

PROGRESS REPORT

Papua New Guinea—Pepik Model Community Water Project– Number 0990



CWA of Papua New Guinea – Jiwaka Branch, reports the following achievements as a result of the project:

1. Underground drilling done and water pumped out from the ground manually or by electronic water pump. Local youths were involved in this and learned plumbing skills as a result.
2. Tanks and other materials purchased and rainwater collected from the tanks.
3. Drilling water source from underground used by community and students for drinking, cooking and washing

Four specific groups benefited from the project – community women, children, students and teachers from the Kingku Technical College, community men and male trainers and visitors.

The project empowered women and

girls, as they no longer have to travel a long distance to fetch water, and they have water for their daily needs, and to feed their livestock, such as poultry.

The boarding and day students at the Technical College appreciate very much having their own water supply on the college campus.

There was a change in the implementation of the project, from the original plan. The group installed bow wells or tanks in each community instead of running poly pipes through, because the government had prohibited any development along the main government road due to ongoing road construction work.

The group believes that, due to the combination of drilled water and storage tanks, this project will be very sustainable, as long as the community appreciates and looks after the facilities.

World President, Ruth Shanks has monitored this project and declared herself to be 'very impressed'.

