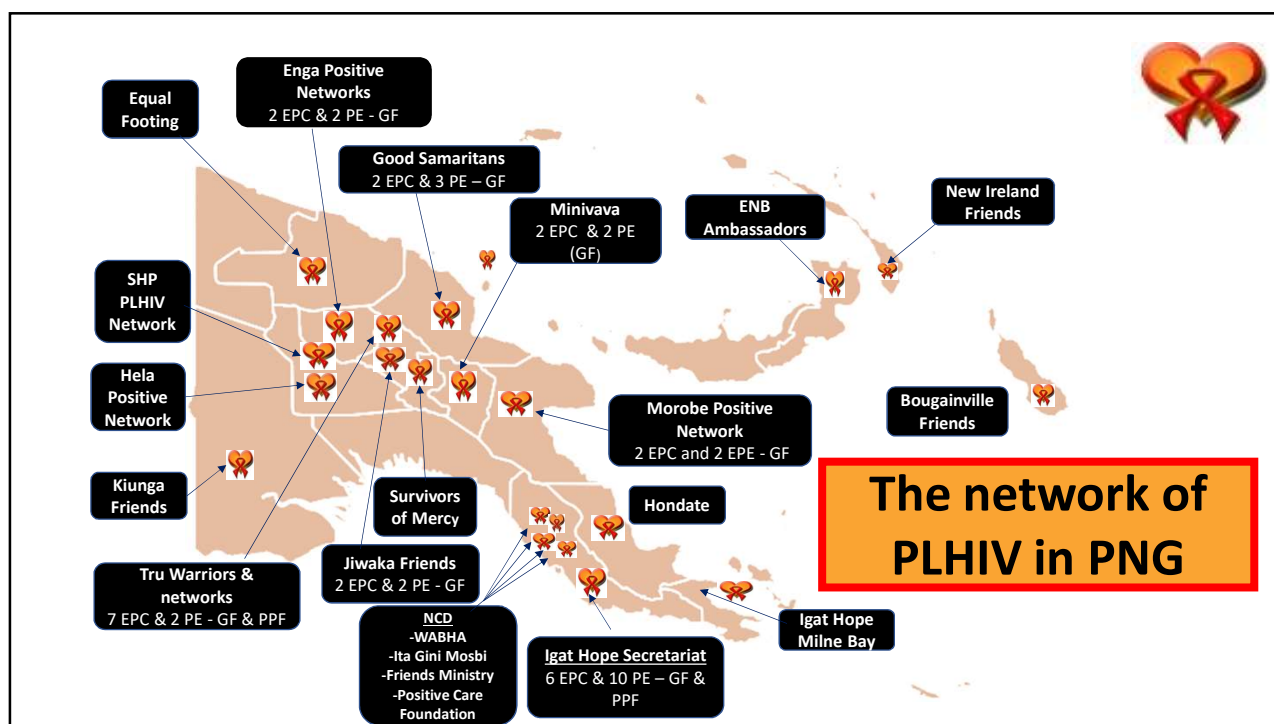


## Background of IGAT HOPE INC.

- National organisation for PLHIV in PNG, long history, registered 2004
- 17 provincial member networks in PNG, 2,500 members
- 3<sup>rd</sup> national conference in 2018 – over 100 attendees
- Igat Hope Secretariat – 5 staff
- 2 Service delivery projects in 14 health facilities in 7 provinces
- 24 Peer Counsellors, 23 Peer Educators – training and standardising

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## Challenges on Treatment & Care in PNG

- Inconsistent supply & stock outs of ART
- Very high lost to follow up (LTFU) = lower retentions on ART
- Verified high rates of HIV Drug Résistance in PNG
- Impact of deaths on other PLHIV while on ART
- Need for quality counselling and linkage to care and treatment
- Disclosure strategies for adolescents & parents
- “Softly isolated and silently killed” too much “tok baksait’
- Co ordination and support of the many PLHIV networks
- Peer counsellors and peer educators in clinical settings is a major achievement and response to these challenges.

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