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Welcome PiCCA Supporters!

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Meet Bougainville artists in Brisbane 24-25 Nov



Ten women artists from Bougainville are having their work exhibited as part of the 9th Asia-Pacific Triennial at the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane. They will be coming to Brisbane for the opening weekend of 24-25 November. For some, this is their first overseas trip. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to meet the artists, as well as Marilyn Havini, the mentor to the Hako Women's Collective and a good friend of PiCCA's.

For more, see GOMA's [blog](#) (including the story above) and APT9 [website](#).

“The Saturday and Sunday Public Programs will be a great time to drop in - meet our Bougainville women and see our culture, learn how to weave baskets, see bamboo band playing, and more!”

Marilyn (left, holding the Bougainville flag which she designed).



Christmas Gift Ideas

\$30
Seeds & fertiliser for a family in Bougainville



Families are trying to diversify their crops to improve nutrition and sell surplus food for some income.

\$60
Vaccinated village chickens in Vietnam



This starts a small sustainable business to help lift a family out of poverty.

\$100
20% stake in a solar fridge in Congo (DRC)



This stores a vital vaccine to help a whole community make a living from chicken farming.

PiCCA is pleased to offer gifts from the heart that won't clutter your loved ones' lives with more stuff. Yes, you can give a chicken without anyone having to worry about the mess. Or contribute to a solar fridge in the Congo where electricity supply is unreliable. Or help a farmer in Bougainville achieve food security.

To buy a present please go to PiCCA's '[Donate](#)' webpage. Complete the form and transfer the money to PiCCA's bank account (include "Xmas gift" as a descriptor). We will then email you the present in the form of a voucher along with a receipt. Thank you!

Note that your donations will go towards PiCCA's current and future projects; the descriptions above are indicative of the kind of impact your gift will have.

Vietnam chicken farms established



PiCCA's project Improving Living Quality for People with Disability by Chicken Raising has made wonderful progress. With the assistance of our partner, [Hearts for Hue](#), the families have built their chicken shelters.

2,000 chicks were distributed to 50 families in September and 2,500 chicks will be distributed in December.

All chickens have also been vaccinated against Newcastle disease (which decimates flocks). We are looking forward to hearing how the families fare with their new livelihoods. PiCCA member Mary Denver will visit the project in December on behalf of the Board. We'll be keen to hear Mary's first hand observations and impressions.

Vaccinating 2,900 chickens in the Congo

PiCCA's project *Village Poultry for Better Livelihoods: Vaccination Training for Farmers* is well advanced.

Our partners, Kyeema Foundation and AusCongo, arranged the training of local vaccinators and supervisors and that was completed in August. This was followed by the first vaccine campaign in 10 villages around Mbuji-Maji (in central Congo). Vaccinators were able to vaccinate 2,900 chickens, with hopes of that number increasing in following campaigns throughout the year.



We are hopeful that the chickens will survive Newcastle disease, which is endemic in the Congo. This should lead to improved incomes and livelihoods for the villagers in this area where unemployment and poverty is the norm.

It is encouraging to know that there is a high level of interest in vaccination with many people in outlying villages wanting to know how they can get involved.

Monitoring follow ups are now happening and further work is being done to ensure that the villagers pay the community vaccinators at an appropriate level to make the program self-sustaining. Due to some unexpected cost overruns there are no funds to purchase a solar fridge to store the vaccine.

PiCCA is looking at ways to fund the shortfall (see "Christmas Gift Ideas" above).



Bougainville stage 2 update



The Hako Women's Collective (HWC) is continuing to develop their project to help vulnerable families to diversify their farming and learn new techniques to increase production. This is needed as older farming methods are depleting the soil and, at the same time, the population is increasing. Food insecurity and hunger are emerging problems.

PiCCA is assisting where we can.

The project involves building a small structure to house a rice mill, generator and an office/storage space. A demonstration garden/nursery will be set up on land adjacent to the building to enable hands-on training of 90 families who will take part in the first stage of the project. HWC is partnering with the PNG Department of Primary Industries who will deliver the training.

PiCCA has applied for funding to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to help fund the project. DFAT is expected to announce the outcomes of its funding later this month, so we're keeping our fingers crossed!

The Community Centre 'Luman Hipakoko' (PiCCA's 2017 project) continues to reap benefits for the people of Hako.



PiCCA project(s) in 2019

As a giving circle, PiCCA relies on members to put forward ideas for projects.

Got any ideas? Contact us!

At this stage, we've got one idea for a project in Bangladesh. Steve and Stephanie will be visiting there in February to gather information to put to PiCCA members for consideration. PiCCA members decide which projects PiCCA supports.



Find out about PiCCA membership:
picca.org.au/join/

In February 2019, we'll be asking members to renew membership and provide a donation to the 2019 project(s).