

Light Up The World's Light Up Papua New Guinea Project Installation Update

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The Nichola Goddard Light Up Papua New Guinea Project began with the first of the lighting system installations in July 2008. Eight solar powered LED lighting systems were installed in various rural health centres around Kiriwina and other islands in the Milne Bay province in Papua New Guinea as part of the project launch.

Following the initial installations and testing of the solar system, much work was done to identify the most appropriate sources of equipment for the project, meet with potential stakeholders, such as leading health sector officials and NGO's working to improve the quality of health care in Papua New Guinea, to discuss and promote the project.

In addition, ten solar lighting systems were installed in an additional nine rural health centres (see list below) in the Eastern Highlands province of Papua New Guinea.

<u>Name of Facility</u>	<u>No. of Units Installed</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Province</u>
Watabung Health Centre	2	Daulo	Eastern Highlands
Ifiyufa Aid Post	1	Goroka	Eastern Highlands
Gorohanoto Day Clinic	1	Goroka	Eastern Highlands
Asaroka Aid Post	1	Daulo	Eastern Highlands
Konngi No.1 Day Clinic	1	Daulo	Eastern Highlands
Konngo No. 2 Day Clinic	1	Daulo	Eastern Highlands
Akameku Aid Post	1	Daulo	Eastern Highlands
Emagave Aid Post	1	Goroka	Eastern Highlands
Ufeto Aid Post	1	Goroka	Eastern Highlands

The Health Centre in Watabung, which recently received two solar lighting systems, is of particular interest. This facility is located along the main Highlands Highway. Although it is located right next to the main Papua New Guinea Power high voltage transmission line is not connected to the grid. The reason why the Health Centre has gone without electricity in spite of its location is partially due to cost as well as other more complicated factors. Prior to this project installed solar lights, babies were being delivered by candle light. With the new solar installation, the health workers say that they are now happy to see women anytime of the day or night.

Over the next seven months, LUTW is aiming to install an additional 98 LED lighting systems in rural aid posts, health centres and other rural health facilities as part of the Light Up Papua New Guinea Project. For this project to continue to have a positive impact on the lives of people living that rely on these health facilities in rural Papua New Guinea, Light Up The World needs your support. For more information on how to support the Light Up Papua New Guinea Project, please email info@lutw.org or call 403-266-5004.