

Media Update
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**PTFI Assists Inauguration of Aroanop Church
*Deployment of Helicopter and Buses to Facilitate Logistics & Transportation for Residents***

TIMIKA, 12 Juni 2024 – PT Freeport Indonesia is committed to building and developing communities near its operating area, and this includes providing assistance for inauguration of Ainggigi Church located in the village of Kampung Aroanop, Timika, that took place on Saturday (9/6) and Sunday (10/6).

“PTFI assisted with logistics, through sling loading to deliver 65 pigs to Aroanop Valley using a Mil Mi-171 helicopter and providing buses to transport 312 Timika residents to Tembapapura. This assistance is provided in embodiment of our commitment to supporting customary and religious activities by local residents near our operating site,” PTFI Senior Vice President, Community Affairs, Nathan Kum said in Timika, on Wednesday.

Nathan said this assistance is in PTFI commitment to support customary and religious activities by residents near the company’s operating area. It embodies the company’s concern and care for residents of Aroanop, specifically to support assurance of a smooth process in the long-awaited inauguration of their church.

“Inauguration of the church in Aroanop is a significant and momentous event for the local community. The church symbolizes their unity and fellowship in seeking to build a better life,” he said.

Nathan said delivery of the cargo of pigs was carried out by helicopter as the location of Ainggigi 2, in Aroanop Valley has remained a restricted zone since 2018 and the only access to Kampung Ainggigi is by air using helicopters.


PTFI also provided transportation assistance with buses to bring guests and residents from Timika to Tembapapura. From there, the passengers continued their journey to Aroanop Valley on foot through Waa Valley.

“We hope our assistance will help the local community and will serve to improve their quality of life,” Nathan said.

A local community leader, Sasiel Agagu on behalf of the event’s organizing committee and the community said the assistance from PTFI ensured a successful inauguration event. He voiced the hope that such assistance and cooperation could be provided routinely for the Amungme people in the Tinga, Hoya and Jila areas.

“We are deeply grateful for the concern and care from PTFI for the Aroanop community,” he said.

He said construction of the church in Aroanop was enabled through collaboration between the local government and the community. Funding to build the church was obtained through Musrembangdes deliberations for village development planning conducted in the previous year and by means of community self-help efforts.

PHOTO	CAPTION
	A PTFI Community Affairs team setting up a sling load for logistics delivery using a helicopter to transport pigs to the event site.



Sling Loading in logistics delivery using a Mil Mi-171 helicopter to transport pigs from Mozes Kilangin Timika Airport to Kampung Aroanop in Tembagapura District



Helicopter delivery of livestock arriving in Kampung Aroanop in Tembagapura District is received by a deputation from the local community.



The community joyfully celebrating inauguration of Ainggigi Church in Kampung Aroanop