

Moge Pangump Clan Relief Funds

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
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Dear Sir,

Subject: Seeking Donation Cash / Kind - Disaster - Moge Pangump Clan

Introduction

On behalf of the Moge Pangump Sub Clan we seek donations either Cash or Kind to a man made disaster that occurred on the 2nd and 3rd of January, 2010. It happened on the New Year's Eve drinking brawl between two of our men and the owner of the MMS Lodge and his tribe's men. There was a raid after the fight in the club which left most of the innocence homeless and properties destroyed.

Back Ground

Moge Pangump Sub Clan is the member of the whole Moge tribe that surrounds the Mount Hagen City. It is the clan that shares the boarder to the northern end of the City and resides beside the main Highlands Highway. This village is called Palumrui and it's just behind the New Town Suburb. Part of the Moge Pangump clan resides at Kuning towards Mt Kuta and Baisu village right behind the Correctional Services Institute. We are from Hagen Central District in the Western Highlands Province.

The Moge Pangump clan leaders have sacrificed 75 percentage of their Land to the Government which now the people all over Western Highlands, Highlands Region and Papua New Guinea as whole are enjoying the Governments very vital Services in the Mount Hagen City today. Not mentioning the Business Community servicing the whole entire region linking to the resource rich Provinces like the Enga and Southern Highlands.

Cause of the Riot

It was on Saturday the 2nd of January, 2010 at 5:30pm the men made disaster occurred. A full blown riot was organised by Mr.Simeon Berum and his cohorts armed with Guns, bush knives, and Sling Shots moving in from the main Highlands Highway into the village.

People who were not involved in the actual fight were shot, Houses burnt, Vehicles were torched, Domestic animals were slaughtered and Houses were looted. Families were dispersed, children were left running around in terror crying for their mothers when it was raining and was getting darker. It all happened around 6:30 to 7:00pm.

We also had some disabled people Wheel Chair bound, Blind and Mental disorder who have to leave their burning house and sort shelter under the Pandanus and leaking Banana leaves till the next morning.

In this manner our all entire clan was driven out from our traditional place of residence and we sort refuge with our neighbours and relatives. It was total chaos.

The above took place at Palumrui Village (New town). At about 3 am the next morning (Sunday) they launched the second attack on Kuning Village were part of our people at their homes. Here they repeated the same process.

Our Whole community as been forcefully displaced from our traditional homes which we had inhabited from our ancestors since the time in memorial. Our children and wife's are without food and shelters. We are now a displaced people. On top of that our people are caring bullet wounds and one innocent by stander was killed.

The effects of the Riot.

Since the riot was conducted, we had 75 houses torched including Eleven semi permanent houses. Three cars were burnt. All the domestic animals were slaughtered and food gardens were destroyed. More than 2000 people are without any decent homes who are now still trying to find shelter after the riot.

Apart from the homeless situation, the schooling year has caught up for the school children to continue their Education. Most of the houses torched contained important school documents, clothes and other school necessities. It is a big concern for parents now how they will secure school fees for their children.

The burden is adding up for a family to struggle their way to find shelter at the same time trying to find school fees for their children. Not mentioning other daily needs like, clothes, stationaries, beddings, food, eating utensils, sanitation and health care.

The effects of the Riot are putting children's education at chaos and the whole entire community is at very high risk of common disease out break.

Value of Damage.

We have done a valuation of the destroyed Properties, Domestic Animals, Food gardens, Vehicles and personal belongs at an unofficial amount of Three and Half Million kina.

Conclusion.

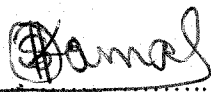
We have presented an overview of the damages cause by the Riot which appears to be a man made disaster displacing the whole Moge Pangump clan at a very difficult situation to continue normal life after fives weeks. We now sincerely seek your heart felt kindness in both Cash or Kind to assist this community to rebuilt their homes and return normalcy in life.

If you are moved by the above overview and would like to donate in cash or Kind, please do not hesitate to contact the undersign working committee on the above telephone numbers given or kindly do a deposit to "**Moge Pangump Clan relief funds**" account number **1001675822 at the BSP bank – Mt Hagen branch.**

Attachments

The Support letters from the Archbishop of the catholic Archdiocese of Mount Hagen – Archbishop Douglas Young and the Metropolitan Superintendent of the Mount Hagen City – Chief Inspector Peter Roari.

Your Sincerely,



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TO WHOM IT MAY

DESTRUCTION AND BURNING OF HOUSES MOGE PANGUMP TRIBE

A fight broke out after a drunkard brawl outside MMS Lodge and led to massive destruction to houses, food gardens and other properties including motor vehicles.

It all happened on the 1st January and thereafter and families lost their houses and valuable worth thousands of kina.

Need over 60 houses of various types of semi permanent, permanent and kunai thatched house were burnt to ashes. The exact value of the destruction is beyond our side but it is excessive and massive to my view people have sought refuge elsewhere with relatives and need to go back and start their lives again.

I would ask people who wish to help in any way by way of cash or kind would be very much appreciated as it would be worthy cause.

Thank you for your kind help.

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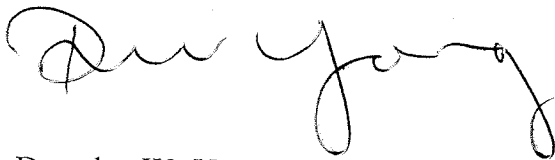
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To whom it may concern

The Moge Pangump tribe, residing at Palumrui Village (Newtown, Mount Hagen) were victims of a raid on January 2nd and 3rd which left approximately 75 houses, some of them permanent houses, completely destroyed. This raid has affected a population of over 2000 people

They would appreciate any assistance to help them to re-establish themselves.

Yours sincerely,



Douglas W. Young, SVD
Archbishop of Mount Hagen

