

1. Name of Organization

Kumura Foundation Inc.

2. Date of Establishment

24th of October, 2016

**3. Registration**

Registered with the PNG Institute of Public Administration (IPA) as a non-profit community-based organization focusing on community services. Registration Number: 5-103580.

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Note: The foundation's area of work is Bundi, Madang Province. Hence, the physical location of the office is at Snow Pass, Bundi. We therefore prefer e-mail and phone correspondences.

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6. Vision

Creating a better, violent-free and progressive Bundi where the next generation will value themselves and their land and contribute meaningfully towards the development of Bundi.

7. Mission

A local community-based organization working towards peace, unity, social and economic empowerment of the people of Bundi through healthcare and educational support, community services, sustainable eco-tourism, advocacy and trainings, and environmental protection and conservation.

8. Shared Value

"Everyone should be Given a Fair Chance in Life"

9. Objectives

- 1) To provide access to basic health care services for the marginalized locals and advocate lifestyle programs focusing on hygiene and preventive measures.
 - 2) To provide educational materials, support and scholarships to enhance the knowledge-base and learning for children in the zone 4 remote schools of Bundi.
 - 3) To host community services and run advocacy and training programs for self-help projects for youths and women of rural Bundi for socio-economic empowerment.
 - 4) To develop sustainable eco-tourism products and services that directly involves the locals as a means to increase household income and reduce poverty and violence.
 - 5) To advocate environmental conservation projects for the locals where the locals can directly participate to conserve the rare bio-diversity around them and help mitigate the effects on climate change.
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10. Brief Background

Usino-Bundi is the largest, geographically challenging and one of the least developed districts in Madang Province of Papua New Guinea. Majority of the population still live in rural villages and many have not seen any form of basic government services delivered to their villages since independence in 1975.

Today, women and children's health, bad economy, poor road infrastructure, struggling schools, law and order issues, violence and many other trivial concerns continue to plight the communities of Bundi whilst majority of the people still remain below the poverty level and are illiterate.

Since December of 2013, Vincent Kumura, a local from Bundi with a dual MBA from California, U.S started embarking on community impact projects to help improve the livelihood of his poor and disadvantage people of Bundi in the areas of healthcare, education, sustainable eco-tourism and community services in rural villages. Since then, Vincent's work has impacted over 6, 000 rural lives in Usino-Bundi and Gama of Madang Province as far as the border regions of Asaro, Simbu and Jimi.

On April 15, 2016, Vincent was the recipient of the Digicel PNG Foundation Men of Honour Community Ingenuity Award for his community efforts in saving a poor and disadvantaged generation. On October 24, 2016, Kumura Foundation was registered and on February 18, 2017, it was formally launched at Snow Pass, Bundi to continue Vincent's noble initiatives.

11. Experiences/Key Achievements**1. Education**

- a) Partnered with Ramu Community Resource Centre Association (RCRCA) and donated more than 8, 000 library books to 8 rural schools of Bundi (secondary, primary and elementary schools).
 - b) Partnered with Sir. Brian Bell Foundation and have donated over K25, 000 worth of assets (gen sets, lights, cords, plasma TV screens, DVD decks, educational DVDs, etc.) to 4 rural schools of Bundi.
 - c) Our foundation trek team raised over K20, 000 for scholarships and have awarded over 35 students in secondary and primary schools of Bundi since 2017.
 - d) Applied to Digicel PNG Foundation to build the Snow Pass Primary School library, the only such fully dedicated primary school library building in Bundi. Completed in 2016, the library is currently in use.
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e) Worked with individual donors from U.S. and donated second hand bales, solar lights, and school materials to 6 primary and elementary schools of Bundi.

2. Healthcare

(a) Built Snow Pass Medical Dispensary in 2015 that is currently serving more than 6,000 population of rural Upper Bundi. Total patients served to date through rural outreach and medical patrols is over 4,000.

(b) Organized in 2013 and 2017 for U.S. and Australia based medical doctors to partner with our local doctors from the Kundiawa General Hospital in our rural medical outreach programs and donated more than 160kg worth of medical supplies to the rural Bundi Health Centre.

(c) Worked with the Callan Disabled Services in Migende, Simbu and donated 2 wheel chairs to cerebral palsy child patients of Yandera, Bundi including sending a 5 year old osteomyelitis child to Kundiawa General Hospital for a successful operation in 2017.

(d) Engaged the Kundiawa General Hospital (KGH) Rural Outreach Program medical team to Bundi in 2016. Over 1,400 patients were seen. 600 were treated: 32 surgeries, 29 dental, 32 eye, 12 bone, 43 referrals to KGH, 5 patients were medivaced to KGH and the rest was general treatment (STIs, malaria, etc.)

(e) Partnered with Fred Hollows Foundation and Marie Stopes PNG in Madang and conducted two major rural outreach programs in Bundi specialising in eye care and family planning in 2017 and 2018. 300 eye glasses were issued and 102 eyes are scheduled for surgery (yet to confirm time) and 450 clients for family planning were seen. Many underwent family planning procedures.

(f) Partnered with the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute of the University of Irvine California and the University Synagogue of Irvine, California and secured more than 2,000 eye classes for eye patients. Of these, 600 were already issued to eye patients of Bundi.

(g) Partnered with the Simbu Children Foundation (SCF) and the Kundiawa General Hospital for our referral and emergency patients of Upper Bundi and our children with cardiac problems.

3. Sustainable Eco-tourism

(a) Built the Snow Pass Eco-lodge at Snow Pass Bundi. Since 2014, 29 international tourists, dozens of local groups and individuals have visited. This is the only eco-lodge and first in Bundi that truly champions the concept of eco-friendly environment and conservation. The project brought over K25, 000 for the locals.

(b) Successfully hosted 2 big Bundi Culture and Floriculture Shows (2017 & 2018), 1 Bundi Komba Festival (April, 2019) and a mini culture show at Snow Pass (2017). In total, these events have generated over K60, 000 for the locals. PNGTPA recognizes our effort and funded K30, 000 for the recent Bundi Komba Festival, which is the first in PNG to kick start the Festival Calendar of PNG.

(c) Organized, mobilized and funded 32 agile men from Kongi, Asaro and Pomie, Bundi to build the 20km Tawai Trek (eastern end of the Bismarck Range) from Bundi to Asaro in June, 2016. The trek is now being used by both the Asaros and Bundis crossing into Madang and Eastern Highlands.

(d) Participated and exhibited our tourism products (lodge, culture groups and floriculture) at the Divine Word University's Liklik Diwai Tourism Expo since 2016. The Director of the foundation was also the keynote speaker and a guest speaker at the DWU Tourism Expos since 2016.

(e) The Director of the foundation was one of the first cohorts of the prestigious U.S State Department Funded “Pacific Islands Tourism Professional Fellows Exchange Program” at Honolulu, Hawaii in 2018. We were also invited at the 2018 “Lukim PNG Nau” Tourism Expo in Kokopo, ENBP, but we never made it due to financial constraints.

(g) Since 2015, the foundation trek team collects plastics and cans (rubbish) on treks all over Bundi and dispose them off in proper places. The team treks every year in PNG to raise funds to provide scholarships for our children in Bundi. Our current project includes mobilizing the Gegru Tribe of Bundi to build a foot trek up to the summit of Mt. Wilhelm from Bundi for eco-tourism and conservation reasons.

(h) We were invited by the UNDP for the “Mountain Community Dialogue” at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby in 2017 facilitated by the Binatang Research Group. We were also invited by CEPA to successfully participate at the “Highlands Regional Bio-diversity Workshop” at Migende, Simbu in 2018.

(i) We were also being engaged by the then Minister for Arts, Culture and Tourism Hon. Tobias Kulang, MP to draft the first ever Mt. Wilhelm National Park Development and Management Plan, which was launched in September, 2016 at Kegesuglo, Gembogl. The document heavily focuses on conservation.

4. Community Services

a) Partnered with Simbu Adventist Students Association (SASA) and delivered 6 major community impact projects at rural Bundi Station, Madang Province in December, 2013. Of these, the water supply we built currently supplies water to over 800 people there and the renovation of the big gymnasium currently hosts many major events such as community sports, shows and school graduations.

b) Hosted the biggest “Building a Better, Violent Free and Progressive Bundi Tomorrow” workshop in 2016 that attracted 2,400 people from the district. Specialist medical doctors were invited and the local youths destroyed all the apparatus for cooking steam (home brewed alcohol).

c) Hosted the first ever “Women’s Advocacy Workshop” at Bundi Station in October, 2017. 145 women attended and were empowered with many basic skills to help improve their livelihood in their communities. The 6 facilitators from diverse backgrounds includes a Soroptimist International rep from Ramu Sugar.

d) Training 300 women of Usino-Bundi, Simbu and Asaro floriculture, interior and stage decoration skills. This has completely revolutionise the face of their homes, churches, groups, offices and management workplaces. Some are currently exhibiting in Madang, Ramu Sugar and other places to earn a living. The women also exhibited at the Madang Governor’s Office and the DWU’s Tourism Expo in 2018.

e) Hosted the first ever “Male Advocacy Workshop” at Yandera, Bundi in 2018 addressing issues that affects our youths and negatively hinder progress in our rural communities such as bride price ceremonies and sorcery-related violence etc. Over 89 men attended.

f) We partnered with the Binatang Research Group to host the first ever “Climate Change & Environmental Conservation Talk” at Yandera during the Male Advocacy Workshop. Many within our rural communities are starting to embrace the importance of environmental conservation and understanding climate change.

12. Strategic Partners

Our strategic partners or those who have helped us or participated in our organized programs over the years since 2013 include:

Education

The Sir. Brian Bell Foundation, Digicel PNG Foundation, Ramu Community Resource Centre Association (RCRCA) and the University Synagogue of Irvine, California.

Healthcare

Gavin Hebert Eye Institute at the University of Irvine, California, Fred Hollows Foundation, Marie Stopes PNG, Kundiawa General Hospital, Simbu Children Foundation (SCF), Bundi Health Centre, Callan Disable Services of Migende, Simbu and Volunteer Medical Doctors from U.S, Australia and PNG.

Community Services

Simbu Adventist Students Association (SASA), Binatang Research Group, Soroptimist International, Kumura Foundation trek team, youths and women's groups of Bundi and Mt. Wilhelm.

Sustainable Eco-tourism

PNGTPA, Divine Word University's School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Betty Higgins of Betty's Lodge at Mt. Wilhelm and individual donors from both abroad and across PNG including local artisans of Bundi and guest house owners, women's groups and cultural singing groups of Simbu, Asaro, Jimi and Bundi.

13. Management Team

Name	Job title	Field of expertise	On board since
Vincent P. Ambane Kumura	Director	Project Management, Marketing	December, 2013
Danny Kunda	Deputy Director	Project Planning and Implementation	August, 2015
Gandine Rudolf	Treasurer	Project Budgets and Finances	August, 2016
Monica Noah	Women's Project Director	Designs and Administers Programs for Women in Usino-Bundi	August, 2016
Guagu Joseph	Community Liaisons Officer	Liaises with Community and Youth Leaders regarding foundation projects/events	October, 2017
Glen Timothy	PR Officer	Public Relations, Marketing and liaises with companies and organizations in Usino area regarding foundation projects/events	October, 2017

14. Organizational Capacity

As indicated above, the foundation currently has 6 full time executives in the management team and 40 ground committee members who are present in all the villages of Bundi. We also have our organizational reps in Madang town, Usino (Ramu Sugar and Walium), Gembogl, Asaro, Jimi, Kundiawa, Goroka and Port Moresby.

Note: Provided that we are a small CBO with no steady source of major funding, our management team comprises of volunteers with the heart to serve. Hence, we have not started a foundation Board yet. Nevertheless, we have a proven trek record of delivering projects never been delivered before in Bundi. We hope to appoint a Board in the next 2 years.