half day so that the school could accommodate all classes. UNICEF had provided a tent as a classroom for the junior grades and the toilets were a hole in the ground surrounded by black plastic. It is hoped that the school will be rebuilt by the School Principal was extremely grateful for any assistance - no matter how small! Woodford students came away with the understanding that every little bit makes a difference!

**Due to the close arrival of the containers I did not have the opportunity to distribute any further items prior to the next container arriving.**

## CONTAINER 3

Unpacked 14<sup>th</sup> September



On a very hot, sunny day the team gathered again - the 3rd time in 5 weeks - to unpack the long awaited Uplift Container that is to remain as a storage facility! The usual helpers were present with some assistance from a number of recipients of goods there to help too. Again Woodford International provided transport for goods and Uplift Families were there to lend a hand as usual!

Some medical equipment was received by Dulcie for distribution, but some remains in storage to be transferred to the National Referral Hospital logistics stores for distribution.

### DISTRIBUTION A

Filing cabinets, books, whiteboard, large table and a desk remains in storage to be delivered to Mercy School in Burns Creek which sits between the Lungga River and Burns Creek - both areas heavily affected by the April floods and inundating the homes

The Mercy School is comprised of 4 buildings that attempt to educate 800 children. The school is incredibly under resourced and many students at year 5 are unable to read. The school is being supported by a literacy focus team who offer after school literacy sessions for older students who want to learn to read- they are beginning to make progress!

The supplies in storage will be delivered to Mercy at the beginning of Term 1 2015 as they are undertaking some school upgrades over the break.



### DISTRIBUTION B

5 boxes of books sent to western province with Nada Bule – a SIVA member who just returned from studying in Australia and came along to help unpack the container. Nada was returning to his village for a holiday and was very appreciative of the 5 boxes of primary resources that will support literacy in the local village school. On returning to Honiara Nada reported that the teachers were very excited and grateful at receiving the donation and the children were lining up to get a chance to read them.



**DISTRIBUTION C**

Wheelchair and adult diapers supplied by Heidi and Jerome Warakea for their mother who had recently suffered a stroke were collected by Florence Alley to deliver to them. We also managed to give them a toilet commode and walking frame. Heidi has reported that the whole family are so grateful and that the donations and facilitation of the delivery of the wheelchair and diapers has been a huge help and has made their mother's life so much easier and more comfortable.



**DISTRIBUTION D**

8 boxes collected for the Kavalavata community in the Western Province. The boxes were sent for this community by Rosanna Dunks in Melbourne. The boxes contained medical supplies, clothing, household goods, sheets and towels. The boxes will be kept in storage until Rosanna arrives to distribute them in January 2015.



**DISTRIBUTION E**

Anastasia Taghanepari received items from this container and container no 1 and 2. She is a family member of a SIVA member in Melbourne, Mary Azzopardi. She has been a great help and has been wonderful with her reporting and accountability. The goods taken for distribution by 'Ana' have been thoughtfully distributed in the East Guadal Canal area and Ngella.

The images below are: L-R Patrick Barata who received a 'wheelchair' and clothing – actually a walking frame that he finds more useful!! Ana handing over bras and supplies to the acting head of nursing at Tulagi Hospital and handing over bras to representatives from villages in Ngella.





### DISTRIBUTION F

Handing over boxes of kindergarten and primary school books to Adu Talai, a community member who has initiated and runs the Lingho Kindergarten which educates 40+ students. The Kindergarten was started by the community members and has been so successful that the Village has now also started a Primary school for Grades 1 and 2. The village is located in the Gou District in Isabel Province. Having a school and kindergarten in your local village is not a reality for many villages in the Solomon Islands. Many students will have to walk for an hour or more to get to their local school. This often

means crossing rivers, mountains or walking in the rain or heat. Attendance is a huge issue for educators in the Solomon Islands, so having a village in the community allows for students to attend more regularly and for families to have greater involvement in their local school. Adu also received a box of bras to distribute to all the hard working teachers and women in her community.

### DISTRIBUTION G



3 Boxes distributed at Gwou'ulu village in North Malaita. The Women's Fellowship Group received the boxes and organised distribution. They were excited to be able to have the job of giving out these gifts to the women !

### DISTRIBUTION H



Principal of Red Cross School Jiope excitedly receiving a lap top and 2 notebooks for the school. The school is vastly under staffed and under resourced. They do the best they can with what they have and were very appreciative of the donations. They are hoping to be able to use the computers with the deaf students to support communication and with the junior grades to build literacy skills.

## DISTRIBUTION I

### CHRISTIAN CRISIS CENTRE

CCC is run by the Anglican church and staffed by Anglican sisters, headed up by an amazing lady, Sister Doreen. The facility is located outside Honiara in a secret location that is not accessible to the public.

Women who arrive at the refuge are brought in under the protection of the police following them making a report and pressing charges. They are able to stay at the centre for 2-3 weeks to allow them to be safe and plan for their futures. The women, or at times teenagers, often come with absolutely nothing and many with young children. They have often been beaten.

The sisters support them through the court processes, provide them with basic needs and help them with hope to have a better life. Christmas is typically an extremely busy time for the centre and they often run short of supplies.

I visited the CCC and delivered 4 boxes of DFG kits, 4 boxes of bras, 2 boxes of Kitchen utensils, 1 box of women's clothing and one box of children's clothing. There remains a further 2 boxes of bras, 1 box of cloth nappies to be delivered – I could not fit them in my car on this visit!

I am pictured with Sister Clarisse, who works with the women and their families who seek support at the CCC. She was completely overwhelmed with the donations and was so excited to show Sister Doreen when she arrived in the evening (she was being kept away as a surprise party was being planned to celebrate her 20 years as an Anglican sister and commitment for life).

I felt so good about this donation and believe we could continue to support the centre with both women and children's clothing donations and further bra and DFG kits. There is also a great need for children's toys as they tend to try to give away some little thing to each child that comes so they have a toy to call their own. There are classrooms at the school but sadly no one trained to teach or run play therapy sessions for these children who have experienced the trauma of seeing their mother hurt – often repeatedly. More books for the centre would be wonderful. The gratitude of the Sisters at the centre was very evident!!



The Christian Crisis Centre



Sister Clarisse receiving the DFG kits, women's and kids clothing and bras.

## FINAL DISTRIBUTIONS OF BRAS FOR 2014

As the school term ends many of my colleagues at Woodford International School are heading home to their respective villages and I have given some of them boxes of bras to distribute (10 boxes). Each one will report back in the New Year on their return to Honiara. **BRAS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO:** Kunu Village Auki, Otethamo Village North Malaita, Belaga Village Small Ngella, Fanalei Village South Malaita, Villages in Western Province



I am leaving for Gwoulu'u Village next week and these are the 8 boxes of bras and 2 boxes of DFG kits I am taking with me to distribute across a number of villages in the area. I am also taking 1 box of teacher resources and 3 boxes of Primary books. These are being shipped with family members and I will meet them in the village. Reports to follow.



**Note the cost of shipping these boxes was approx \$40AUD Individual Members often bear the cost of transporting the donations to outer areas where most donations go!**

### **STOCK STILL HELD:**

The stock still held in storage at my home:

Tents – Waiting for collection by World Vision to keep in their stores for further emergencies (by the time the tents arrived after the floods they were not needed).

9 DFG Kits and underwear ( to be distributed to Selwyn College and St. Joseph's College for girls boarding there in the first weeks of 2015 term)

3 Boxes of Warm Elder clothing (allocated to Hearts of Hope)

4 Boxes of Kitchen items (allocated)

5 Boxes of Bras

I am so glad I have had the opportunity to be at the other end of the donations. However there are some clear challenges. It is one thing receiving and coordinating an unpack – it is another to manage to get the donations distributed!! This is a time consuming process and hard when you work full time!

Another challenge is getting feedback from all those in receipt of the goods unless you are personally there to give them out yourself!

The final challenge is to get the reports done! Compiling the report to ensure accuracy and as much accountability as possible is hard work and again time consuming – but in the end all worth it to see the smiles on the faces of those receiving the goods!!! Thank your Liz and gang in Australia for all you time and support! Merry Christmas to you all!

Fiona Maelasi

## DISTRIBUTION REPORT FROM: MINNIE ORA

**Province:** Choiseul, Shortlands, Malaita and Isabel

### Donation Items received for distribution

Quantity	Description
28	21 big and 7 small boxes of bras
4	1 box and 3 farmer bags of kids wear
8	Cartons Primary school books
20	Cartons kitchen utensils
2	Laptops

### Summary

I received items from the two shipments as I wasn't involved in the first shipment due to my commitment with the International Tea Group (ITG) for the distribution of clothes and food to April flood victims.

I involved my cluster group members to distribute items from the two shipments to different parts of Malaita, Isabel, Choiseul and Shortlands. I now have four cluster group members.

### 1. Parts of Malaita and Isabel Provinces

VILLAGE	DISTRIBUTED TO:	NOS
Gwou'ulu Village, North Malaita	Women and young girls	5 boxes bras
Alualu Village, Isabel Province	Women, young girls and kids	3 boxes bras and 3 bags kids clothes
Jejevo Village, Isabel Province	Women	1 box bras

#### a) Alualu Village, Isabel Province

Alualu village women and children were very appreciative of the donations received from Uplift Project in terms of the bras and kid's warm clothes. In a phone call conversation with Pitu George, one of the village elder's wife that coordinated the distribution, expressed the gratitude of the villagers to the donors for the support given. For the Alualu village women and children, this was the first time for these groups to receive such donations from any organization.



**Figure 1:** This photo depicts the items loaded on-board MV. Isabella destined for Alualu Village, Isabel Province.

**b) Jejevo Village, Isabel Province**

The women and girls of Jejevo village in the Havulei district of Isabel were among the happiest people upon the receipt of bra donations from the Uplift Project(SI) The isolated Jejevo village has no access to mobile network. Receiving the items on behalf of the women, Mrs. Ellen Ngangale said that she is very thankful to the donors for recognizing the needs of the village women and girls.



**Figure 2:** Mrs. Florence Ngangale who received the items on behalf of the women and girls of Jejevo village, Isabel Province.

**c) Gwou'ulu Village, Malaita Province**

Located in the northeast of Malaita Province is Gwou'ulu village. The village like any other villages has more women than men. Despite being the bulk in the village, they are the most forgotten and ignored group of people. However, the situation turned around when Uplift Project delivered five cartons of bra to the village women. Receiving and speaking on behalf of the women, Mrs. Ellen Titi Lui expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the donors for the invaluable help and support rendered towards the women of Gwou'ulu village.



*Figure 3: Mrs. Ellen Titi Lui receiving the items on behalf of the women of Gwou'ulu village at the Honiara Wharf and about to board MV. Maetalau for Auki.*

## **2. Distribution of primary school books and bras to other parts of Malaita**

The below report was compiled by my cluster group member and work colleague Ms Matilda Dani. She distributed primary school books and carton of bras to a school and villages in parts of Malaita

### **a) Books**

There were eight cartons of books given by Minnie Ora to be distributed to intended schools. All eight cartons are for primary schools. Four cartoons of books went to Lilifia Primary school although they request some books for their community high school. Unfortunately, the books were only for primary schools.



**Figure 4:** Principal of Lilifia primary schools, Mr. Robert Aloga with his cartons of books on board the MV Day Star

Another four cartons of books were donated to Faufanea primary school because they missed out on primary schools books from the previous supply of primary school books.



**Figure 5:** *Principal of Adaua Secondary school Mr. Jones, assisting in transporting the books onto the ship*

**b) Bras**

All bras went to Suafa Bay, North Malaita.

The bras were shared among the village women and girls of the following villages.

- Faurere Village
- Keukwao village
- Eden Village
- Bethlehem Village
- Aisiko and
- Cannan village

The two ladies that coordinated the actual distributions to individuals are Pricilla and Joy. They organize it that all women come together after a Sunday church service and share the bras. Most turn up although some did not up on the day but collected their shares later on.



**Figure 6:** *Women from Eden and Canan Villages with their bras*

The women of these villages are more than thankful to receive these bras. They said that they thank God that there are generous people out there who offer to reach out as far as to the most remote places like in the villages. They count themselves as the luckiest women. Some of them even called me on my mobile phone just to thank me for helping in distributing the bras to them.

On behalf of the school children and the women who benefited from the distributed goods , I would once again like to thank you Minnie Ora and your organizing committee for your distributions of these said goods that the people especially children and women in my remote areas are now enjoying.

They look forward for future assistance

### **3. Donating of bras to Sasamungga Community in Choiseul Province**

On 6 October 2014 I handover eight cartons of bras to a community member of Sasamungga community in South Choiseul, Choiseul Province.

The community member thanked the Uplift Project (SI) for the donation and was grateful that group saw the needs of women in the rural community. She on behalf of the women and girls sincerely thank Uplift Project and looking forward for future assistance.



**Figure 7:** Handover of bras to representative of Sasamungga Community Ms Emmy Malasa

### **4. Donating of bras to Mono Community in Shortlands**

A community member from Mono in the Shortland Islands, Western Province received six cartons of bras on behalf of the rural women in the community. This was the second lot of bras donated to the community.

Mono community (village) is on one of the main three islands of Shortlands group. The community has a population of 2,000 people, mostly females. The main income of the villagers is from selling copra in Honiara. Due to the remoteness of the community the trading boats usually make a trip to the island after three months to collect the copra. The villagers' priority from selling copra is basic food therefore such item like bra is a least priority. Therefore the women and girls appreciated in deed the donation of bras from the Uplift Project (Australia) through Uplift Project (SI).



*Figure 8: Unloading of bras at the residence of cluster group member*

## **5. Laptops**

The two laptops were donated to Honiara City Council (HCC) Youth office. This office was established in June this year to engage youths around Honiara on various activities like crime prevention, alcohols, drugs, etc. The office is manned by a Director and youth leaders around the city. Upon receiving the laptops, the Director Ms Mary thanks the donors for the much needed IT equipment for the office saying Project Uplift is the first group to make a donation to the office. The laptops will assist the youths with their activities around the city especially with power point presentations.

The Honiara Youth Hub is a community recreational centre. This is a facility of the Honiara City Council, spearheaded by the Honiara City Council Youth Division, youth development officer, Ms Mary Jionisi-Tuhaika. Opening its doors in early 2015, the centre aims to offer a variety of programs for the local communities specifically programs and activities targeting Honiara's young people.

The hub's mission is to be a central meeting point for all community youth activities in the Honiara area, and to provide a supportive environment that enhances the social, emotional and cultural development of young people and the general community.

Ranging from sport related events to forums, to guitar classes, the centre will offer a variety of services for youth and community youth groups throughout the coming year. By working closely with the Honiara City Council, other local organizations and stakeholders, the centre will play host to festivals, forums, youth activities and fast forward education.

## **6. Donation items yet to distribute**

### **a) Kitchen Utensils**

I still have 20 cartons of utensils to distribute to a rural training centre in South Choiseul. The training centre was established in 1980 and is administered by United Church. It has a population of 2,000 students and does not receive grants from the government so depend on school fees to meet its daily operations. The school needs the utensils for its home economic classes. The Home Economics teacher sent an appeal letter to Uplift Project (SI) for assistance.

The items are not distributed yet due to absence of the school principal. He personally requested to receive the items so will hand over the utensils when he gets to Honiara.



*Figure 9: 20 cartons of utensils at my place*

## PROJECT UPLIFT REPORT FROM BRENDA KORONI

### DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR 2014 CONTAINERS

There were items on three containers unpacked in 2014 which were allocated to me and my cluster group and for which items were subsequently distributed to villages in Makira Island, at the villages indicated in the map below. Few of the items (books) were distributed to Falau School in Malaita Island and most items were distributed to flood victims at the Old Selwyn Village on Guadalcanal Island, a village affected by the flash floods.



**Fig.0.1: Indicate locations of recipient villages.**

Appreciation goes out to Osbert Lalahu from World Vision (SI) for linking us up with Old Selwyn Village where World Vision (SI) had well established links and ground works. Thank you World Vision (SI) for providing us with free transport, which we have used to transport the items and distribution team to the Old Selwyn Village. Old Selwyn Village was affected by the April Flash Floods and World Vision (SI) had been working with them over the months on their recovery process and Uplift Project assistance is timely as it helped them in the rehabilitation and recovery process. The chief of Old Selwyn Village on behalf of the villagers thank Uplift Project and said that these items will go a long way in the recovery and rebuilding of the lives of the flood victims. Thank iu tumas Uplift Project.

Recipient of 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> to last and the last containers' consignments allocated to me and my Cluster Group Members and distributed in Makira, Malaita and Guadalcanal Islands.

Nos.	Item Description	Quantity of PKGs	Village Names/Institutions	Population (Approx.)
<b>SECOND TO THE LAST CONTAINER</b>				
1	Blankets (Hospital/Flood)	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
2	Sally's Place (Chinese farmer bag	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
3	Baby Wraps + blankets	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
4	Baby Clothing	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
5	Baby Clothing + 1 year	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
6	Baby Clothing 00 006	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
7	Kids Clothing 1 +	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
8	Kids Clothing 1 +	2	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
9	Baby Clothing	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
10	Babies Clothing	1	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
11	Medical Texts	3	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
12	Books	4	Tawatana C.H.S	300
13	Tania Books	4	Tawatana C.H.S	300
14	Baby Mattresses	2	Kirakira Hospital	48,257 (Makira

				Prov. Population)
15	Mattresses (Big)	4	Kirakira Hospital	48,257 (Makira Prov. Population)
16	Used Bras	19	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
17	New Bras	17	Suguasi, Bagohane, Kaonasugu, Tawani, Aorigi Island, Tawaroga, Mami, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai, Hunama and etc.	2500
18	Wheel Chairs	4	Kirakira Hospital	48,257 (Makira Prov. Population)
<b>2014 Last Container (re-packaged for equal distribution so that items of different types and sizes could be shared equally to recipients).</b>				
Nos.	Item Description	Quantity of RE-PKGs	Village Names/Institutions	Population (Approx.)
1	Warm Clothes for elderlies	3	Waihaga Village	400
2	Children and kids clothes	15	Maniwiriwiri, Kirakira, Waihaga, Marapui, Anganiwai and Woua villages	1500
3	Primary/Secondary Schools	5	Falau School, Malaita Province	150
4	Bras, Adult Clothes, Kids and Children Clothes	6	Mami Village	1400
5	Bras		Parego, Marunga, Piruma and Apurahe Villages	1000
6	Flood Victims Items (Children, Kids Clothes, Adult and elderly clothes, bras, utensils (pots, containers, spoons, children feed bottles, plates,	110	Old Selwyn Village affected by flush floods.	700

Brenda Kairoqo Koroni Cluster Group members distribution in Makira Province.



Items for the Highlands of Central Makira.

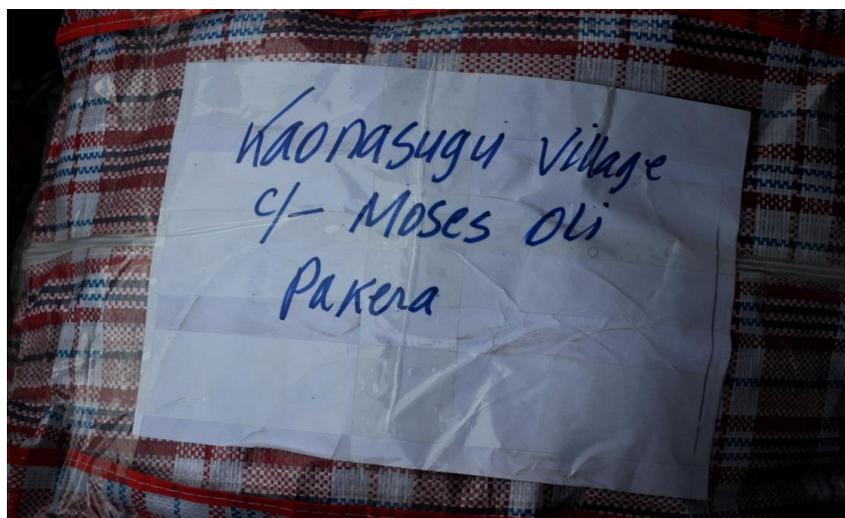


Items for Sugyasi Village.

Our Cluster Group member Agnes Peli helped in storage of items at her home in Kirakira, Makira Province before distribution to other places in Bauro Area of Makira Island.



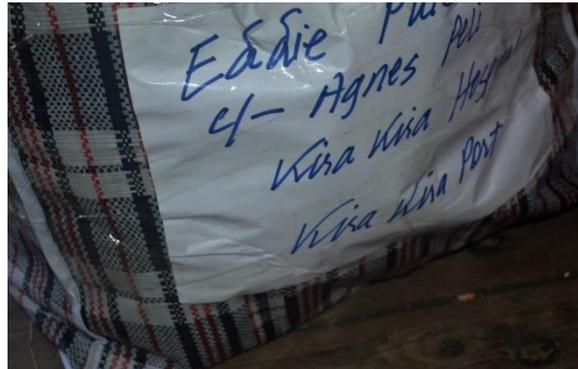
Our cluster group member Margaret Pinihi distributed items at Tawani Village.



Our cluster group member Moses Oli distributed items at Kaonasugu Village/Pakera.



Eddy Puteli- A member of our cluster group who distributed items in Central Makira Highland Villages.



Items for Central Makira Highland Villages



Chief Willie of Santa Catalina Island member of our cluster group who distributed items on Santa Catalina Island.



Items for Santa Catalina Island.

## OLD SELWYN

110 packages distributed at Old Selwyn College. The chief received the items on behalf of his people. Most of the villagers were out on the farms when we arrived to handover the items to the Village Chief.



110 packages distributed at Old Selwyn College.

We repackaged different colors and sizes of bras both new and old in one box. Recipients received equal number of bras and we created so many packages that we could distribute to many women who were happy -thank Uplift from the bottom of their hearts.

### Constraints

The following are what we considered as constraints to our work in distribution items to villages SI:

- ❖ Vulnerability of certain items to climate (weather) and condition of transportation in SI. We had all computers received by Campbell Community High School all 'dead'. We are not sure how this happened but we know they were sent working and unfortunately this meant they were of no use to the school. I think this should be considered for future transport of vulnerable goods to outer areas. Also with furniture for hospital .i.e. one chair handed over to Kirakira Hospital is unbalanced because one part (black plastic part) of the footing is missing (this may have happened in transit).

### The Goodies

We have distributed items to women of the Highlands of Central Makira; the most isolated place in the province, inaccessible by road. The women expressed that this is the first time such assistance reached up to them and they thanked Uplift project from the bottom of their hearts.

Recipients all expressed their appreciation and thank you to Uplift Project for having the heart to assist them with the items which recipients found difficult to afford. They give a big Thank you to Uplift Project.

**Brenda Kairoqo Koroni.** 11 December 2014.

**NOTE: See attached Spreadsheet for report from Decima Regatule**

**END OF REPORT**

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