

Improving the Quality of Basic Education in Mimika District, Papua, Indonesia

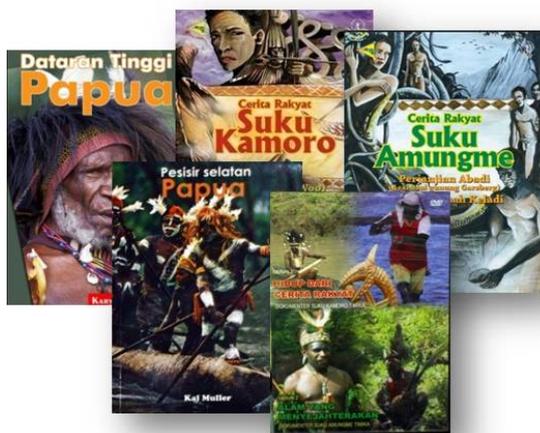
A Partnership of PT Freeport Indonesia and the Amungme and Kamoro Community Development Organization (LPMAK)

PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI), a multinational mining company in partnership with the nonprofit Amungme and Kamoro Community Development Organization (LPMAK), has renewed a program for the enhancement of educational quality in the Mimika district of Papua, Indonesia, where PTFI operates.

In 2006 both parties agreed to cooperate in the field of education in light of the low interest and lack of awareness among the older generation in the value of education, the shortage of qualified teachers in this remote region, and the lack of educational facilities and infrastructure in the area. The partnership's aim is to improve both teachers' capacities and the educational facilities for children in Mimika from the age of 4 to 12. That initial leg of the program concluded in 2011. PTFI and LPMAK restarted the program this year, and it will continue until 2017.

The program focuses on providing scholarships for basic education, setting up boarding schools to accommodate students living in remote areas, skills training for teachers in designing a school-based curriculum, developing a replacement-teacher program for remote areas, providing facilities for teachers in remote areas, building schools, and the distribution of schoolbooks conforming to a national standard.

With special reference to the replacement-teacher program, LPMAK will provide extra or replacement teachers with transportation, salaries, housing, and electricity. PTFI and LPMAK will select qualified students from remote areas and from the Amungme and Kamoro tribes for boarding schools located in relatively urban areas (Penjunan boarding school in the Mimika Baru subdistrict, Solus Populi boarding school in the Kuala Kencana subdistrict, and Bintang Kejora boarding school in the Mimika Barat Tengah subdistrict). PTFI also contributes funding and technical experts who advise LPMAK on program implementation.



Folktales are used as an educational tool to preserve the culture and history of amungme and Kamoro. Photo © LPMAK, 2010.

Between 2006 and the end of 2011, the partnership managed to build three boarding schools with a total capacity of 426 students, two elementary schools, and two community learning centers for 300 students; distributed 4,800 textbooks to three kindergartens, seven elementary schools, and four junior high schools; trained 130 teachers of elementary and junior high school in the development of school-based curricula; and organized a series of activities to raise awareness of the importance of education among the 1,500 community members in Mimika.

In addition, LPMAK has published books for distribution to all students on subjects such as the Highlands of Papua (by Kal Muller), Amungme and Kamoro folktales (by Kanisius), and the South Coast of Papua (by Kal Muller), and has produced a film on Amungme and Kamoro folktales.

PTFI and LPMAK plan to evaluate the impact of the program that may be useful in increasing the quality of education in Mimika.

Organization Profile

PT Freeport Indonesia/PTFI (www.ptfi.com)



PTFI is a multinational mining company that produces concentrates containing copper, gold, and silver in Mimika District, Papua. PTFI's Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) activities are based on a sustainable development concept established by the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICCM). The concept forms the basis for the company's efforts to identify and manage various challenges and opportunities in the company's operational area to improve the environment, economy, and social development in Papua. Its CSR activities are funded by company operational funds. In addition, PTFI is setting aside a partnership fund for community development managed by the Institute for the Development of the Amungme Kamoro Communities (LPMak).

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The Amungme and Kamoro Community Development Organization/LPMak (www.lpmak.org)



LPMak, a nonprofit organization established in 2002, manages the PTFI partnership fund. LPMak is composed of three major boards: (1) the Board of Commissioners, (2) the Board of Directors, and (3) the Board of the Executive Secretary, consisting of an executive secretary, deputy executive secretaries, technical experts from PTFI and a treasurer. While PTFI is currently the main funder of LPMak, LPMak does not exclusively serve PTFI—it is free to work with others. Its comprehensive public health program includes malaria control. It has also built schools, community facilities, and housing and has provided scholarships, training, and business opportunities. LPMak's programs benefit seven indigenous groups living in or near PTFI's contract of work area. The two major beneficiaries, the traditional land rights owners, are the Amungme concentrated in the highlands and the Kamoro, who live mainly in the lowlands.

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