



“Youth Council launches 5-Year Development Plan”

Thursday 2nd May 2024 – In a first for Local Level Youth Development Councils in Papua New Guinea, the Kutubu Local Level Youth Development Council (KLLYDC) formally launched their 5-Year Development Plan in a ceremony witnessed by partners, youth groups and community representatives at the Pimaga Station in the Nipa-Kutubu District. The launch of the 5-Year Development Plan was a culmination of a week-long consultation process funded by the Santos Foundation and supported by The Voice Inc. (TVI).

Speaking at the launch, KLLYDC President David William, thanked all stakeholders who supported the consultation process which led to the creation of the 5-Year Development Plan. He remarked that the step taken by his youth council was a first not only within the district but the province as a whole and he was grateful that his team was able to capture the needs of their young people and how best they could be addressed in their development plan.

Also present at the launch was Head of Santos Foundation PNG, Ms Jean Martin, who commended the youth council on the launch of their plan.

“The creation of a plan is the start of the journey. The work now begins. I encourage you to use the plan as guide to achieve the dreams and aspirations you have for yourselves and your communities”, Martin remarked.

The 5-Year Development Plan was presented to the CEO of the Nipa-Kutubu District Development Authority, Mr Camilus Ombalo. He congratulated the youth council on the completion of their development plan and expressed his interest in seeing how best the DDA could work closely with stakeholders to best realize the aspirations of the young people of Kutubu.

Other partners present during the launch program included The Voice Inc. (TVI), National Youth Development Authority, Santos and Pimaga Vocational Education and Training (VET) Centre.

With the launch of their 5-Year Development plan now complete, the Kutubu Local Level Youth Development Council (KLLYDC) aim to commence implementation of the plan in their LLG.

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