

Cheshire disAbility Services

SPECIAL FEATURE

TUBU OPENING OF THE NEW DIGICEL (PNG) FOUNDATION FUNDED CLASSROOM

26 August 2017



TUBU SCHOOL OPENS ITS NEW DOUBLE



basic essentials. This situation has af-

fected progress to the community and to

some extent left them disadvantaged in

confident to challenge areas of concern

On the 26th of August 2017, the com-

hands in opening a new low-cost double

Foundation and built by villagers, volun-

Digicel (PNG) Foundation Chief Exec-

utive Officer Beatrice Mahuru and her

classroom. She appealed to the parents

team officiated the opening of the

to encourage their children to go to

classroom for elementary and primary

students, funded by Digicel (PNG)

munity, together with Cheshire and

other development partners joined

not knowing the difference and not

that affect the community."

teers and friends.

Showing a few photographs captured....









Jayleen Morris, CEO Beatrice Mahuru, Central Governor Robert Agarobe and





Digicel (PNG) Foundation Board Member

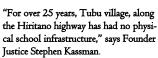


The new accessible classroom-picture



Top: Students from the Tubu school join hands in to cutting the cake. Bottom: the locals in their traditional face paintings.

ACCESSIBLE CLASSROM



"Many children who are now 25 years old and who did not have the opportunity to access education elsewhere, missed out on education, and therefore, not likely to be in a position to make a meaningful living and contribute to PNG's development.

"Firstly, With the help of Cheshire disAbility Services (CdS), the community developed a strategic plan that calls for increased government contribution, and the community's participation to bring such services to the people. "The plan, aligned to PNG Government Development Strategic Plans, and

emphasising on what the community's most felt needs are, provides for the need and required interventions for greater access to Inclusive Education, Health and Rehabilitation, Clean Water and Sanitation, improved Law and Order, Food Security and Livelihoods. "Second is the opening of a new lowcost Double Classroom for elementary and primary levels which have been put up by the community members themselves, with support from volunteers, friends and partners. "A respected community member, who never went through formal education was touched by the aggravating situation.

"John Alua Dea, offered his land at no cost, signing his land use agreement on 16th of September 2013, to put up a school infrastructure which has seen

signing his land use agreement on 16th September 2013 to put up a school infrastructure which has seen the tw low-cost double classrooms done by the community members," says Founder Stephen Kassman.



Digicel Foundation (DF) Board Member Jayleen Morri Degree Tournation (or) count materials a specific man in Carlot (or) count in the ribbon top open the new classroom as DF CEO Beatrice Mahuru, Central Province Governor Robert Agarobe and Justice Kassman look on.

the two low-cost double classrooms done by the community members.' An active community member, Margaret Kassman also shared her experience. She said that there was no school for over 20 years. "Until 2014, when we mobilised our community and started this project, there was no school" she said. "My village Tubu has missed out on two decades of potential students who would have by now had the capacity to lead, develop, and add to further growth in the community," she said. "Our people have missed out on their right to education and have solely

school. "As parents we should always support and encourage our children to go to school. And as children you must always make it your priority to get enough knowledge from your teachers," she said. "We hope that this classroom will go a long way in helping our children. We also ask that you look after this facility so we can come back later in future to build another one," she concluded. Cheshire General Manager Benard Ayieko thanked the Tubu Community, Development partners and Cheshire staff for their hard work in achieving another great milestone.

PICTORIAL OF THE MEET AND GREET







Cheshire staff on arrival.



n Alua Dea (left) with Govern



Digicel (PNG) Foundation CEO atrice Mahuru greeting each oth



Founder Justice Stephen Kassman (left) receiving UN Resident Coordinator Roy receiving UN Re



(L-R): Cheshire Programs Officer Joyce Koupere , Unicef PNG Chief of Education



Roy Trivedy having a chit-chat with Governor Robert Agarobe (L) and Michael Koupere (R).

