Impact of Drought & Relief Efforts  
Western Province  
2015 – 2016

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*Nomad LLG is VERY remote


*Severe food shortage

*Very low rainfall

*Reports were not received or acted on

*Nomad LLG community and disaster officials asked for help to be heard

*Partnerships
*Documentation and photographic records taken to show the urgency
(Immanuel Olomo, Margaret Hagobai who just delivered twins / one died & Margaret's son)
Jan/Feb 2016

- No food in markets,
- insect & pest infestation,
- dire situation
Mid Feb 2016

*Some rice arrives after delivery of supplies intercepted – just 200g total per person at a few airstrips.
March 2016 onwards

Surveys and data collection, distribution and supply
Almost 600 flights completed in 3 Stages, and including some Road and river deliveries. Flights to remote area airstrips in Nomad LLG, Olsibip LLG, remote lowlands of Hela and Southern Highlands.

*In total 845,000 kg of fortified rice delivered, the majority by small plane, approx. 1,000kg at a time / almost 600 flights between March & Sept 2016

OTDF, Digicel Foundation, Food For Peace, World Food Program and other Partners worked together

Later assisting in Highlands region & Second Milne Bay distribution in Sept/Oct 2016
Father and daughter label their bags of rice ready to carry home, about 3 hours walk away. Distribution points established as close as we could get and then from there beneficiaries carried the supply.

Local community and churches fully participated in the relief effort and took on responsibility.
Training in preparedness, data collection, logistics, stacking, records and distributions
These are NOT just statistics
- a father,
- a precious child
- the mother & carer of a young woman with cerebral palsy
- the wife of a man with a physical disability .....
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“I would however like to take a moment to reflect on those that paid the ultimate sacrifice during this terrible natural disaster, your families have our deepest sympathies and I hope that the lessons learned will enable an earlier response in future.....

The will to help from so many has been overwhelming, THANK YOU.”

Ian Middleton
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Ok Tedi Development Foundation
Thank You. Em Tasol!