

# Papua New Guinea



## Supporting Harvest Workers

**Project: 103317**  
**Non Tax Deductible**



# 800+

languages in Papua New Guinea

# 300

languages yet to receive any Bible translation

# 89%

of the population are in remote rural areas

### Overview

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The Bible Society of Papua New Guinea (BSPNG) is working to enhance its capacity to reach future generations with God's word. Through this project, BSPNG will work to establish sustainable and impactful Bible-based mission work.

### The Need

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Papua New Guinea has significant spiritual needs, with over 300 languages lacking Bible translations and an urgent demand for Scriptures, especially in remote areas. Much of the population is uneducated and lives in poverty, with literacy also a challenge. BSPNG needs support to improve their capacity to serve the community, with only two current staff members, and a lack of suitable facilities to advance staff recruitment and productivity.

Training and mentorship of BSPNG staff and volunteers are important, empowering them to effect change within the organisation and their communities. Organisational capacity building is also essential, focusing on sustainability, governance, and collaboration with other entities to enhance operational efficiency. Additionally, systemic capacity building will address policy development and resource allocation to tackle national issues.

Current and future staff will gain valuable skills and knowledge through this project, ultimately benefiting the broader community that relies on BSPNG for access to the word of God. This initiative is crucial for revitalising BSPNG and ensuring it can meet the spiritual hunger of the people it serves.

*Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'* - **Matthew 9:37-38, NIV**

## Goals

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This project aims to enhance BSPNG's sustainability and effectiveness through targeted training, governance improvements, and infrastructure development. The overall goals include improving staff knowledge and skills via mentorship, establishing sustainable partnerships, and implementing robust systems and policies.

In 2025, the project aims to complete the renovation of Bible Society's Koki property in three phases. Key positions, such as the Operations Manager, will be advertised and filled to ensure effective management. Finance and HR policies will be developed and reviewed to enhance organisational functionality. Training sessions will cover project management, financial literacy, and database management. Furthermore, BSPNG will engage in regional collaborations and participate in ongoing training offered by the United Bible Societies (UBS) to strengthen communication and collaboration skills among staff.

## Impact

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The impact of this project will be seen as BSPNG is equipped and enabled to Open The Bible with the people they serve. By improving individual, organisational, and systemic capacities, BSPNG will better serve the country with Bible mission work, impacting many in the years to come.

In 2025, the project will significantly improve staff's ability to serve. As staff and board members develop their skills, they will be better equipped to fulfil their roles, ultimately enhancing the BSPNG's ability to distribute Bibles more widely. This increased distribution means more individuals will have access to Scripture, fostering greater engagement with the Bible. Additionally, improved office management and well-maintained infrastructure will lead to more Scripture engagement projects, leading to transformed lives and communities, now and into the future.

## Prayer Points

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- Please pray for the BSPNG team as they seek more workers to join them in their mission, new staff and volunteers who are mission minded and have servant hearts.
- Pray for guidance and wisdom from God as they start building their capacity, strength and endurance to continue, until the impact of their efforts is seen.
- Pray for the leadership of BSPNG and Bible Societies Oceania as they work together to implement key planned activities for the project.