



# PCaB

## Fortnightly Newsletter

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### Debrief Presentation on the PCaB Review.

During the last two months, PCaB Programme went through an independent project assessment. The Australian Government engaged an independent consultant Mr. Peter Heijkoop to perform this assessment. The purpose of this evaluation was to provide the stakeholders with a clear analysis of the PCaB Programme successes, key lessons learned, and strategic recommendations that could enhance the programme in supporting Government's efforts to implement the Organic Law on Provincial and Local-level Governments and donor support to Public Financial Management (PFM) and service delivery reforms. As part of this exercise Mr. Heijkoop had the opportunity to meet all the project's stakeholders at National and Sub National levels. Some of these include; National Economic and Fiscal Commission, Auditor General's Office, Department of Provincial Local Level Government Affairs, Department of Finance and Provincial & Local Level Government Programme at the National level while four program supported provinces (WHP, Gulf, Milne Bay, ENB) were visited. Stakeholders who were interviewed in these provinces included, Provincial Administrators, Provincial & District Treasurers, Financial Advisors in the Provincial Administration and LLG Managers etc.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of July at Vulunpindi Haus, Mr. Heijkoop did an exit debriefing based on his findings. All stakeholders were invited and were present. These included the donors (DFAT/UNDP/GoPNG), DPLGA, National Planning and PLGP etc. In his presentation, he mentioned that the PCaB programme is a successful experience in building capacities at sub-national levels and is highly relevant in the present circumstances and for the future within the Department of Finance. The final report which will be available to all stakeholders in mid September 2014.

### OUTCOME

National and sub-national levels of GoPNG have increased financial management capacity to manage the equitable delivery of public services.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance accountability and transparency within the PNG public finances;
2. Improving financial management capacity at sub-national levels;
3. Minimize risk of corruption
4. Establish Public Expenditure & Financial Management framework (PEFA);
5. Support efforts for the roll-out of the IFMS in the provinces.

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### Sending SMS to Expose & Combat Corruption.



PCaB CTS doing the presentation of SMS against Corruption while FAS PDFMD & other FAS looks on.

The Program has initiated an activity under its component on Enhancing Accountability and Transparency in order to minimize the Risk of Corruption. Under this component, the public at large or the ordinary citizens of this country will be encourage to participate by sending free SMS through simple mobile phones to expose and combat all sorts of corruption especially dealing with public funds.

The top Management of the Department of Finance is very supportive and interested to implement this facility. The PCaB program has engaged an Australian company (Mobimedia) to develop this software and it is in final stage. The consultation process began last week at Vulupindi Haus where stakeholders within the Department of Finance and others such as donors, developer of the software etc were taken through the various stages/steps. Stakeholders were then given the opportunity to trial out the SMS using their own cell phones and comment on the overall process & system. From this exercise, the stakeholders gave their feedback and these comments were then incorporated and send back to the developer for finalization.

### PCaB Assisted Provinces

- ◆ East New Britain
- ◆ Eastern Highlands
- ◆ Morobe
- ◆ Western
- ◆ Central
- ◆ Milne Bay

### New PCaB Provinces

- ◆ West Sepik
- ◆ Western Highlands
- ◆ Gulf
- ◆ AR Bougainville

### Coming Soon !!

Available Soon...

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