

## **Papua New Guinea Earthquake-Related Media Monitoring Log**

### **Communicating with Communities Working Group**

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Channel</b>	<b>Standardized Complaint Priority<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>When was this captured?</b>	<b>What location is it regarding?</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>What media channel was captured?</b>	
27/06/18		Relief supplies moved after break-in  [Refer to article 1]	<i>The National newspaper</i> The remaining relief supplies for disaster affected areas in Southern Highlands has been moved to a new warehouse in the outskirts of Mendi town after the previous warehouses were broken into.	3
30/06/18		42,000 vaccines destroyed in Mendi	<i>PNG Loop [website]</i> The mayhem of June 14 <sup>th</sup> in Mendi also saw 42, 000 vaccines meant for children under 5 years old destroyed when the Dash 8 aircraft was set alight at the Mendi airport.	2

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<sup>1</sup> 1- *Immediate Response* - Applies for all violence related and protection cases and issues including sexual harassment, exploitation, child abuse, and security issues.

2- *Urgent Response* - Applies for all corruption cases and cases not receiving assistance and issues including Fraud, bribes, and selling food assistance.

3- *Ordinary Response* - Applies for all other complaints and inquiries.

			<a href="http://www.looppng.com/png-news/42000-vaccines-destroyed-mendi-77827">http://www.looppng.com/png-news/42000-vaccines-destroyed-mendi-77827</a>	
02/07/18		Disaster Restoration Team received K70m: Hamblin	<i>PNG Loop [website]</i> K70 million has been received so far by the Emergency Disaster Restoration Team for the earthquake stricken provinces, says Emergency Controller, Dr Bill Hamblin.  <a href="http://www.looppng.com/png-news/disaster-restoration-team-received-k70m-hamblin-77879">http://www.looppng.com/png-news/disaster-restoration-team-received-k70m-hamblin-77879</a>	3
02/07/18	Australia	Earthquake detection center upgraded	<i>PNG Industry News [website]</i> Australia's upgraded earthquake detection and analysis centre was opened in Canberra last week by Northern Australia Minister Matt Canavan. <a href="https://www.pngindustrynews.net/community/news/1341545/earthquake-detection-centre-upgraded">https://www.pngindustrynews.net/community/news/1341545/earthquake-detection-centre-upgraded</a>	3
02/07/18		Money for trucks and still no medical supplies	<i>Post to the PNG News Page on Facebook</i> The country's emergency controller has returned from a trip to Tari where an x-ray machine and five new police land cruisers were presented to the province.  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/pngnewspage/permalink/1852137058157834/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/pngnewspage/permalink/1852137058157834/</a>	3
02/07/18		People affected by the earthquake are still in need of help.	<i>Post to the PNG Anti-Corruption Movement page on Facebook</i> Paul Poka expresses concern about a woman who is paraplegic after being hit on the back by a falling tree branch, who is still awaiting help.	3

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04/07/18	Southern Highlands Province (SHP)	Childhood vaccines destroyed in aircraft fire [Refer to article 2]	<i>The National newspaper</i> The aircraft burnt at the Mendi airport last month was carrying 13, 200 doses of vaccines and 12,000 syringes for the childhood vaccination programme, says Emergency Controller Dr Bill Hamblin.	1, 2
04/07/18		K70m for relief, recovery efforts [Refer to article 3]	<i>The National newspaper</i> Emergency Controller Dr Bill Hamblin says his office has so far received K70 million for earthquake relief and recovery	3
04/07/18		Quake relief payment questioned [Refer to article 4]	<i>The National newspaper</i> Contractors involved in the Southern Highlands earthquake relief work are not happy with the emergency controller's office for allocating only K1 million out of their estimated K4 million bill.	3
04/07/18		Korea donates relief supplies to earthquake victims [Refer to article 5]	<i>The National newspaper</i> Emergency Controller Dr Bill Hamblin said some of the tanks donated by Korea would be brought to Southern Highlands to replace others that were vandalized and stolen by people during the troubles in Mendi last month.	3

## 1. The National, Page 14 – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

# Relief supplies moved after break-in

By PETER WARI

THE remaining relief supplies for disaster affected areas in Southern Highlands has been moved to a new warehouse in the outskirts of Mendi town after the previous warehouses were broken into.

During the troubles in Mendi which resulted in the burning of an aircraft, the governor's residence and the courthouse a week ago, un-

disclosed amount of relief supplies stored at two warehouses in town were ransacked in the night.

Deputy administrator Fiebig Kilip said the relief supplies have been moved to Oiyarep village, in the Imbonggu district, where they were safe and secure.

"Provincial disaster emergency adviser Benson Iabo and public servants who have been working in the disaster command centre will

continue to support the operation and management of the disaster as it winds down from the relief aid phase," he said.

"Continuous communication and coordination from the emergency controller with the provincial administration must continue as we move closer to the restoration and reconstruction phase."

Kilip, a member of the provincial disaster and emergency commit-

tee, said despite the mayhem and destruction of several government services, public servants would stand united to ensure the disaster work continues.

He said five sawmills have been received from the controller's office for the reconstruction phase.

"Trainings will be organised for locals and timbers will be milled to assist schools and other institutions rebuild their infrastructures dam-

aged in the Feb 26 earthquake. The milling of timbers will be done in all districts in the province," Kilip said.

The warehouses were broken into by people taking advantage of the situation in town.

The relief supplies were for villages affected by the earthquake in the Bosave and Kutubu local level government area in the Nipa-Kutubu electorate.

## 2. The National, Page 3 –Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Childhood vaccines destroyed in aircraft fire

THE aircraft burnt at the Mendi airport last month was carrying 13,200 doses of vaccines and 12,000 syringes for the childhood vaccination programme, says Emergency Controller Dr Bill Hamblin.

The United Nations Children Fund (Unicef) is currently trying to have the replacements brought from overseas as they are not available here.

The vaccines and syringes were procured by Unicef through Government funding and were being transported through Mendi to Hela for the immunisation programme.

"I want the people involved in destroying these vital relief supplies and warehouses arrested, charged and face the full force of the law. They cannot go unpunished," he said.

Hamblin said the 13,200 doses of vaccines and 12,000 syringes were still inside the plane when it was set on fire.

"People involved in those acts do not belong in society," he said.

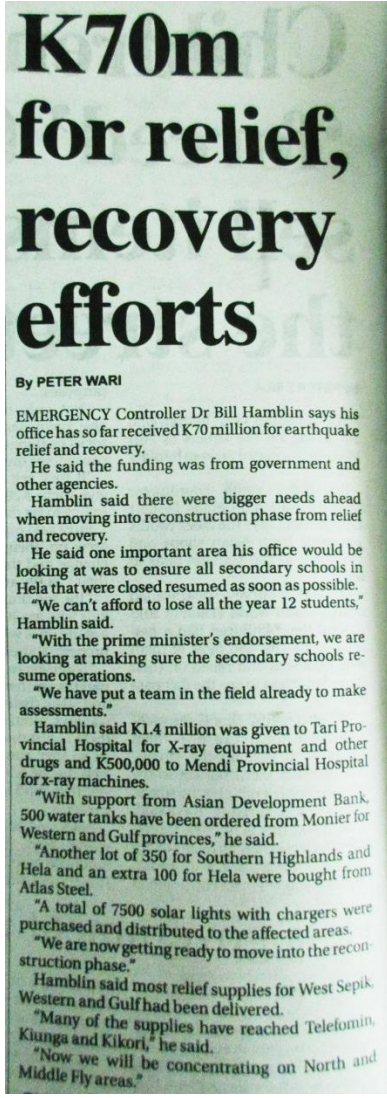
"They need to be locked behind bars.

"I hope some of them will be arrested soon in the state of emergency call-out operations," he said.

Hamblin said people were still affected and needed help.

"The Government, partners and countries around the region supported us and we are really thankful and without them many people would have died," he said.

### 3. The National, Page 8 –Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018



# Quake relief payment questioned

CONTRACTORS involved in the Southern Highlands earthquake relief work are not happy with the emergency controller's office for allocating only K1 million out of their estimated K4 million bill.

The disgruntled service providers fronted the provincial disaster command centre in Mendi on Friday demanding to know why they were being underpaid.

Southern Highlands disaster coordinator Peter Wari was not aware

of the K1 million funding.

Wari told *The National* that when the province was moving into the reconstruction phase, he should be made aware and the service providers should be properly paid.

"They will be the ones to continue to provide the services in the future. Now most of them are underpaid while others missed out and the provincial disaster office is getting the blame," Wari said.

"I believe the service providers were also misled as no proper

consultation were done prior to the payment. The K1 million is the first funding received since the 7.5 magnitude earthquake that struck the highlands provinces."

Emergency controller Dr Bill Hamblin said some of the service providers were contracted prior to the emergency, some were contracted after emergency not through his office but through the provincial disaster office and others who do not have the authority to actually commit those funds.

"I have released some funds to the provincial governments earlier to pay off some of those outstanding bills. But there are some invoices which we are inquiring," he said.

"I have got invoices and everyone that is legitimate, I have paid them. I want invoices to come to my office progressively and not for March to be getting them in June."

Aaron Dou, a casual supervisor of one of the four warehouse that stored the relief supplies which were broken into during the recent

troubles in Mendi town, said that although he and his boys were also affected by the disaster, they stood with the disaster coordination team to help others.

"The release of only K1 million is a slap on the face," he said.

"We should be appreciated for the services provided for the past four months. Our food gardens, homes and properties were destroyed too just like the others but we provided a vital service that be appreciated by paying them their full bills."

## 5. The National, Page 17 –Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Korea donates relief supplies to earthquake victims

THE Embassy of Korea presented disaster relief supplies worth US\$200,000 (K652,977) on Friday in Port Moresby to the Southern Highlands earthquake relief coordinator.

Ambassador Kang Kym-gu said the people of Korea understood how the affected people from the highlands region were struggling and have donated the relief aid to help them.

The presentation was witnessed by emergency controller Dr Bill Hamblin, Southern Highlands deputy administrator Fiebig Killip and PNG Defence Force officials.

The relief supplies presented includes food items, water tanks and water purifier.

Hamblin said some of the water tanks would be brought to Southern Highlands to replace others that were vandalised and stolen by people during the troubles in Mendi last month.

Hamblin said the help was appreciated as the warehouses that stored the supplies were broken into and most supplies stolen.

"I am looking forward to the arrest of those people and they should face the full force of the law," Hamblin said. "We have most of our poor people in the rural areas such as Mt Bosave and Kutubu suffering and the ill-minded people stormed the warehouse."

He said because of the supplies that were destroyed, it affected the relief effort phase as they need to replace those supplies.

He said the emergency controller in charge of earthquake relief was still in charge of the relief supplies in Southern Highlands and would be working closely with the provincial disaster coordination team and others.

"We are doing all we can to make sure our people affected receive relief supplies to help them restart their destroyed lives," he said.

Killip said the remaining relief aid supplies have been relocated to a new warehouse in the outskirts of Mendi town.

He said undisclosed amounts of relief supplies stored at two warehouses in Mendi were ransacked in the night of the Mendi incident.

He said the relief supplies (both food and material) have been moved to Otiyarep village in the Imbonggu district.