



## CHESHIRE THANKS BSP FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE UPGRADE OF TWO STORAGE CONTAINERS



“For some years, we have struggled with inadequate storage facilities which have exposed some of our donated materials especially food, non-food items and stationeries to unfriendly weather conditions and safety issues, resulting in losses and damages by rodents and dumpiness,” said the General Manager Benard Ayieko. “On behalf of the Cheshire Board, Staff and our service users, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Bank South Pacific Ltd (BSP) and especially the management of BSP-Gordon branch for the implementation of the project which sees the improved face lift of our two storage containers,” he says.

“In October 2016, Cheshire made a submission towards renovation and expansion of an Inclusive Early Childhood Care Education (IECCE) classroom which was approved at the cost of K25, 000 by the BSP Marketing Sponsorships. Efforts to obtain an approval from the building board proved futile despite several attempts for the project which needed to be completed in 4 weeks.

“Cheshire then placed the equally needed priority for the upgrade and maintenance of the two storage containers. The storage containers were donated back then by Susan and Eric Chang and the Lions Club.

“With the funding from BSP, five volunteers, including parents and

family members of children with disabilities were provided with transport and lunch to undertake the job under the supervision of Cheshire’s Maintenance Officer Lindsay Ieviri, supported by his team.

“The job was completed within 4 weeks and on this day, we are proud to receive the newly renovated (x2) containers.

“From the two containers, the big one will serve the Administration, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and Physiotherapy clinic storage needs, while the smaller container (10x 10”) will serve the Inclusive School storage needs.

“With the improved storage facilities, there will be better security, improved safety and accountability for the assorted goods, food and non-food items that we receive from donations, time to time,” Mr. Ayieko concluded.

The upgrade and maintenance was completed last week of August, and was officially handed over by the BSP Sponsorships together with the Gordon branch team on Wednesday, August 30th, 2017.

NCD Area Manager Maureen Wanu says BSP is the leading bank in the South Pacific, and always takes pride in its Community Projects because that is one way it supports the communities achieve their dreams. “We’d like to see that Cheshire also takes pride in this project and will take care of it in the years that come,” Mrs. Wanu said.

“We are glad to present the certificate of appreciation to BSP and their Gordon branch for the valuable contribution to Cheshire.” - Benard Ayieko.



Left: Maureen Wanu – NCD Area Manager  
Right: Benard Ayieko Cheshire General Manager.



Benard and Maureen join hands in cutting the ribbon, officially opening the newly renovated containers, while staff of BSP and Cheshire happily look on.



Benard also acknowledged the leadership of parent (Left) Leo La'a in this project, with great skills in construction works. Him and his wife are standing with their daughter Jade who has improved greatly in her rehabilitation program and is now enrolled in the IECCE class at Cheshire.