



# KURAI FOUNDATION INC

## Changing Mindset & Uniting Communities

### Vision

People fully transformed, living in peaceful communities progressing in life through education and spiritual formation enjoying profitable economic benefits.

### Mission

To work in partnership with all stakeholders using people centered bottom-up approach in its program and project designs, to achieve progressive results peace and security and in the development of tribal villages to be active participants in the development process of self and the province.

### Core Values



### Programs

**One People and Churches** - Restoration of peace and good order in tribal conflict zones by working through existing social structures including the tribal and the church structure and partnerships with local government and external partner. The programs empower the leadership in these social structure through training and exposures focusing on morality, good governance and development.

**K3.5 Million worth of Donations since 2013**

**Green Communities** – This program includes economic empowerment through financial literacy, business development trainings and access to affordable basic financial services including savings, credit, remittance and insurance. Its design to leverage on existing factors of product along the agriculture and fisheries value chains.

**K0.7 Million worth of Assistance since 2013**

**Green Climate, Enviornment & Clean Energy** – Making accessible to alternative sustainable and affordable energy for rural community households replacing wood and kerosine. These include LPG, Solar, Wind and micro-hydro to power their homes, schools, health and community centers.

**K2.5 Million worth of Donations since 2013**

**Rural Education, Sports and Health** – Development of remote education, sports and health facilities including, technology set, building infrastructure and medical equipment support.

# BOARD & MANAGEMENT PROFILE



**Chief Paul Kurai, GCL, MBE, ML, MCS, CRL,**  
Founder and Chairman

Chief Paul Kurai, GCL, MBE, ML, MCS, CRL, Founder and Chairman Chief Paul Kurai is the Managing Director of Neno Group, a private company in the construction, real estate, hotel and restaurant industries. He is a philanthropist and also local councillor of Kaiap council ward serving for more than eight terms (40 years) now. He is on the board of Enga Provincial Health Authority and Sport PNG Board. He is an advocate of peace and good order in the Enga Province and the upper highlands region.



**Ruth Kissam Tindiwi,**  
Board Member

Ruth is the Director of Special Projects for PNG Tribal Foundation, as a community organizer and a human rights activist who has focused on Sorcery Accusation Related Violence (SRV) in Papua New Guinea.

She was awarded the Westpac Outstanding Woman (WOW) Award in Papua New Guinea in 2018 in recognition of her work in SARV. She is the recipient of many fellowships but notably the Obama Foundation Scholars Program and was attached with Columbia University in the US. She is on the board of many institutions at both provincial and national level.



**Dr Londari Yamarak,**  
Board Member

Dr Londari is an academic and a researcher in applied & development economics. He has been teaching economics subjects in PNG Universities for almost 12 years. He is the Head

of Economics Section at the PNG University of Technology, President of the National Academic Staff Association and committee member to about 3 university committees. He has a PhD in Economics from Charles Sturt University. He just completed a 2 years US Government Scholarship. He is also an Australian and New Zealand Alumni through his PhD and Masters programs respectively. He is an independent research consultant to FAO/United Nations based in Rome, and UNFPA National Economist (2023 National Census).



**Akoman Yongan, CLR,**  
Board Member

Akoman is the Chairman of Law-and-Order Task Force in Enga Province, local councillor and a small business owner. He has wide

experience in community leadership, conflict dispute resolution and a mediation expert. He also volunteers on dispute resolutions between tribes, communities and families in Enga Province. He is known across the province for his oratory skills and decisions in settling major tribal disputes in the province.



**Dr Benedict Thomas Yaru,**  
Deputy Chairman

Dr Yaru has well over 15 years' experience as alternate and full board membership roles and over 30 years in executive and senior management levels, and he's well-travelled

and network. He is currently the Managing Director of KMK Ltd, Chairman of Kumul Petroleum Holdings, Director of PNG Petroleum Holdings Ltd, Chairman of PNG Schools Rugby. Past Managing Director of Niugini Environmental Consultants. He also provides Board oversight, as Chairman of the Kumul Petroleum Foundation. He is a current Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



**Dr Pauline Wiessner,**  
Board Member

Pauline is an American anthropologist who focused on cultural Anthropology. She is currently a professor at University of Utah. Wiessner has held various professor positions

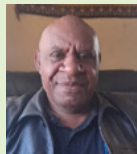
at Universities in the United States, Denmark, and France and various positions in universities and communities across the world. She has done much work on the Enga culture and she is the co-author of the book, Enga Historical Vines.



**Bishop Justine Ain,**  
Board Member

Bishop Justin Ain is the Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wabag, Enga Province. He is also a board member to the Good Shepherd Seminary, Holy Trinity Teachers College, Enga

Provincial Health Authority and Caritas PNG, the Justice Peace and Development agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and Solomon Islands.



**Frank Rapa,**  
Board Member

Frank is the Acting Lands Officer – Acquisition, Enga Provincial Administration, and also a Director to the Enga Children Trust Ltd since 2008. He also served as the Lord Mayor for the

Township of Wabag, Enga Province. He also is an active community leader in his community and the Apostolic Church, in Enga province.



**Ghandi Katao, CEO,**  
(Interim)

Ghandi is a financial sector development consultant with AFC Agriculture Finance Consultants, part of Gopa Consulting firm based in Bon, Germany. He was also the

Innovation Hub Manager, Westpac Pacific. Prior to this he was the Institutional Development Specialist, and was also the Market Research and Product Innovation specialist with BPNG-ADB Microfinance Expansion Project, a GoPNG project under Central Bank of Papua New Guinea.

*An individual's peace, security and prosperity lies in the peace, security and prosperity of all..*



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