



# EH Provincial Health Authority Monthly Newsletter

Issue 128 | August 2023 | "HEALTH IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS LETS BUILD A HEALTHIER EHP"



The Christian Blind Mission (CBM) New Zealand team, the One-Sight Essilor Luxitoca Foundation Australia representative Mr. Wayne Tennet, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Joseph Apa and the SEM team of the Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority (EHPHA) during the signing of the partnership agreement in Goroka recently.

## Centre of excellence for eye care services is set for EHP and PNG

**An agreement that was signed recently between the Christian Blind Mission (CBM) New Zealand, the One-Sight Essilor Foundation Australia and the Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority (EHPHA) paved the way to further strengthen working partnership to establish the center of excellence for eye care services in the Eastern Highlands.**

The services will also be extended to eye patients from around the country that are referred to the eye care center that will be in operation at the Goroka Provincial Hospital Eye Unit in the coming months.

Acting CBM Country Director Ms. Diana Ureta and international programs director Ms. Linabel Hadlee along with the operations coordinator Mr. Allan Palili CBM PNG and Mr.

Wayne Tennet who is the foundation representative of the One-Sight Essilor Foundation Australia were part of the signing to extend the partnership and work together to provide and deliver eye care services to the people of Eastern Highlands and PNG.

"We have held talks and discussions and the outcome of the process has taken us close to one year to forge this partnership", Ms. Hadlee said.

She was overjoyed to have participated with the team and the additional partners to improve and further extend, and bring the eye care services to the next level. And by working together in partnership, the center of excellence for eye care services can be delivered and bring

greater impact on people's lives.

Ms. Ureta said the Goroka Provincial Hospital has the best eye unit and stressed that strengthening the partnership is important for the people.

Chief Executive Officer of the EHPHA Dr. Joseph Apa in his remarks said, he is overwhelmed with the partnership and added that the eye unit will operate sustainably going forward.

The CBM team also visited the Evangelical Brotherhood Church (EBC) run Rural Health Post at Kompri in the Henganofi district, the Kainantu Rural Hospital, the Punano Health Post in the Agarabi LLG also in the Kainantu district, and the EBC Rural Hospital at Kassam in the Obura/Wonenara district.



## St Johns moves in to Unggai/Bena district

The local MP and Member for Unggai/Bena Hon: Kinoka Feo and his District Development Authority (DDA) team has for the first time after so many years brought in the St Johns Ambulance Services that will serve not only the people of his electorate, but the other seven districts of the province as well. This was made known to the Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority (EHPHA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Joseph Apa and his management team recently in Goroka. The Unggai/Bena DDA also handed over a dummy cheque of close to K3million kina for the purpose of the establishment and operation of St John's Ambulance Services in the Unggai/Bena district.