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**Creating Effective Partnerships for
Meaningful Community Participation in
Service Delivery - the Rural Airstrip Agency
Experience**

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Background



- * Concept initiated at the CIMC Rural Development Forum – March 2013
- * Not for Profit Company Established by MAF 
- * NEC Decision 326/2013 endorsing the establishment of RAA – September 2014
- * MOA signed with the PNG Government – October 2013
- * First instalment of Funding received – January 2014



Role



- * Partner with communities and all levels of Government
- * Maintain and Restore Rural Airstrips throughout PNG effectively and efficiently
- * Improve Aviation Safety for operations into Rural Airstrips
- * Facilitate access for rural communities to essential services
- * Assist in the development of rural communities
- * Contribute to the improvement of Aviation Service delivery
- * Meet requirements of Government Policy Frameworks





Government Policy Alignment



Meet requirements of Government Policy Frameworks

- * Private Public Partnership
- * National Transport Strategy
- * Alotau Accord
- * Development of Rural Communities
- * Medium Term Development Plan
- * Vision 2050



Method



Maintenance Program Method

Community Consultation and Agreement signing at Hesalibi



Volunteers at Honinabi



Provision of equipment and Continuous monitoring and supervision



Volunteers provide daily reports of the airstrip



Training to Mougulu volunteers on how to use the lawn mowers.



Restoration Program Method



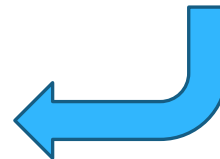
Surveying & Scoping



Restoration work



Added to the
Maintenance Program





Community Participation



- * Ownership through MOU
- * Provision of labour for maintenance and restoration
- * Facilitate and benefit from improved service delivery
- * Improve the communities health, education, community development and access to markets for cash crops





Achievements



- * 35 airstrips on the program
- * 20 more to be added soon
- * Assisting Provincial Governments and LLG's in implementation of Airstrip maintenance
- * Community partnerships and ownership of airstrip maintenance





Funding



- * K6 million Budget allocation for 2013 (K3.8 received)
- * K5.9 Budget allocation for 2015
- * Provincial & District Funding
- * Donor Funding





Program Sustainability



- * Continued Government Support
- * Provincial Infrastructure Grants
- * District Support Improvement Program (DSIP)
- * On going RAA supervision
- * Increased community involvement





Issues of Service Delivery



- * Poorly maintained airstrips
- * Low number of operators
- * Shortage of experienced pilots
- * High operating costs
- * Few Operator incentives
- * Profitability
- * Need for Government subsidy





Thank You!!