

DAY 4: WATER

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Story

Every person is guaranteed the right to clean water under international law and United Nations declarations, though throughout the US and world, this right is still far from guaranteed. The island of

Bougainville, Papua New Guinea has been inhabited by humans for at least 29,000 years. 45 years ago, the local Paguna mine was the largest open-cut copper mine in the world, but due to a bloody civil war **the now abandoned mine is**

leaking waste and poisoning rivers. The abandoned mine is leaking into the Island's river, which is poisoning the drinking water. The residents who were exposed to it developed diseases including skin conditions and upper respiratory and gastrointestinal illness, particularly in children.

The mine's abandoned piles of tailings have also caused rivers to flood, destroying indigenous sacred sites. Although Rio Tinto, the mining company apologized for the incident, sorrys cure no diseases. And although the island residents have tried to file a law suit in US federal court, the case was dismissed 2013.

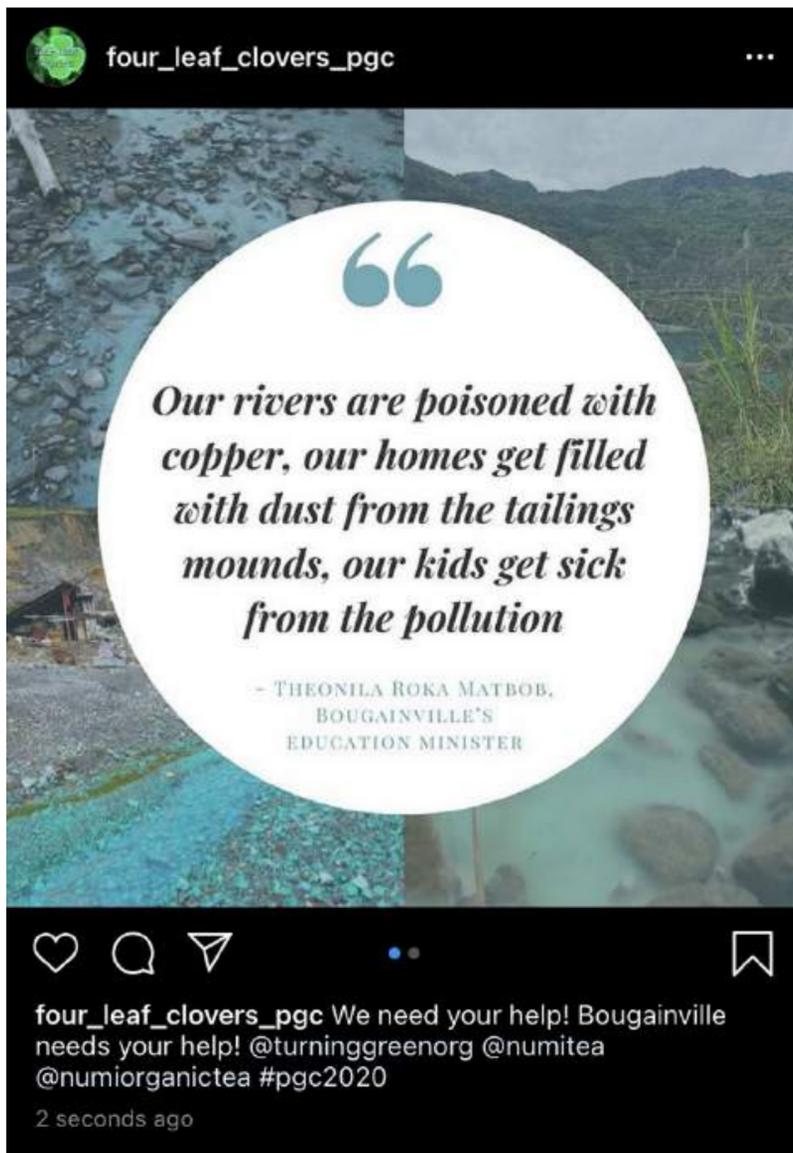
Awareness and Campaign

- **How would we bring awareness to the people and leaders of the community in which this problem exists? How would we build a campaign with a clear call to action that would help this community fight back?**

After making a poster with a powerful message, we will make a petition and a GoFundMe to go against the company. We will email local leaders and social media influencers to help bring attention to this problem by posting it on Instagram and by sharing it with other people. We will then go on Instagram and twitter and share it with everyone we know. After getting some attention, we will ask for volunteers to help with this problem. Using the money from the GoFundMe, we will help them with supplies and possibly hire people to help clean the water and stop leakage.



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