



AN INSIGHT INTO HSIP AND PHA'S IN PNG

(Inclusive of highlights from the WHO Situation Report No.63 jointly with the National Department of Health as at March 8th 2021)

PART 2: WHAT IS A PHA?

WHAT IS A PHA? AND WHAT IS IT FOR?

PHA stands for Provincial Health Authority. PHA's were established by the Provincial Health Authorities Act 2007. The purpose of PHA's under this act are as follows:

- Provide relief to sick and injured persons through the provision of care and treatment.
- Promote, protect and maintain the health of the community.
- Make the PHA accountable to the local community.
- Encourage the local community to participate in planning and in the decision-making process of the PHA.
- Deliver public health services appropriate and acceptable to the local community.
- Deliver curative services from the premises of a provincial hospital or PHA.

WHO COMPRISES THE PHA?

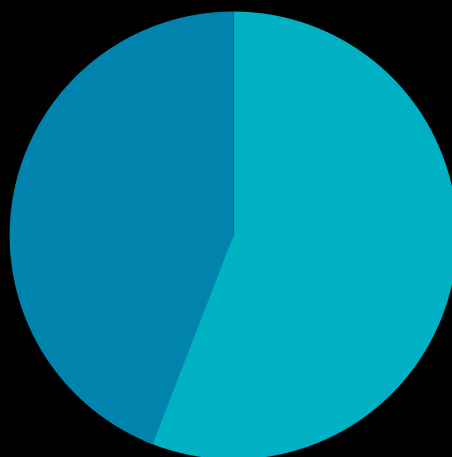
A PHA comprises of the following in accordance with the Provincial Health Authorities Act 2007:

- A 9 member PHA Board who oversees and governs the PHA
- A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) responsible for directing and managing the affairs of the PHA
- Director Curative Services
- Director Public Health Services
- Director Corporate Services
- Other officers appointed by the CEO
- Temporary and Casual Employees as appointed by the CEO

PHA FUNDING: BALANCE AND EXPENDITURE TO DATE

Total funds transferred to PHAs from GoPNG and Development Partners to date amounts to K51.0 million. Expenditure to date for all PHAs is K22.5 million. Available funds still not used and in the provincial accounts is K28.5million.

Expenditure - K22.5 million
(44.1%)



Funds Available - K28.5 million
(55.9%)

The World Health Organization (WHO) Situational Report No.63, March 8th 2021 (pp. 13)

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCESS FOR PHA'S?

A PHA is a public body within the Public Finances (Management) Act 1995 therefore, it must comply with the normal process for financial reporting. The Process is as follows:

1) A PHA must submit Financial Statements to the Auditor General.

Note: Financial statements must be approved by the Finance Minister in consultation with the Auditor General.

2) Before the 30th of June each year, a PHA must submit to the finance minister, the approved financial statements as well as a performance and management report of its operations (ending 31st December of the previous year).

3) The Finance Minister presents the PHA's report and financial statements before parliament.

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