



Donation of tree seedlings (Candle Tree, Eaglewood, Palm Tree, and Pine) at Yalu-Busahim

AHI COMMUNITIES UNITE FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2026

Ahi Hope Foundation (AHF), in partnership with the Papua New Guinea Forest Research Institute (PNG FRI) and the Papua New Guinea University of Technology (Unitech) School of Forestry, has successfully completed a week-long World Environment Day program across the Ahi communities of Yalu, Hengali-Budeng, Kamkumung, Yanga, and Wagang.

Held from 1-5 June 2026, the program brought together community members, students, churches, environmental experts, and corporate partners to promote environmental awareness and encourage practical actions that help protect and preserve the environment. Throughout the week, AHF donated 31 tree seedlings for planting at schools and church grounds. The seedlings included a variety of species such as Taun, Candle Tree, Palm, Eaglewood, Klapuling, and Pine, contributing to local beautification efforts while promoting the importance of restoring and protecting green spaces within communities.

The program featured a series of awareness sessions delivered by partner organizations. Forestry specialists from Unitech School of Forestry and the PNG Forest Research Institute spoke about the importance of tree planting and the role forests play in sustaining biodiversity, protecting natural resources, and supporting future generations.

Representatives from Coca-Cola PNG engaged communities on responsible waste management and recycling practices, encouraging residents to collect and recycle empty bottles as a simple yet effective way of reducing waste. The SPICTL team also delivered messages on environmental stewardship, emphasizing the shared responsibility of caring for the environment and creating cleaner communities.

The program concluded on 5 June at Wagang Village with a community coastal Cleanathon coordinated by Coca-Cola PNG and supported by SPICTL and other partners. Community members came together to collect litter along the shoreline, demonstrating their commitment to keeping the coastal environment clean and healthy.

"The response from our communities has been inspiring. Through tree planting, environmental education, recycling awareness, and community clean-up activities, we are helping people understand that small actions can make a significant difference. Protecting our environment is a responsibility we all share, and it is encouraging to see our communities taking ownership of that responsibility." – Melisa Soro, AHF CSR Manager.

The World Environment Day program reflects AHF's ongoing commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and community development across the Ahi communities. Through strong partnerships and community participation, the initiative continues to inspire positive environmental practices and encourage collective action towards a cleaner and greener future.

AHI VILLAGES



Kamkumung



Hengali



Yanga



Wagang