
Oil Search gives to Operation Open Heart

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Oil Search has given a timely boost of K10,000.00 towards the 2017 Operation Open Heart Program which begins in Port Moresby this weekend.

The Operation Open Heart (OOH) Program is made possible by volunteers comprising of Cardiac Specialists, Heart Surgeons, Anaesthetists and special nurses who travel to PNG from Australia and Singapore to perform open heart surgery mainly on children and young adults.

Since 1993, OOH has changed the lives of over 1,000 young Papua New Guineans and benefited local Doctors and Nurses that have learnt and trained under the guidance of the volunteer medical teams.

Mr Gereia Aopi, CBE - Oil Search Executive General Manager for Stakeholder Engagement said Oil Search was more than pleased to support the Program which has benefited many of our people who otherwise would not be able to undertake this operation overseas.

“Oil Search began supporting Operation Open Heart in 2002 and it is very encouraging to hear that through this program, we have our first ever PNG Cardiac Specialist team who are already performing close heart surgery and are on the path to performing open heart surgery on young infants and young adults.

“It is great to be part of such a life changing program and we look forward to hearing more success stories,” said Mr Aopi.

Dr. David Mokela, Director of Medical Services at the Port Moresby General Hospital when accepting the donation said the Operation Open Heart Program continues to change lives and build the capacity of the local team as a result of the generous support given from such companies like Oil Search.

Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Dr Noah Tapaua was also on hand to receive the donation on behalf of the local Cardiac Specialist team.

“We are indeed grateful as the sponsorship from Oil Search will go towards building a stronger capacity within the local team so we can continue to help many of our people,” said Dr Tapaua.

Operation Open Heart Program 2017 will be held from 5 -13 August at the Port Moresby General Hospital.

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L-R: Port Moresby General Hospital's Dr. David Mokela, Director of Medical Services, Dr. Noah Tapaua, Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Dr Arvin Karu, Cardiothoracic Anaesthetist received a donation of K10,000.00 in support of the upcoming Operation Open Heart Program from Oil Search's Mr Gereia Aopi, CBE, Executive General Manager for Stakeholder Engagement today (Thursday, 3 August 2017).