



WaSH Bottleneck Analysis Tool (BAT) Workshop

The BAT workshop which spanned for three days from the 17th to the 19th of May, was aimed at understanding the challenges in WaSH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) service delivery. Those Attended were from various stakeholders, including the DNPM WaSH PMU, South Fly (SF) District Development Authority (DDA)) district, Provincial Health Authority (PHA), World Vision (WV), WaterPNG, and others.

Throughout the workshop, participants gained valuable insights into the importance of tracking changes from the initial inception of WaSH interventions in the SF district. They explored ways to overcome challenges and ensure effective service delivery. The workshop also highlighted the significance of DNPM WaSH PMU representation at the policy level. Our active involvement from the project's inception, providing support and guidance in the baseline assessments and district WaSH planning processes, was highly acknowledged.

We are proud to announce that our efforts were recognized and appreciated. As a result, the SF district's WaSH plans have been given priority for funding by the DDA. This acknowledgment reflects the positive impact of our involvement and sets a promising path forward for improved WaSH service delivery in the SF district.

As we celebrate the successful conclusion of the BAT workshop, we remain committed to advancing WaSH initiatives in the SF district. We will continue to work hand in hand with our partners and stakeholders to address the challenges and prioritize sustainable solutions. Together, we strive to improve the quality of life for the communities we serve.



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

National Training of Trainers (ToT) Community Led Total Sanitation Workshop

The National Department of Health's Health Promotion Branch, with support from UNICEF and Feedback Foundation, successfully conducted two Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) Train of Trainers Workshop at the March Girls Resort in Gaire, from the 8th to the 12th of May, and in Jiwaka at Jiwaka Mission Resort, from the 15th to the 19th of May.

The workshop was attended by WaSH Stakeholders from the WaSH National Level Stakeholder including the DNPM WaSH PMU, Health Promotion & Extension Officers, and selected NGOs.

Papua New Guinea faces significant challenges in terms of sanitation access, making this training a crucial step forward. According to the JMP 2021 reports, only 19% of the population has access to sanitation, with just 16% practicing open defecation-free behaviours. This limited access has resulted in a deteriorating quality of life, including high rates of infant/maternal mortality and morbidity.

We are pleased to share with you:

1. National Training of Trainers (ToT) Community Led Total Sanitation Workshop
2. Menstrual Hygiene Day Celebration
3. WASH, Water Security and Climate Change Integration Working Group 2nd Meeting

The goal of the CLTS Master ToT Training is to create Motivators by equipping participants with the necessary skills, knowledge, and various methodological approaches to trigger and sustain positive change. The training comprises an intensive two-day theory session followed by three days of hands-on practical sessions aimed at instigating change within the Gaire Community.

By fostering collaboration among government entities and NGOs, we can make significant strides in improving sanitation access and ultimately enhance the well-being of individuals and communities across the country.



WaSH Joint Sector Review (JSR) Finalization

We are pleased to bring you an update on the progress of the first-ever WaSH Joint Sector Review process, conducted in partnership with World Vision. The main objective of this process is to develop WaSH Joint Sector Review (JSR) reports that aims to inform the government and policy makers about the sector's performance and advancements in line with the National WaSH Policy (2015-2030) at the national gatekeeper level.

The JSR Process involved an audit of the five essential building blocks that constitute a functional WaSH sector. These building blocks include, Institutional Arrangement, Sector Policy & Strategy, Capacity Development, Planning Monitoring & Review, and Sector Finance. Additionally, the JSR committee voted to include Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), Climate Resilience, and Environmental Safeguards as another building block.

The selection of these building blocks was strategic, as they reflect the core strategies of the National WaSH Policy aligned with other national development frameworks such as PNG Vision 2050, Papua New Guinea Strategic Development Plan (2010-2030), and the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP).

To ensure a comprehensive assessment of the sector's progress, the JSR brought together all WaSH stakeholders through a Technical Working Group (TWG). This collaborative effort allowed the gathering of valuable information and facilitated an in-depth evaluation of the sector's performance.

The DNPM WaSH Programme Management Unit (PMU) and the World Vision team are currently in the process of finalizing the reports for endorsement from the Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM).



Menstrual Hygiene Day Celebration

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We extend our sincere gratitude to WaterAid Papua New Guinea, Queenpads, and the Sir Brian Bell Foundation for their unwavering support in Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). Together, we have been working tirelessly towards our shared goal of making menstruation a normal part of life in Papua New Guinea by 2030.

The Government, through the National WaSH Policy, recognizes the vital role of women and girls in providing and managing household water, as well as promoting improved hygiene and sanitation practices. The WaSH Policy emphasizes the need for inclusivity in MHM planning, implementation, and monitoring of WaSH strategies, programs, and projects. By breaking the stigma surrounding menstruation, we strive to uphold women's dignity and overall health.

The DNPM WaSH PMU had the privilege of participating in the MHM Panel Discussion, which aimed to make menstruation a normal aspect of life by 2030, in commemoration of Menstrual Hygiene Day, which falls on 28th of May. We were delighted to contribute to this important conversation and share insights on the government's initiatives.

The panel consisted of the likes of Six bold & brave advocates including, former Moresby South Member and Women's Equality advocate, Dame Carol Kidu, Mr. Christopher Kageni, a MH Male Advocate, Ms. Shivionne Sakme, a student at UPNG also president of the PNG Young Professional Women's Network (PNGYPWN), Mr. Bryan Earles, an aspiring MH advocate from EmStret Space, Dr. Lois Booker, a Trainee Registrar Internal Medicine at the Port Moresby General Hospital and DNPM WaSH PMU's Estella Bunbun.

We remain committed to implementing the government's efforts through the WaSH policy.

Our focus is to ensure that women have access to safe and accessible MHM facilities in schools, healthcare facilities, and households across the country.

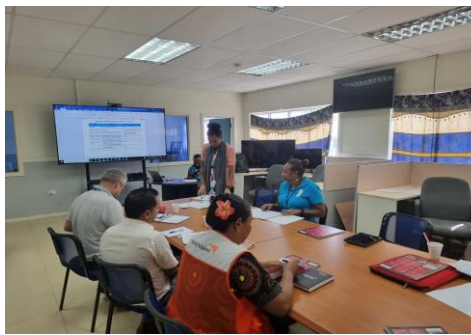
By promoting MHM inclusivity, we are taking concrete steps to improve the well-being and empowerment of women and girls.

We would like to recognize and honour our Menstruation & Hygiene Management Champion, Estella Bunbun, for her outstanding dedication and contributions to our initiatives. Her expertise and commitment have been instrumental in driving positive change and promoting MHM awareness.

We firmly believe that by working together, we can make a meaningful difference in advancing menstrual hygiene management in Papua New Guinea.

Let us continue to collaborate, advocate, and implement strategies that ensure every woman and girl has access to the resources, support, and dignity they deserve.

WASH, Water Security and Climate Change Integration Working Group 2nd Meeting



The WaSH, Water Security & Climate Change Technical Working Group recently convened its second meeting at the National Weather Service office. This platform brought together key stakeholders from health, education, climate/meteorological, agriculture and development partners.

During the meeting, Takale Tuna, the National WaSH Program Coordinator for the DNPM WaSH PMU, emphasized the importance of incorporating climate change resilience into WaSH development and water resource management as part of the country's overall socio-economic planning. DNPM WaSH PMU will be spearheading efforts within the Technical Working Group to enhance preparedness and mitigate the effects of climate change on WaSH in the country.

The primary objective of the Technical Working Group is to integrate and share data among key National government stakeholders, including the National Weather Service, Climate Change Development Authority, Conservation Environmental Protection Agency, National Department of Education, and National Department of Health.

This integration will be facilitated through the National WaSH Management Information System (MIS). By utilizing this system, the government aims to enhance preparedness and planning for climate change conditions, while ensuring that communities have access to clean water and climate-resilient sanitation facilities.

The impacts of climate change have become increasingly evident across the country.

These include prolonged droughts lasting up to nine months in the NGI region, rising sea levels necessitating community resettlements, increasing atmospheric temperatures, and unpredictable rainfall patterns. Recognizing the ongoing reality of climate change, collaborative efforts led by the government are crucial to ensure that communities adopt climate-resilient practices.

As we face the challenges posed by climate change, it is imperative that we unite our efforts and work towards building a sustainable future.

By focusing on the integration of WaSH, water security, and climate change initiatives, we can ensure the well-being and resilience of our communities.

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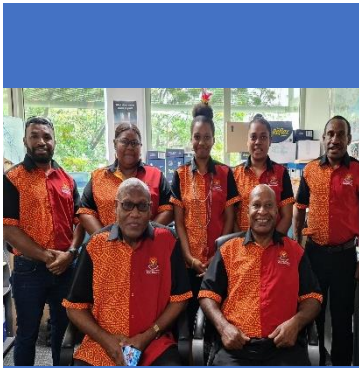
These reports will serve as a crucial foundation for the upcoming review of the WaSH policy. They emphasize the need for enhanced support to achieve the targets set in the MTDP 4. Furthermore, they highlight the importance of establishing the National Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Authority (NWSHA).

The JSR reports will provide valuable insights into the progress and performance of the sector, guiding the government and policy makers in their efforts to improve WaSH services. The report has the potential to pave the way for a comprehensive review of the WaSH policy and underscore the significance of establishing the National Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Authority.

THIS MONTH'S KEY WASH MESSAGE

Let us make menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030





WaSH PMU

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 EVENTS


- Southern Region WaSH MIS Workshop
- OKY App Orientation
- Water PNG PSC


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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