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## CPI LAUNCH EVENT UNITES AGENCIES

As our first official major interventions of the year we officially launched the 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) in late January at the Lamana Hotel in Port Moresby.

A focus for this year’s CPI report was to measure, in the various countries, the impact of persistent corruption on health care systems and the how this may contribute to the erosion of democratic norms.

The CPI results showed the impacts were more pronounced amid the recent COVID-19 pandemic for countries with low scoring.

In launching this year’s CPI report TIPNG highlighted that PNG scored 27 out of 100 on this year’s index, with a ranking of 142 out of 180 countries assessed

The 2020 CPI results were officially launched in PNG under the theme: “Putting the sight back in oversight”.

Following our assessment of recent legislative changes introduced by our PNG government, TIPNG is recommending four core areas which we believe if focused on will have the potential to drastically reduce the impact of corruption in country.

TIPNG’s four recommended areas of focus are:

- STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT INSTITUTIONS:**  
 Anti-corruption authorities and oversight agencies must be independent of political influence and must have appropriate funding to perform their duties effectively.
- ENSURING OPEN & TRANSPARENT CONTRACTING:**  
 Improved transparency in government tendering and expenditure will ensure that resources reach those most in need.
- PROMOTING GREATER CIVIC SPACE:**  
 Allow for active citizen engagement, better use of public consultation forums in planning and National Budget development so that government can be more accountable to citizens.
- IMPROVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION:**  
 Ensuring the public is able to better access public information in a timely manner will assist achieve greater transparency and accountability for Government.

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## FROM THE HELM

Dear Members and Friends,

What a start to 2021 it has been, as we once again embrace the challenges associated with the resurgence of COVID-19 cases around the country.

Despite these challenges, TIPNG's commitment and resolve in reiterating the citizen demand for transparency and accountability in our country, in the face of the ongoing National health crisis has been as steadfast as ever.

This quarter, we have already executed several key interventions, targeted at encouraging greater dialogue and collaborative action across a number of key sectors in the PNG governance framework.

These include our 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index launch event in January, which united the Law & Justice sector in collaborative discourse on anti-corruption priorities and practicable next steps.

We were fortunate to have the event attended by the Prime Minister, Chief Justice, Minister for Police, Secretary of Department of Prime Minister, Police Commissioner, Public Solicitor and representatives from the Department of Justice & Attorney General, Office of the Public Prosecutor amongst others.

This quarter has also seen the achievement of a number of milestones. Such as the completion of data collection for our National Integrity Systems Assessment, completion of the 4th Legal Internship Program and participation in the NCD Provoncial Electoral Steering Committee (PESC).

While adapting to our new operating conditions has been a challenge, the outpouring of public support towards our cause has been extremely encouraging and we have now exceeded half our membership target for 2021!

Moving forward, we look forward to even greater collaboration and partnership next quarter and even better outcomes for our people.

Yours in partnership,  
Arianne Kassman

# DIALOGUE UNITES

In support for government efforts to introduce effective anti-corruption reforms in PNG, we facilitated an Anti-Corruption Enforcement Dialogue with the leaders of over 13 law and justice sector agencies, in tandem with the official launching of the 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) on Thursday January 28, 2021.

TIPNG Chair, Peter Aitsi stated that the aim of the dialogue was to unify the different voices within the PNG Law and Justice Sector and present a consolidated position on their challenges, priorities and proposed solutions to the government. "While PNG has made significant strides towards the achievement of a number of key milestones in the past few years, there is still more work to be done towards achieving tangible anti-corruption reform before any real impacts can be felt at the community level," said Mr Aitsi.

"Key legislative reforms such as the Organic Law on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (OLICAC), the Protected Disclosures Act (PDA) and the Freedom of Information (FOI) Law have been touted for some time now. And while the OLICAC and the PDA have now been passed on the floor of Parliament, and the FOI legislation is currently in its drafting phase; the need for greater consensus and solidarity from Law and Justice Sector agencies still presents itself as a hurdle to the effective implementation of anti-corruption enforcement pathways (such as the ICAC)."

"This event was delivered through a dialogue format, with the intention of opening the dialogue among participating agencies to exchange ideas and ultimately developing a resolution on anti-corruption priorities for the Law and Justice Sector. Which will be presented to the PNG government," He said.

As a core output of this event, a discussion paper is now being developed from the dialogue and will be presented to the government, to inform the current policy agenda on anti-corruption reform.



(L-R) PNG Chief Justice Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika and Prime Minister James Marape participating during the CPI2020 launch event in January. The event brought together 13 agency heads from across the Law & Justice Sector, the wider public sector and civil society to discuss issues affecting anti-corruption enforcement within their agencies.

# TIPNG TALKS ICAC ON LOWY PANEL

In February TIPNG participated in a panel discussion convened by the Lowy Institute. The Panel highlighted significant issues for PNG in the year ahead. The discussion was moderated by Shane McLeod from the Lowy Institute and the panelists included; Yuambari Haihuie (Deputy Director Policy and Partnerships, TIPNG), Patrick Kaiku (UPNG) and Rebecca Kuku (Post Courier).

One of the interesting topics to come up in the discussion was the portending impact of recent developments such as the ongoing delay to the establishment of a fully empowered ICAC and how these factors would play out in the lead up to the PNG National Elections next year.



(Clockwise starting top left) Panelists Yuambari Haihuie, Patrick Kaiku, Rebecca Kuku and moderator Shane McLeod during the discussions in Feb. Watch the full video at <https://www.lowyinstitute.org/news-and-media/multimedia/video/year-ahead-png-aus-png-network-live>.

# EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION IS KEY



Prime Minister James Marape speaking during the official launch of the 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index. Mr Marape said he was encouraged to see the turnout from the Law and Justice Sector agencies and his government was looking forward to hearing the outcome of the dialogue and working together to improve the current status quo.

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At the official launch event, TIPNG Board Chair Peter Aitsi stated that corruption was not an issue, which could solely be addressed by the government, but that greater collaboration and solidarity is critical to ensure effective and sustainable change is achieved.

“Greater collaboration is needed from all state and non-state actors to ensure that the recent reforms by the government are effectively implemented and translate into meaningful change at the community level.

The impact of corruption in our country cannot be reduced unless we demonstrate solidarity and each person plays their part in driving the change we want to see in our country,” said Mr Aitsi.



(L-R) TIPNG Founding Director Richard Kassman, Department of Prime Minister Secretary Ivan Pomaleu, Police Minister William Onglo, Prime Minister James Marape, PNG Chief Justice Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika and TIPNG Chairman Peter Aitsi with copies of the 2020 CPI during the official launch event in January this year.

# MEMBERSHIP HITS HALF-WAY TARGET!



In what has been a most encouraging rally of support behind the anti-corruption movement in PNG, our membership numbers have already exceeded half of our financial membership target for the year 2021, within the first quarter!

Our management, staff and board of directors would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to all our new and returning financial members for the year 2021 for raising your hands to support the movement against corruption in our country and combating it's impact on our communities.

Your continued support over the years has not only allowed us to fund our many projects and operations in critical sectors impacting governance, in our country, but also continues to sponsor the hope that corruption is not inevitable and that corrupt systems and networks embedded in our society can be uprooted if we can join hands and work together.

Membership target for 2021 is K146, 998.26. In mid-February 2021, we were able to raise half the target for the year and we currently raised a total of K112, 452.47 through membership renewals and new membership. We thank individuals and the following organizations for their support to this worthy cause.

As TIPNG is a local non – government organisation, we get most of its funding from domestic and international donors to help carry out its programs and awareness. Apart from the donor funding TIPNG also has a membership drive as a fundraising activity for on-going funding for TIPNG operations.

## OUR 2021 FINANCIAL MEMBERS:

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1. **CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA & SOLOMON ISLANDS**

### CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION:

1. **INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS**
2. **MELANESIAN INSTITUTE**
3. **CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MT. HAGEN**

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TO BECOME A MEMBER AND JOIN THE  
FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION TODAY!**

# LIP FAREWELLS 2020 INTERN COHORT

In February, we farewelled four legal interns; Marlyna Kiske, Larry Agdop, Rebekah Watinga and Dempstar Kiasaka who joined us in December of 2020 as part of our fourth Legal Internship Program (LIP).

During their time with us the legal interns were involved in attending stakeholder meetings, providing legislative and briefing papers to the board, providing recommendations on issues of national concern as well as collecting, filing and processing complaints under the Anti-Corruption Help Desk (AnCoHD).

The closing ceremony signified yet again the success of the program and the contributions of the legal interns towards pursuing our mission.

The staff of TIPNG, friends, parents of the legal interns and partners who contributed to the program were present at the ceremony to witness the awarding of certificates, addresses from the AnCoHD Coordinator, the CEO and the legal interns themselves who shared their individual experiences and takeaways.

The four LIP graduates expressed that they were grateful for the experience and the exposure which they received over the course of the 8-week internship.

And that while the LIP program provided them the environment and the opportunity to apply what they had learnt in Law School, the experience was also further supplemented with critical insights into key agencies in the PNG governance framework as well as the importance of civil society and civic participation in a functioning democracy.

Marlyna, Larry, Rebekah and Dempstar were encouraged to continue to stand up for what is right and to also maintain their ties with TIPNG.



(right) 2020-2021 LIP intern Marlyna Kiske sharing her experiences during the 8-week internship during the official 2020 LIP closing in February.



(L-R) 2020-2021 LIP interns Marlyna Kiske, Dempstar Kiasaka, Larry Agdop and Rebekah Watinga with PNG Chief Justice Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika (seated) during our 2020 Corruption Perception Index launch event in January.



(left) 2020-2021 LIP intern Larry Agdop accepting a token of appreciation from TIPNG CEO Arienne Kassman upon the completion of the 8-week internship.

# UNCAC PARALLEL REPORT UNDERWAY

Data collection for the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Parallel Report for PNG began in December of 2020. PNG signed the UNCAC on the 22nd of December 2004 and acceded to it on the 16th of July 2007.

Under the UNCAC, member states are to provide a report on the implementation and fulfilment of obligations on a multi-year periodic basis. As a civil society organization, TIPNG was engaged by the UNCAC Coalition to provide a parallel report to that of the government's, for the purpose of ensuring accountability, transparency, and credibility of the review process.

Towards the end of February 2021 interviews were conducted with key agencies such as the National

Procurement Commission and the Public Services Commission, to obtain information crucial to the report. The report will provide an independent assessment of the country's overall progress by highlighting level of implementation and enforcement of the country's obligations under the UNCAC.

Following the ratification of the UNCAC, PNG developed a National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2010-2030 which has five-year Plans of Action, the current was endorsed by NEC last year is from 2020-25.

The National Anti-Corruption Strategy Taskforce, co-chaired by the Department of Justice and Department of Prime Minister, is responsible for UNCAC implementation in PNG.

# BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH INFO



Oxfam, Goroka District Education Office and TIPNG representatives with a full set of TIPNG's Civic Education materials.

In February the Oxfam Governance Team and the Goroka District Education Office team visited our office to learn more about the Civic Education Materials developed by TIPNG.

An MoU is existing between TIPNG and the Department of Education, for the production of the Civic Education materials, yet to be approved. The materials include student and teacher resource books, a book of posters and 'big books' for elementary students.

Through information sharing with organisations like Oxfam, we are able to reach more Papua New Guineans across the country.

# NISA DATA COLLECTION COMPLETED

We are pleased to announce that the data collection for the National Integrity Systems Assessment (NISA) is now complete!

The data collection started in November 24th 2020 and ended in February 12th 2021.

Over these 3 months, 27 interviews were conducted by an external consultant with selected agencies and organizations.

The purpose of the data collection period was to obtain information relating to governance, integrity and anti-corruption within agencies.

It is our intention to maintain relationships and partnerships formed with these agencies, as we work towards improving levels of national integrity in PNG.

In addition to the data collection, experts with extensive knowledge and experience within the pillars of National Integrity were also interviewed.

The information obtained during this period will be used in the NISA Report, which will be launched at the first National Integrity Summit in May of 2021.



TIPNG Promoting Anti-corruption & Integrity Strategies (PAIS) project coordinator Bruno Siare (far right) conducting an agency meeting with Public Prosecutor Prosecutor Pondros Kaluwin (second from left) and Deputy Public Prosecutor Camilus Sambua (far left) as part of the data collection process.



(L-R) TIPNG Deputy Director Yuambari Haihuie, Center for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR) Legal Intern Joyce Thomas, TIPNG Anti-Corruption Help Desk Coordinator Samson Kandata, CELCOR Senior Litigator Vicky Amoko, CELCOR Advocacy Officer Samantha Kuman and PAIS Project Coordinator Bruno Siare after an agency meeting early this quarter.



(L-R) PAIS Project Officer Daera Ganiga, TIPNG Deputy Director Policy & Advocacy Yuambari Haihuie, Parliament Legal Officer David Yua, PAIS Project Coordinator Bruno Siare, Parliament Counsel Richard Whitchurch and Parliament Librarian Ellesalah Matatier after the agency meeting with the National Parliament.

# PESC CONVENES FOR NORTH-WEST BY-ELECTIONS



(L-R) TIPNG CEO Arianne Kassman with NCD Metropolitan Commander Chief Superintendent Gideon Ikumu, NCD Electoral Officers and NCDC Officers.

The NCD Provincial Election Steering Committee (PESC) Meetings have kicked off. The first meeting was held on Thursday the 28th of January 2021 at the NCD City Hall. Since the first meeting, 4 others have been held.

In attendance at these meetings were; TIPNG CEO, Arianne Kassman, NCD Metropolitan Superintendent, Gideon Ikumu, NCD Electoral Officers, NCDC Officers were at the first meeting. The PESC is a means to coordinate the conduct of elections in a province and, was convened for the Moresby North-West By-election following the passing of late Sir Mekere Morauta.

The committee brings together Election officials, Provincial Administration, Police, Education authority, Faith Based Organisations and broader Civil Society. TIPNG has been a member of the NCD PESC since its inception. With the 2022 National Elections fast approaching, the PESC will be further tasked with ensuring its coordination.

# HELP DESK OPEN DESPITE COVID

Members and Citizens are encouraged to join us in the fight against corruption by reporting corrupt conduct in their communities, especially during the ongoing National Coronavirus health crisis.

Due to restrictions imposed amidst the surge of Covid-19 cases in the country, the TIPNG Anti-Corruption Help Desk (AnCoHD) is now only open on Fridays for complaints to be lodged at our main office.

While we are also collecting complaints through other mediums such as; Email, Postage and through our Toll-Free line (**180 6000**).

Over the course of this first quarter of 2021, our corruption complaints desk has received four complaints relating to lack of transparency and misappropriation at the District, Provincial and National level.

We encourage people to come forward to report corruption, and we respect the confidentiality of all information received.



TIPNG AnCoHD coordinator Samson Kandata interviewing a corruption complaints desk client.

## UNCOVER CORRUPTION TODAY!

CALL THE TIPNG CORRUPTION COMPLAINTS DESK ON:

# 180 6000

TO REPORT CORRUPT ACTIVITIES AND GET **FREE** LEGAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL.

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## WHO WE ARE:

Transparency International PNG is a chapter of Transparency International, a global non-profit, NGO dedicated to empowering people to take action against corruption. TIPNG was formed in 1997 with the aim of combatting corruption in PNG and promoting openness, honesty and accountability in private and public dealings. TIPNG is a membership-based association, guided by voluntary Board of Directors who are leaders in the respective sectors in which they work.

## OUR MISSION:

To empower people to act against corruption.

## WHAT IS CORRUPTION?

Corruption is the abuse of entrusted power for private gain, it hurts everyone whose life, livelihood or happiness depends on the integrity of people in a position of authority.

## OUR PROGRAMS:

- Anti-Corruption Help Desk
- Policy and Advocacy
- Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp
- School Based Civic Education Project
- Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption
- Promoting Anti-corruption & Integrity Strategies

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