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PRESS RELEASE

ExxonMobil PNG Supporting Schools-based Cancer Education in 2019

The Papua New Guinea Cancer Foundation (PNGCF), in partnership with ExxonMobil PNG, has conducted successful school-based cancer education across the National Capital District (NCD) and Central Province. The Healthy Teens Schools Program (HTSP) presentations will complete this year's 2019 schedule in July at the Papa Primary and Lea Lea Primary Schools.

Research from the PNG Institute of Medical Research suggests that 1 in 10 deaths in PNG is because of cancer, where, the need for cancer education and awareness is coupled to the research from World Health Organization that states that one in three of cancer cases are preventable by simply choosing a healthy lifestyle.

ExxonMobil PNG has joined the fight against cancer in its third consecutive year. This year, their support towards the PNGCF HTS Program is a sponsorship of over K200, 000. The partnership renewal has seen PNGCF reach more teenage boys and girls through the HTS Program in more schools since commencement in March this year.

The HTS Program presentations are conducted by PNGCF Health Educators who run the health talk with the message of primary prevention and encourages students to make healthy lifestyle choices to reduce their cancer risk in the future. Following the 30 minute session, the students participate in a baseline survey is conducted to gauge what students have learned from the presentation compared to what they knew before the presentation.

PNGCF Executive Manager, Priscillar Napoleon, acknowledged the partnership with ExxonMobil PNG for the continuous support in conducting education & awareness in various schools along their impact area and stated, "This program targets teenage boys and girls with the aim of informing them on how to protect their future from cancer," said Napoleon, "by making healthy lifestyle choices today as a way to reduce their cancer risk," Napoleon added.

In 2018, PNGCF conducted over 20 HTSP sessions and reached over 2000 students in 6 schools across the National Capital District and Central Province. PNGCF aims to reach out to another 3, 000 students by the end of this year through the HTS Program on the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices like: Don't Chew Betel Nut, Don't Smoke, Don't Drink Alcohol, Eat Healthy & Exercise Regularly to reduce their cancer risk in the future.

PNGCF would like to thank ExxonMobil PNG for supporting the work of the PNG Cancer Foundation towards to Healthy Teens Schools Program again this year.

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PNGCF also acknowledges the support of partners Colgate-Palmolive, Remington Group, JM Ocean Avenue, Oil Search, Moore Printing, US Embassy, and Airswift for joining the fight against cancer in PNG.

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