



WaSH TALK

Media Visibility from the Southern Regional National WaSH MIS Workshop.



We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our media partners, Post Courier, The National, and EM TV, for their invaluable contribution in raising awareness about the significance of WaSH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) and advocating for the government's dedicated efforts in this critical area.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING & MONITORING
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) Program Management Unit (PMU)

Southern Regional National WaSH MIS Workshop

In the world of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), reliable, timely, and fit-for-purpose data plays a crucial role in driving performance and accountability. It is with great pleasure that we bring you news of Papua New Guinea's progressive efforts in this sector.

The Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM) has taken significant strides by developing Papua New Guinea's first WASH Management Information System (MIS) under the WaSH Programme Management Unit (WaSH PMU). This robust and evidence-based planning tool aims to engage government stakeholders at both national and sub-national levels in collecting and managing WASH data. By fostering a bottom-up approach, this MIS empowers decision-makers to allocate resources effectively and plan WASH service delivery, leading to the development of a comprehensive WASH investment plan.

Recently, the National WaSH MIS Training workshop for the Southern Region was successfully conducted from July 3rd to 6th, 2023, at the Catholic Bishop Conference in Port Moresby. The workshop brought together 24 participants, including 14 district administrators and 8 provincial representatives from the Southern Region.

The four-day training included three days of theory lessons and one day of practical sessions using the mWater Surveyor application. The practical sessions focused on collecting vital WASH baseline surveys for Healthcare Facilities, Schools, and Communities in Kuriva LLG, Kairuku District, located 1 hour, 45 minutes outside the National Capital District.

The training participants expressed their gratitude for the collaborative efforts that went into establishing this platform and the opportunity to learn about the WaSH MIS. They were eager to employ the knowledge and skills gained during the workshop when they return to their respective districts, as it is vital for accelerating WASH progress in the country.

We are pleased to share with you:

1. Southern Regional National WaSH MIS Workshop
2. Wheels are in motion to deliver WaSH to 15 districts, 1 peri-urban under the PIP budget.

During the workshop, representatives from two WaSH Model Districts, East Sepik Provincial Health Authority (ESPHA) and South Fly District Planner, shared their experiences in employing the WASH MIS for data collection and developing and implementing the 5-year District WASH Plan in their respective districts.

This initiative also witnessed collaboration among other National WaSH stakeholders, including the National Department of Health, National Weather Service, and Conservation Environmental Protection Authority. The provision of WASH services transcends various sectors, and by fostering such cooperation, sharing expertise, and leveraging resources, districts can develop comprehensive 5-year WaSH Plans.

The DNPM WaSH PMU National WaSH Program Coordinator, Takale Tuna, emphasized that this training aligns with one of the seven strategies of the National WaSH Policy 2015-2030: developing and managing an effective management information system. The data collected through the WaSH MIS will significantly assist districts in crafting their 5-year District WaSH Plans.

We extend our appreciation to WaterAid PNG and the Australian Government for their ongoing support in organizing these Regional WaSH MIS workshops across the country. WaterAid PNG, through funding from the Australian Water Partnership, is playing a vital role in supporting the DNPM-WaSH PMU.

Through the WaSH PMU -Water Aid PNG Partnership there has been three regional WaSH MIS training delivered, In Momase, East Sepik Province, New Guinea Islands, East New Britain Province and the recent Southern Training in Port Moresby. Plans are underway for the Highlands Region training, which will be last regional training.

Reliable data and collaborative efforts are essential pillars for progress in the WASH sector. By working together, we can ensure that resources are allocated where needed and make evidence-based decisions that lead to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene for all.

Wheels are in motion to deliver WaSH to 13 districts, 1 peri-urban under the 2023 PIP Budget



WaSH PMU plans for the next 6 months and beyond.

The WaSH Programme Management Unit (WaSH PMU) plans to collaborate with the subnational level stakeholders, in delivering comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) initiative within 13 selected districts around the country and a peri-urban community. This effort is aimed at improving WaSH services and uplifting the living conditions, health, and economic outcomes of the people, aligning with the country's Mid-Term Development Plan IV, SPA 2.6 - Connect PNG Infrastructure.

Our collaboration with subnational level stakeholders has a two-fold purpose:

1. Baseline Survey:

To begin, we will conduct a baseline survey using the government's mWater tool (WaSH MIS) to assess the current state of WaSH services in rural communities, peri-urban areas, schools, and healthcare facilities

within your district. This survey will provide essential data and insights, serving as the foundation for designing, planning, and implementing effective interventions to enhance WaSH services.

2. 5-Year District WaSH Plan:

Following the baseline survey, Districts will work towards developing a comprehensive 5-year District WaSH Plan that aligns with national priorities and caters to the specific needs of the districts. This plan will be integrated with the Districts Development Plan, ensuring prioritized resource allocation and the sustainability of WaSH initiatives.

Positive Change and Lasting Impact:

We are confident that district's partnership with us will bring about positive change and create a lasting impact on improved WaSH services within our rural communities, schools, and health institutions. Through this collaboration, we will

empower communities, safeguard public health, promote healthy lifestyles, foster constant economic growth, and contribute to the sustainable development of the district.

Stay tuned for further development in this exciting times.

THIS MONTH'S KEY WASH MESSAGE

Clean and uncontaminated drinking water is essential to the healthy being of children and of all family members - one of the simplest and safest ways to decontaminate water at home is through boiling it at boiling point (for 2 to 3 minutes), which makes it safe from germs. Water can also be decontaminated through chlorination or water purification tablets.



Image: Bore Water supply to Pari Primary School

Water Sanitation Exercise "Tricky"

Though WaSH is a human right for all, it is still a work in progress in finding the right approach in providing WaSH services to the peri-urban areas around the cities.

WaSH PMU, WaSH Stakeholder and NGOs are taking on the challenge, working within legislative Acts and Government Frameworks to tackle the issue.

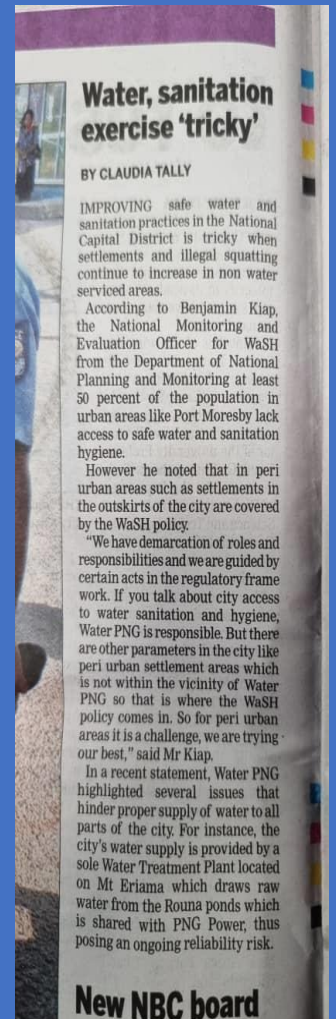
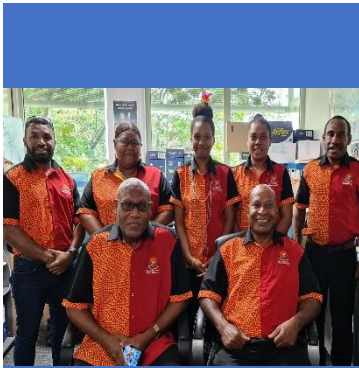


Image: Post Courier 11th of June 2023



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Stay tuned for more updates on our collective efforts to enhance WaSH in Healthcare Facilities, Schools and Communities and promote a healthier future for all.

UPCOMING NEWS


- WASH, Water Security and Climate Change Integration Working Group 2nd Meeting
- WaSH JSR Progress: Endorsement & Launching
- Plans WaSH Policy Review
- MTDP IV: Where WaSH Sits


To stay informed about our upcoming events, ongoing projects, and opportunities for involvement, please visit our WaSH PMU social media pages or reach out to our team. Your support and collaboration are vital as we strive to create lasting positive change in WaSH service delivery.

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