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National Heart Foundation donates almost K70,000 to children with heart disease at the Mt Hagen Hospital



Picture Caption: R-L, Acting CEO of the WHPHA, Jane Holden, receives a donation of K69,661.89 from the National Heart Foundation's Patron, Archbishop Douglas Young, and life member David Guinn at Mt. Hagen Hospital recently.

The National Heart Foundation (NHF) has generously donated K69,661.89 to support children battling heart problems at the Mt Hagen Hospital yesterday, Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Unfortunately, this donation marks the foundation's last contribution, as it has decided to close its operations. Thus, the NHF plans to use the remaining funds to support the Loo Pok Clinic in an effort to reduce the number of patients, particularly children suffering from heart diseases.

The event took place at the Loo Pok Clinic, attended by Senior Hospital Management, His Excellency Most Reverend Archbishop Douglas Young—who is also the Patron of the foundation, David Guinn, a

Life Member and former Board Chairman of the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority, and Nakita Wak, a representative of the late Regina Graham, former executive officer of the foundation.

Archbishop Young noted that the foundation has undergone many transitions and, due to a decline in membership, which now includes only him and Mr. Guinn, they have made the decision to close the foundation and allocate the remaining funds to the cardiac ward.

Mr. Guinn, who mentioned that the association was established in 1991, expressed his satisfaction with being able to assist the Loo Pok Clinic over the years and positively impact the lives of children.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Guinn thanked all members who have contributed in various capacities over the years to help improve and save the lives of children with heart problems in Papua New Guinea.

WHPHA Acting Chief Executive Officer Jane Holden expressed her gratitude for the foundation's generosity and its ongoing support for improving the lives of children with cardiac issues. She emphasized that this final contribution comes at a crucial time to help give these children a second chance at life. Ends//