
Oil Search rescues mother with twins in remote location

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A Purari woman has survived a difficult labour involving twins following an emergency rescue by Oil Search in the remote region.

The 26-year-old mother from Subu 1 village in the Gulf province had gone into labour in the bush before she could reach a health centre.

Little did she know one of her twins was lying in a transverse position that could prove fatal for her and the baby. After the woman successfully delivered the first baby, she went into obstructed labour which lasted for more than 5 hours.

Fearing for the worst, her relatives alerted Oil Search medical and community affairs (CA) staff at the Eastern Fold Belt (EFB) Staging Camp. A team comprising of two medical staff and a CA officer was immediately dispatched to the location where they set up intravenous fluid and helped to resuscitate the mother.

They then transported her in a basket stretcher with the help of Pacific Projects Logistics boat crew and onto an awaiting boat which took her up the Purari river reaching the EFB Seismic Clinic. There an awaiting helicopter took her to the Kapuna Rural Hospital 58km away for urgent medical assistance.

Two hours later, the woman delivered her second baby successfully.

Since commencing its seismic project in December 2017, Oil Search has conducted 95 mobile health clinics into very remote villages reaching over 2300 patients.

Patients found to have serious illnesses are referred to hospitals for further management. Apart from assisting with emergency medevacs such as childbirth and life-threatening traumatic injuries, three snake bite (deadly Death Adder) victims were treated at the Oil Search clinic with snake antivenom.

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Photos



The woman being carried on the basket stretcher



From the boat, the woman is lifted on to the staging area where a helicopter awaits her



The woman (on the basket stretcher) being assisted on to the helicopter for emergency evacuation to Kapuna hospital