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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PARTNERS IN GOROKA ENCOURAGED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE TRUE DEMOCRACY IN ELECTIONS

Friday 18th February, 2022 – Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) conducted A week long civic awareness outreach in Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province as part of its Building Elections Integrity through Partnership (BEIP) Project.

A key part of the awareness in Goroka was a Civic Awareness Information Workshop that brought together key provincial election stakeholders, namely the Eastern Highlands Electoral Commission Office, Provincial Administration and the Goroka Police to provide updates on their preparations for the 2022 National Elections in Eastern Highlands Province. Participants at the workshop included members of various civil society organizations in Goroka: YWCA Goroka, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Helping Hand Youth Honey Producers, Tribal Foundation (Soundhouse Consulting), Caraitas PNG and the NBC EHP.

TIPNG’s other voter awareness meetings with youth, churches and citizens in Eastern Highlands Province heard the audience express serious concerns for a truly free, fair and safe elections come July 2022, while women expressed that feeling insecure at a polling station was their biggest challenge.

“TIPNG is calling on all sectors in the Eastern Highlands Province to work in partnership with the Eastern Highlands Electoral Commission Office and the Provincial Election Steering Committee to ensure that the right information goes out to the people of the province and that there is real partnership in implementing peaceful elections in the province, said TIPNG CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman.”

As part of TIPNG’s civic awareness on voters’ rights and responsibilities, TIPNG conducted two school visits to the Goroka Grammar, Highlands School of Nursing and Goroka Secondary school and community outreach with the Goroka YWCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Bible Mission.

The BEIP Project is funded under the PNG-Australia Partnership for Development.

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Election Stakeholders: *EH Provincial Election Manager Mr Steven Kaupa, TIPNG CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman, Goroka Police Station Commander Chief Inspector Mr Paul Nacca and Director for Eastern Highlands Provincial and District Affairs, Mr Michael Mogia.*

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