

I found “a’wayeh” in iLEAP. In my community, Tep Tep, in Papua New Guinea “a’wayeh” is a common way that we greet each other. I grew up in Tep Tep hearing this greeting all the time. So you can imagine how surprised I was to deeply understand its meaning—and its connection to my life while I was here in Seattle. “A’wayeh” means “I am you and you are me”. Or that “we two are one.” It means that we are connected. Again I say, I found “a’wayeh” in iLEAP.

“I found “a’wayeh” in the staff, in my homestay, in my fellows from around the world, and from people like you in Seattle!”

While iLEAP teaches us the technical skills we need to be better leaders in our communities, most important is that it creates the space for people to have meaningful connections in service to humanity. And for me these connections are both emotional and practical. They are emotional because I feel the closeness of “a’wayeh” with people from around the world who join the iLEAP programs. This closeness allows us to share and learn from each other in very powerful ways. And they are practical because I use these connections to bring information, resources, and partnerships into Tep Tep in support of social change.

iLEAP has given me a clearer vision of the world that I want to be a part of creating.

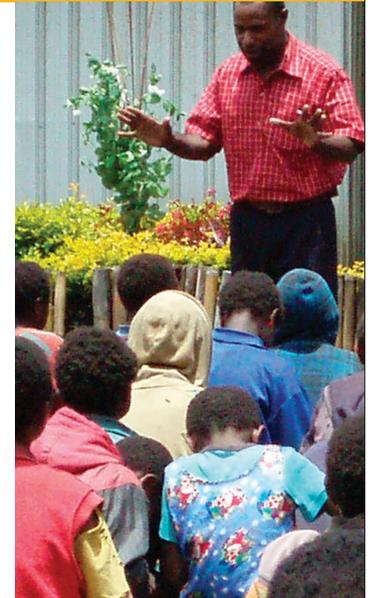


Photo: Danny giving a leadership training to the Yopno, Uruwa, and Som community leaders.

### FUTURE HOPE:

My future hope for me is to be and live as an iLEAP ambassador to model leadership for positive change. Continue to lead and facilitate empowerment training for the different stakeholders including grassroots communities, government agency staffs, NGOs such as local church leaders because I believe in collaborative leadership networks.

### FUTURE HOPE:

To maintain the hope and the mission of iLEAP to empower and ignite a zeal for the grassroots people so they are able to create change for themselves and others by using knowledge, ideas and skills, and by using available local resources in a more collaborative way.



**12,000+ PEOPLE**  
served



**50 VILLAGES**  
served from 3 different  
Local Level Governments  
(LLGs), from 2 different  
provinces (states)



**4 BOARD MEMBERS**  
with hopes to increase



**26 STAFF**  
22 in Papua New Guinea  
(PNG) and 4 in Seattle

  
**103,764 ACRES**  
mapped in the Yopno/Uruwa/  
Som (YUS) Conservation Area

  
**23 TEACHERS**  
helped directly through the  
Balob Teacher’s College  
Scholarship Program

  
**285 PEOPLE**  
attended leadership  
training in the  
YUS villages



**58 PARTNER**  
Organizations around the globe

### FUTURE HOPE:

To continue Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program run and administered sustainably through collaboration from and by all stakeholders involved. Mainly, the indigenous resources owners as custodians to take-lead as effective conservation leaders by proactively providing the needed support to reflect ownership of the program over time. Realizing such interactions as means of accessing local empowerment, new knowledge and skills, local labor and community support would be willingly provided whenever needed.