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Children love to read - please help give them an opportunity to do so.

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*"Papua New Guinea is fighting an uphill battle against illiteracy and this battle cannot be won without libraries and books."*

*"Over the last 32 years we have not seen any real investment in the development of libraries in Papua New Guinea. If this trend continues we will pay a heavy price for it in the future."*

Oseah Philemon, Editor of 'The Post Courier'

The United Nation's General Assembly proclaimed 2003 - 2012 as the UN Literacy Decade: Education for All. It reaffirmed that literacy was the heart of basic education for all, and that creating literate environments was essential to eradicating poverty, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development.

*"..if most of our people have literacy skills, and have access to information sources, we will be able to survive and prosper in the information age."*

*"Illiteracy is everybody's concern, and there is an urgent need now for all sectors in government and society, that eradication of illiteracy be one of our national development priorities."*

Sir Paulias Matane, Governor General, PNG  
(quoted in 'The Post Courier')



## Buk bilong Pikinini



## Donation

### Aim

Buk bilong Pikinini is an independent charity based in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea which aims to foster children's enjoyment of books. In PNG there are few functioning libraries outside the school system and most children do not have access to books at all.

The purpose of **Buk bilong Pikinini** is to focus on early learning (as a key to literacy) through the creation of small libraries in children's hospitals, orphanages, clinics and later in settlements and village schools. We collect books and seek to obtain funding for our libraries through various channels: fundraising functions, contacting children's book publishers and authors as well as through corporate sponsorships.

An important factor in sustaining Buk bilong Pikinini libraries is the employment of a teacher-librarian to mind and secure the books, but also to fulfill the intention of this charity, which is namely to introduce the children to books and to read to them.

Our main ongoing expenses are shipping of books from Australia, salary and administration costs.



The first Buk bilong Pikinini library at the Port Moresby General Hospital was opened on the 16th April 2008 in the children's tuberculosis, HIV & malnutrition ward.



Our Buk bilong Pikinini teacher is employed to read to the children daily, do craft activities and teach basic literacy and numeracy skills.

Please donate some pre-loved gently-used children's books.

Or

Please make a cash donation for shipping of collected books from Australia and other library installation costs.

Some examples of Buk bilong Pikinini's costs are listed below:

30 boxes shipped by sea from Australia costs between \$300– 400 AUD.

One metal bookcase for 300 books costs \$350 AUD.

One custom-made toy box costs \$200 AUD.

Librarian's desk and chair and 10 children's chairs for one library costs \$450 AUD.

One month's salary for the teacher-librarian costs \$500 AUD.



Some of the children with tuberculosis spend more than 2 months at the Port Moresby General Hospital.