

Henri Meke: from nurse to CEO

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An interest in supporting people with HIV/AIDS took Henri Meke's career from the frontlines as an army nurse to working in government. Now she heads Anglicare PNG, one of Papua New Guinea's biggest NGOs, which has grown over the years with support from the Australian aid program. Anglicare runs a large HIV clinic in Port Moresby, which keeps 1,300 HIV-positive patients alive through anti-retroviral treatment. It also manages a nationwide adult literacy program and other development programs.

In the latest in our [2017 Aid Profiles series](#), Henri speaks to Stephen Howes about the challenges of running a complex national NGO, the impact of recent Australian aid funding cuts, and what drives her to keep going in a role that is sometimes "just sleeping and work".

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