Finance Minister Hon. James Marape officiating at the IFMS Launch Workshop conducted in Kavieng, New Ireland Province.

The IFMS Launch Workshop was conducted in Kavieng, New Ireland Province on the 18th April 2018. Finance Minister, Hon. James Marape was invited by Governor for New Ireland Province, Hon. Sir Julius Chan for the NGI Regional Transport Connectivity Meeting which was also conducted on the same day as the IFMS Launch workshop. He was accompanied by Deputy Secretary Operations, Mr. Steven Nukuitu.

The Minister made time available to meet the participants at the Launch workshop and officiated at the ceremony. The team from headquarters included; FMIP Program Manager – Thomas Leute, IFMS Manager - Heau Kengasa, IFMS Rollout Manager – Michael Halbert, Acting FAS, ICTD – Patricia Ashwin and the advance team lead by NGI RAS, Mr. Joseph Kunda who were on the ground to collect information and also launching of the workshop. Included in the team were stakeholders from Departments of National Planning & Monitoring, Treasury & Implementation & Rural Development.

The workshop was attended by participants from the Provincial Administration, Districts, LLGs & Provincial Health Authority including Finance officers on the ground. The Acting Provincial Administrator, Mr. Lamiller Pawut closed the workshop in the afternoon and stated in his closing remarks for public servants to change their mindset and embrace global technology as a way forward in delivering the basic services to the rural majority. New Ireland Province is embracing these changes, regardless of many challenges on the ground.

Training of Trainers in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) was the second PCaB province this year to successfully deliver refresher training to its TOT’s or local trainers in Buka town. The 5 days training covered Intermediate Microsoft Word and Intermediate Microsoft Excel to the 10 local trainers. The local trainers included officers from the Provincial Finance (Treasury) Office, Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) and led by senior officers such as Mrs Maureen Lalu – Provincial Accountant, Mary Mala – South Bougainville District Financial Manager, and Noreen Korikai – Senior Personnel Officer with ABG Department of Personnel Management and Human Resources. The end of the week ended with the team discussion in the way forward after the training. An important resolutions agreed during the discussion was that Mrs Korikai, through her department, took the responsibility to coordinate ICT training awareness and Training Needs Analysis (TNA) form dissemination and collection to the rest of the ABG departments. This was a significant resolution as it paves the way for sustainable ICT capacity building in the sub-national level by institutionalising with the ABG Department of Personnel Management and Human Resources. The training was generally received with great interest and enthusiasm to commence training to their colleague.