



SUSTAINABLE YOUTH EDUCATION & EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM:

**Enhancing Education and Training for rural
and out-of-school youths through sustainable
agriculture enterprises**

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A school Leavers Development Program

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Program Summary:

Program Title	Enhancing Education and Training for rural and out-of-school youths through sustainable agriculture enterprises
Program Goal	Enhancing training and empowerment of rural youths through sustainable agriculture enterprises
Program Objectives	1. Creating vocational skills training opportunities 2. Facilitating FODE curriculum for more rural youths through strategic partnership with existing education institutions 3. Establishment of commercial agriculture enterprises in collaboration with participating communities to support education and training for youths.
Issues to be addressed by Program	1. Youth empowerment and training 2. Youth employment 3. Sustainable development of village-based agriculture enterprises
Program Delivery Approach	1. Establish commercial agriculture & resource-based projects in partnership with beneficiary communities to support and sustain education / training interventions. Self - financing FODE, TVET and Skills trainings for Rural Youths.
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Program Partners	i. UNDP ii. New Zealand Foreign Affairs & Trade iii. European Union iv. PNG Biodiversity & Climare Fund v. National Government vi. CEPA vii. PNGFRI viii. CIC ix. Morobe Provincial FODE Centre x. Morobe Provincial Government xi. ELCPNG xii. Minerva Learning Centre (TVET College) xiii. Existing education institutions in rural areas iv. Local communities

Possible Funding Organization	Department of National Planning & Monitoring
Program Benefits in Brief	i. Continuation of education and training for school leavers and out of school youths in Morobe Province ii. Skills Trainings for Morobe Province Youths iii. Income generation enterprises for Morobe Province Youths iv. Development of business enterprises in partnership with village communities in Morobe Province.
Program Beneficiaries	i. Out of school youths and grade 8,10 and 12 drop outs. ii. Elementary Teachers rejected from 1-6-6 policy
Funding Amount	K 5 million

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Requested for	
Program Duration	1 Year

1. Background and Context

The phenomenon of globalization has created tremendous potential for economic and social development. However, it also has contributed to heightened inequality and problems associated with urbanization. Some of the challenges that are being faced by youth include poor or nonexistent access to education opportunities, high rate of unemployment, significant vulnerability to HIV infection and substance abuse, exposure to conflicts, increasing prevalence of urban violence and criminal activities, growing poverty and food insecurity. More significantly, findings show that large numbers of young people have not attained the levels of education that would enable them to compete effectively in the labor market. Juvenile sexual experimentation appears to be increasing and unplanned pregnancies are an increasingly important issues in communities, and often make young girls very vulnerable. Youth violence continues to be a widespread problem in many communities; each year, far too many teens commit acts of violence, and their victims are most often targeted towards fellow teenagers.

Papua New Guinea, as a sovereign nation is experiencing economic boom as a result of several major mining projects at present. Now, with the establishment of several mining projects around the country, including the LNG Project in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, as well as many other major development projects planned for Lae and Morobe Province about to commence operations, the building industry is also flourishing proportionately. This macro-economic development is creating a need for skilled labor to work in these booming industries. Unfortunately, a major component of the population, being youths and young adults aged between 15 – 30 years old cannot participate in all these developments because they do not possess the appropriate skills and attitudes necessary to find employment in the formal sector. More so, without the right social values and skills, they also cannot tap into the informal sector and capitalize on the opportunities

brought about by these macro socio-economic developments. As a result, young people and the under-skilled adults become mere spectators at the peripheries of society, watching change and development happening all around them. The net effect of this is an increase in criminal activities, prostitution, and other anti-social behaviors.

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Attachment # 2**Program Budget**

CHILDERS INTERNATIONAL INC		
Tentative Budget for 1 Year		
For School Leaver Development Program proposal for National Government Funding		
		Year 1
	Administration Cost	300,000
	Personnel Cost	1,771,142
	Capital Cost	600,000
	Program Governance and Management	300,000
Output 1:	Community Mobilization, Socialization and Research	450,000
Output 2:	Youth Training and Education	234,000
Output 3:	Facilitating Youth Employment in Formal Labor Market or Self Employment	440,000
Output 4:	Developing Sustainable Agriculture Projects as a means to sustain Youth Education and Trainings	450,000
Sub - Total		4,545,142
10% GST		454,514
Grand Total		4,999,656