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THE TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL PNG QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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A TIPNG workshop participant in Eastern Highlands Province looking at information posters.

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION ESSENTIAL FOR PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND NATIONAL INTEGRITY

In commemorating the International Day of Universal Access to Information on September 28, TIPNG called on the Government of Papua New Guinea and State Agencies to work to deliver on recent legislation that supports citizens’ right to know.

At TIPNG, we welcome the Open Data requirements enacted in the Digital Government Act 2022 and we reiterate civil society’s expectation that the Government and national institutions collaborate to make public information accessible to all citizens in accordance with Section 51 of the PNG Constitution.

“Papua New Guineans have a right to know what is done by public officials, with public money for the public good and it is incumbent on our government and national institutions to deliver on this constitutional right. We have recently seen in our 2022 National General Election how the lack of timely, accessible and accurate information undermined public confidence and weakened electoral integrity. This is true across the entirety of the public sector, access to information is essential for public confidence and national integrity,” said Peter Aitsi, TIPNG Board Chair.

“TIPNG welcomes recent legislated requirements in the Digital Government Act 2022 that compels state agencies

to maintain standards of Open Data for citizens to access public information. These legislative developments led by Secretary and Department of ICT, alongside national commitments in the Open Government Partnership, to enact a comprehensive Freedom of Information Act and for increased fiscal transparency should be supported by all sectors of society, including the Private Sector and international development partners.”

The Right to Information complements other civic rights including Freedom of Association and Freedom of Speech. Recent statements by the Government restricting domestic and international media from making information public, provisions within the Cybercrime Act, and self-interested censorship by public officials undermine these reforms, and must be opposed.

Section 36 of the Digital Government Act 2022 requires the State to develop open data principles that shall have regard to public use of data across all sectors and to ensure that any open data is easily discoverable and available. Further, the Act requires that Public Bodies shall that open data kept up to date in an automated way. There requirements will be further articulated in the forthcoming National Digital Government Plan 2023-2027.





## FROM THE HELM

Dear Members and Friends,

The third quarter of this year was focused on reflecting on the constitutional aspirations of Papua New Guinea.

As the country conducted its tenth National General Election since independence, we fielded over 300 observers across all 4 regions, in a total of 20 provinces. TIPNG's observers were accredited with the PNG Electoral Commission and were comprised of volunteers from across the country. We are grateful to all of them for committing their time to defend democracy in PNG.

Following the observation, we issued a summary paper which contained the stark observation that the 2022 National General Election has continued the trend of deterioration in the quality of elections in PNG. In the paper, we called for increase in transparency and integrity, to restore public trust in the electoral process.

Our call for transparency was re-emphasized in our commemoration of International Access to Information Day. We marked the day by calling for the provisions on Open Data in the Digital Government Act 2022 to be supported by state agencies, in line with our constitutional right to access public documents.

In September our team took the opportunity of Independence Day celebrations, to visit the former House of Assembly, the National Parliament and the National Museum. We learned about our history, our political aspirations and the importance of our national identity in the fight against corruption. These reflections on national identity and national integrity, were also a feature of our Active Civic Engagement (ACE) workshop conducted with youth partners in Bougainville, and occurring in the same month.

As you read through this issue of our newsletter, you will see time and again, people coming together to stand up for what is right and proper, and to stand against corruption. We thank you for your interest in our work, and hope we can depend on your support in that ongoing fight.

Yours in partnership,

**Arianne Kassman**

## INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION DAY

On September 28, we joined our partners in the law and justice sector at a public event organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as part of its public awareness on International Day for Universal Access to Information.

The event was held at the Nature Park in Port Moresby and was targeted at sharing information with the public on the impacts of corruption and citizens' right to information.

TIPNG set up a stall and shared information about our efforts in empowering people in Papua New Guinea to oppose corruption across all sectors of society and most importantly the work we do in pushing for the Freedom of Information legislation.

The public event was part of the PNG Anti-Corruption Project, implemented by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), with funding support from the European Union. Access to information enables the detection and reporting of corruption. It is also critically important for promoting accountability, transparency and effectiveness of government institutions.

International Day for Access to Information supports the idea that everyone has the basic right to seek, receive and disseminate information. This right is also linked to the right to freedom of expression. Access to Information builds a ground for a fight against corruption.

The right to information is necessary for making decisions, engaging in democracy, and increasing openness and transparency between the government and its people so that the can know how they are being governed and how the country's resources are being managed.

The event at Nature Park saw students sharing information and insights on the impact of corruption and the extent of access to information. Other organizations that participated at the event were the Interim ICAC Office, the National Judicial Staff Services and the UN Office of the Human Rights Commissioner.



A visitor looking at information at the TIPNG booth during the International Day for Universal Access to Information Day organized by UNODC.

# RIGHT TO INFORMATION



Events & Membership Officer Ms. Kalia Maraga speaking to people at the TIPNG booth during the International Day for Universal Access to Information organized by UNODC.

## What is Right to Information?

Access to information gives citizens the right by law to access public documents and data from government departments and state entities. It often occurs through Right to Information laws. With Right to Information laws, citizens can legally be allowed to get all information and documents from the government or state agency.

## Current Status in Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea does not have the Right to Information Act or policy even though Section 51 of our National Constitution gives Papua New Guinean citizens the right. The Constitution of the country enshrines the right of access to information and stipulates that a law should be adopted on this matter, but no Right to Information law has been passed in the last 40 years.

Section 51 of the Papua New Guinea Constitution stipulates that *“Every citizen has the right of reasonable access to official documents, subject only to the need for such secrecy as is reasonably justifiable in a democratic society.”* It also lists exceptions related to this secrecy.

The Constitution also sets out that a law may regulate or restrict the right to information and *“provision shall be made by law to establish procedures by which citizens may obtain ready access to official information.”* There is some good news, and that is that the Government of Papua New Guinea has already committed to drafting an RTI Law through the Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan 2018-2020, which was endorsed by cabinet in NEC Decision No. 323/2018. However, the challenge now to ensure that they (PNG Government)

put in place an effective law that empowers Papua New Guineans to demand accountability from all public offices and office-holders.

## How does Right to Information affect you?

Right to Information is not only a human right, but vital for preventing corruption. When citizens can access key facts, data and information from the government, it makes it more difficult to hide abuses of power and other illegal activities - governments can be held accountable.

Right to Information is an important tool that can empower you to demand accountability from the government, proactively participate in public life and to fight corruption through knowledge. The value of access to information is recognised around the world and there are many countries where, both on paper and in practice, the Right to Information is a reality.

## TIPNG’s Recommendations for Right to Information

- Support is required for the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and OGP to achieve their broad objectives, but also specifically, to enact a Freedom of Information law.
- The Freedom of Information legislation should enable citizens to access public documents with support and oversight provided by an independent entity such as the Freedom of Information Commission.
- The public information accessed through the legislation must be accurate, accessible and provided in a timely manner.

# NURTURING A GENERATION OF ACTIVE CITIZENS

Our team was in Bougainville in September to facilitate our Active Civic Engagement (ACE) workshop with young people of the region.

The Bougainville Active Civic Engagement workshop was held at the Tunuru Catholic Mission Station, Central Bougainville from September 19 to September 23, 2022.

The 2022 Bougainville ACE workshop saw 43 participants coming together from various district youth associations and schools around Bougainville.

The first session of the workshop was aimed at giving the participants a sense of pride and respect of where they are from and the districts they represent. Then, within their district groups, the participants listed out the issues affecting their communities.

Other sessions of the workshop covered: Representation, decision-making, active citizenship, leadership and role models, solutions, making a plan of action, utilizing the media and how to use social media.

The participants were also given the opportunity to listen and interact with their local Members of Parliament from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, namely Honorable Junior Tumare, Member for Makis Constituency in South Bougainville and Minister for Lands, Physical Planning, Environment and Conservation, and North Bougainville Womens Representative, Ms Amanda Masono Getsi

TIPNG has been running its program in Bougainville since 2019. We have been able to do this with funding support from the PNG-Australia Partnership through Bougainville Partnership.

Bougainville Partnership, TIPNG and the Autonomous Bougainville Government's Community Development Department have been collaborating to strengthen and



Participants of the Bougainville ACE workshop.

enhance the capacity of youth organisation to meet the needs of young people of Bougainville as aspired in Bougainville's Strategic Development Plan 2018 – 2022.

Through the ACE program, we have been privileged to engage with young people from the Bougainville Youth Federation and the 16 District Youth Associations on the island of Bougainville.

Civic engagement is when an individual or a group of people seek to address public concerns to better the community. Its about people recognizing a problem and utilising available resources and expertise to fix the problem.

The aim of the program is to help motivate individuals to take ownership of addressing issues in their communities by developing a plan of action.

The ACE program takes a hands-on approach for participants to devise action plans that would enhance the well-being of their communities.



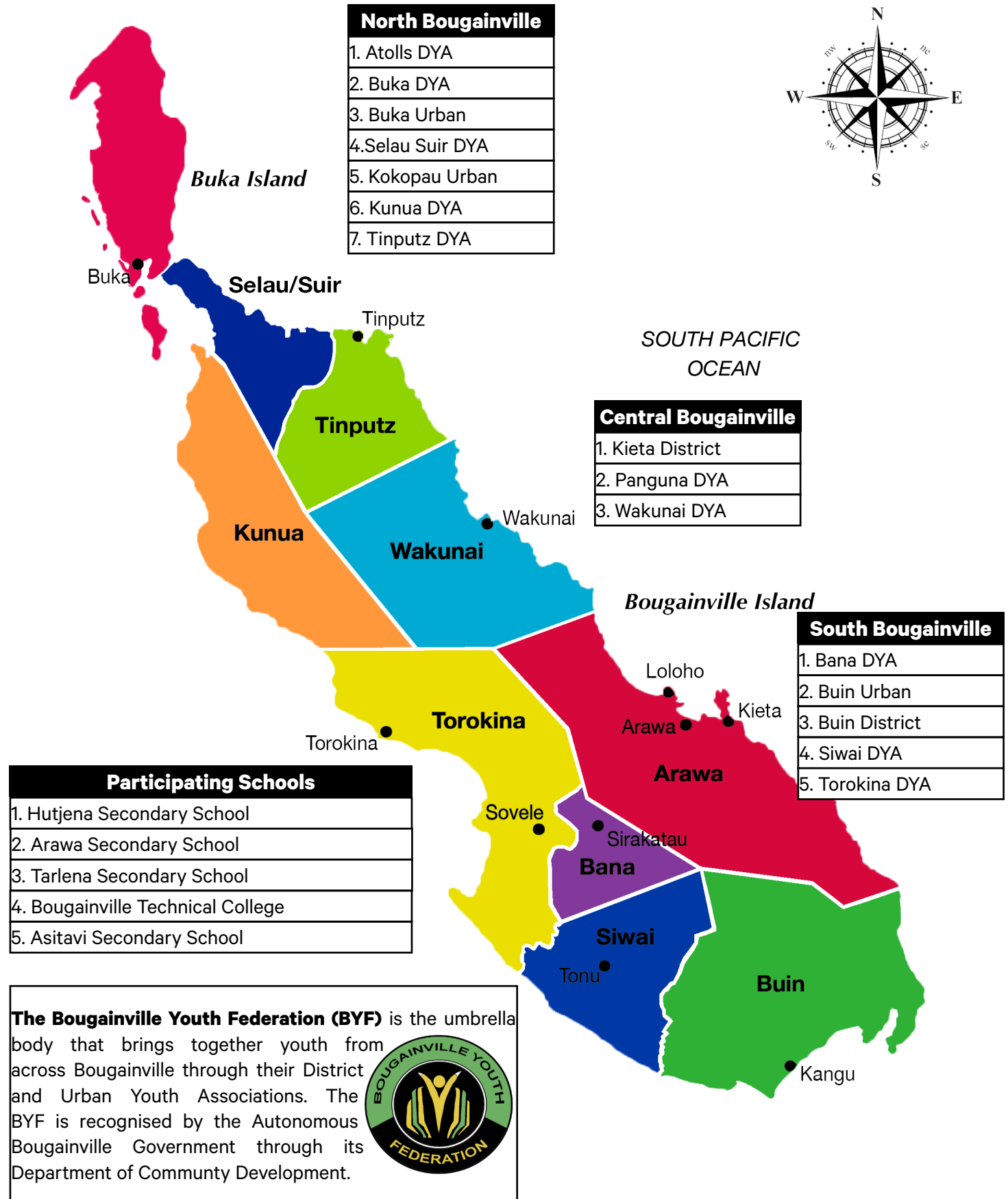
(L-R) Jenefrances Riripi from Bougainville Technical College & Tsarlayze Iamu from Arawa Urban Youth Association.



Digital Communications Officer Semie Mansu presenting about social media.

# ACTIVE CITIZENS IN BOUGAINVILLE

## Youth Associations & Students that Participated in the 2022 Active Civic Engagement



# SETTING THE COMMUNITY COALITION AGAINST CORRUPTION

The first Community Coalition against Corruption (CCAC) was held this quarter with longtime key members and was chaired by TIPNG Chair Mr. Peter Aitsi. Organisations represented at the CCAC meeting were Caritas PNG, Media Council of PNG, Consultative Implementation Monitoring Council, Center for Environmental Law and Community Rights, Catholic Bishops Conference, Advancing PNG! Women Leaders Network and Transparency International PNG. The objectives of the CCAC meeting were to provide an overview of the CCAC and have discussions on the set up of the coalition. At the meeting, members agreed anonymously for the CCAC to be co-chaired by TIPNG and the Media Council of PNG. A second meeting will be held again in due time with a wider audience to firm up the structure of the CCAC.

The Community Coalition Against Corruption or CCAC is a loose body of network, that comprise of organizations who are committed to stand together against corruption.



The CCAC works through its membership to empower communities in three (3) ways:

1. Inform
2. Mobilize, and
3. Take action

## Membership

The CCAC membership includes business houses, churches, NGOs, Unions, Institutions and student bodies. If your organization is interested to joined the CCAC, send your Expression of Interest to TIPNG.

## 12TH PRIME MINISTER'S BACK-TO-BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The Business Council of PNG invited us to the Prime Minister's Back-to-Business Breakfast held in August 30 at Port Moresby.

TIPNG was given a table for 10 and we utilised the opportunity to ensure our Board, Staff, Members and Civil Society Partners could attend. We extended the invitation to join our table for the breakfast to Caritas PNG, Advancing PNG Women Leaders Network, the Center for Environmental Land and Community Rights and James Lunge, a financial member of TIPNG.

The event featured a dialogue with the Prime Minister and senior executives from the private sector: Huala Tokome - Vice President National Business Council of PNG, Ian Tarutia – President, PNG Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Richard Kassman – Senior Vice President, PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum.

We are thankful for the invitation by BCPNG and look forward to continued and further collaboration between BCPNG and TIPNG as we work together to strengthen good governance and combat corruption across all sectors in Papua New Guinea.



(L-R) TIPNG Individual member Jeffery Vagalia, Deputy Director Communications Yvonne Ngutlick, Advancing PNG! Women Leaders Network Ruth Kissam Tindiwi, Caritas PNG Mavis Tito, Events & Membership Officer Kalia Maraga, TIPNG individual Member James Lunge, Center for Environmental Law & Community Rights Stephanie Kiriwom, TIPNG CEO Arianne Kassman and Deputy Director Partnerships & Policy Yuambari Haihuie at the PM's Back-to-Business Breakfast.

# 2022 NGE DIAGNOSTIC FORUM ON WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

The Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates Commission (IPCCC) with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) conducted a three-day Diagnostic Workshop in Port Moresby on women candidates' participation in the National General. The theme of the workshop was Strategizing for Success: Documenting lessons learnt by female candidates to inform action planning for the 2027 elections. The workshop's aims were:

1. To bring together women candidates and a range of stakeholders together to share women candidate's experiences during the elections from across the country;
2. To start preparing for women's participation in the 2027 national general election, by critically reflecting on experiences; challenges and accomplishments from 2022 and producing practical recommendations for action by the PNG Government, PNG election-related institutions, women candidates and development partners.

TIPNG was invited to participate on a panel discussion at this event. TIPNG's Deputy Director for Partnerships & Policy Mr. Yuambari Haihuie spoke on the panel about the preparation, conduct and the delivery of the 2022 NGE.



Deputy Director Partnerships & Policy Yuambari Haihuie speaking on the panel.

## 7TH STATE OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE, CANBERRA

Through an invitation from the Department of Pacific Affairs and the Pacific Research Program of the Australian National University, TIPNG CEO, Ms. Arianne Kassman made a presentation on the 2022 PNG National General Elections and Challenges for Democracy.

Ms. Kassman's presentation covered key issues that were identified during the elections but focused more on the key recommendations to make elections better.

The State of the Pacific conference 2022, which took place from 28-29 September 2022 at The Australian National University in Canberra, covered the following range of topics:

- Issues of region-wide relevance, such as climate change, security, and labour mobility;
- Issues of national politics and development, such



CEO Arianne Kassman (second from right) speaking on the panel.

as the 2022 National General Election in Papua New Guinea, political attitudes in Samoa, and anti-corruption reform;

- Issues concerning the ongoing Bougainville peace process in the post-referendum period; and
- Issues concerning people and communities, including conceptualizations of masculinities and feminisms.

## ADVOCATING OUR REFORMS AT THE NRI ELECTION SEMINAR



Deputy Director Partnerships & Policy Yuambari Haihuie presenting at the NRI Elections Seminar.

The PNG National Research Institute (NRI) invited TIPNG to present our elections summary at their post-election seminar. The seminar discussed key features of the election nomination, campaigning, polling, and counting and highlighted the main findings and recommendations in addressing the main issues to ensure a better 2027 National General Elections.

PNG NRI extended an invitation to TIPNG be part of the dialogue to discuss lessons from the 2022 National General Elections and strategies to prepare well for the 2027 National General Elections. Our presentation focused on our recommendations outlined in our elections summary.

# MEETING UNODC'S DEPUTY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO STRENGTHEN ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS IN PNG

We had the opportunity to meet with the Mr. Julien Garsany and Mr. Graham Gunn of the UN Office of Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) towards the end of this quarter. Mr. Garsany is the UNODC's Deputy Regional Representative Southeast Asia and the Pacific and Mr. Gunn is the UNODC's Anti-Corruption Adviser based in Papua New Guinea.

The UNODC as the UN agency mandated to address

corruption has been a long standing support and partner to TIPNG and anti-corruption efforts in Papua New Guinea. In this regard, the UNODC leads the processes on the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) which the PNG Government ratified in 2007. In 2021 TIPNG conducted an assessment of PNG's progress on UNCAC implementation with 9 Key Recommendations available here: <https://uncaccoalition.org/tipng-report-on-uncac-chapter.../>



(L-R) UNODC Anti-Corruption Advisor Graham Gunn, Deputy Director Communications Yvonne Ngutlick, UNODC's Deputy Regional Representative Southeast Asia & the Pacific Julien Garsany, CEO Arianne Kassman, TIPNG Chair Peter Aitsi and Deputy Director Partnership & Policy Yuambari Haihuie at the TIPNG office.

## INFORMATION SESSION ON THE WORK OF WEST COAST DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF NEW IRELAND

Through the election observation activity, TIPNG has been able to forge new relationships with community-based organizations in the provinces. One of them is the West Coast Development Foundation (WCDF). Based in Kavieng, New Ireland Province, WCDF is a registered Community Based Organization that seeks to actively empower local communities to engage in sustainable development of the environment. Executive Director of WCDF, Jonathan Mesulam, was in Port Moresby and made time to speak to TIPNG staff about his organization and the work he is doing in safeguarding and protecting the natural environment and promoting cultural heritage & traditions.



West Coast Development Foundation Jonathan Mesulam presenting to the team at TIPNG Office.

## INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH US EMBASSY PARTNERS

We were honored to meet with the US Embassy's Political Chief, Kevin Furey, and Geoffrey Grimes, Economic Chief. Predominately an introductory meeting, the meeting was also a courtesy catch up and continue to strengthen our partnership with the embassy.

The meeting covered areas of mutual interest between TIPNG and the U.S. Embassy - Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea such as Democracy, Civic Freedoms and Good Governance.



(L-R) Deputy Director Yuambari Haihuie, CEO Arianne Kassman, US Embassy Pamela Pittard, US Embassy Political Chief Kevin Furey, TIPNG Chair Peter Aitsi & US Embassy Economic Chief Geoffrey Grimes at the TIPNG Office.

## SCHOOL OUTREACH TO KUNDU INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

TIPNG was invited to share our work with teachers and students of Kundu International Academy as part of their values program. The Communications Team of TIPNG enjoyed an energetic afternoon with

the students defining and understanding forms of corruption, discussing the level of corruption in Papua New Guinea and telling the students our work in the public sector, with citizens and our members.



Events & Membership Officer Kalia Maraga during her presentation.



Deputy Director Communications handing information packs to Kundu International Teachers and student leader of the week.

## CONTRIBUTING TO ICAC'S COMPLAINTS HANDLING MECHANISM

TIPNG was invited by the Interim ICAC Office and the UNODC PNG to attend a workshop to discuss the ICAC's complaints handling mechanism.

The purpose of the workshop was to assist the ICAC proper, once it is established develop its own complaints handling mechanism by learning from the experiences and practices of partner organizations.

# 2022 TIPNG NATIONAL GENERAL

We recently concluded our 4th consecutive Domestic Election Observation of the National General Elections (NGE) of Papua New Guinea. From our preliminary findings, we noted accumulated failures in the preparation, conduct, delivery and conclusion of the 2022 NGE have resulted in a severely flawed electoral process. Large swathes of the country could not freely, fairly or safely exercise their democratic right to vote and consequently are not represented in the 11th National Parliament.

In 2022 TIPNG was accredited with the PNG Electoral Commission (PNGEC) as a Domestic Election Observer Group. We have also observed the 2007, 2012 and 2017 National General Elections, with teams of volunteers across the country, using the same observer survey instruments, and also the 2013 LLG elections, 2019 Bougainville Referendum and the 2021 Moresby Northwest By-election.

Elections are a key period where citizens can take action against corruption, either through voting for candidates and parties with a clear and deliverable agenda for anti-corruption or through opposing electoral corruption.

From our fieldwork collecting data at polling stations we have compiled observer reports for the last 3 National Elections and given to both the government and the PNGEC to inform reform efforts. Reports from these observations have been presented to the PNGEC and Government to lead reforms such as the introduction of the Limited Preferential Voting (LPV) voting system and the Organic Law on the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates (OLIPPAC).

Our election observers were trained to understand the whole election cycle and the laws relating to elections. TIPNG's observation focused on the environment and the process of polling.

We are now in the process of compiling the reports from our 300 observers across 20 provinces. You can access our Summary Paper here: [https://transparencypng.org/pg/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/TIPNG-2022-Election-Summary-Paper\\_August-2022.p](https://transparencypng.org/pg/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/TIPNG-2022-Election-Summary-Paper_August-2022.p)



*TIPNG Observer conducting voter survey in Central Province.*



*Madang Observer engaged in a interview with voter.*



*TIPNG volunteer observing elections in Simbu.*

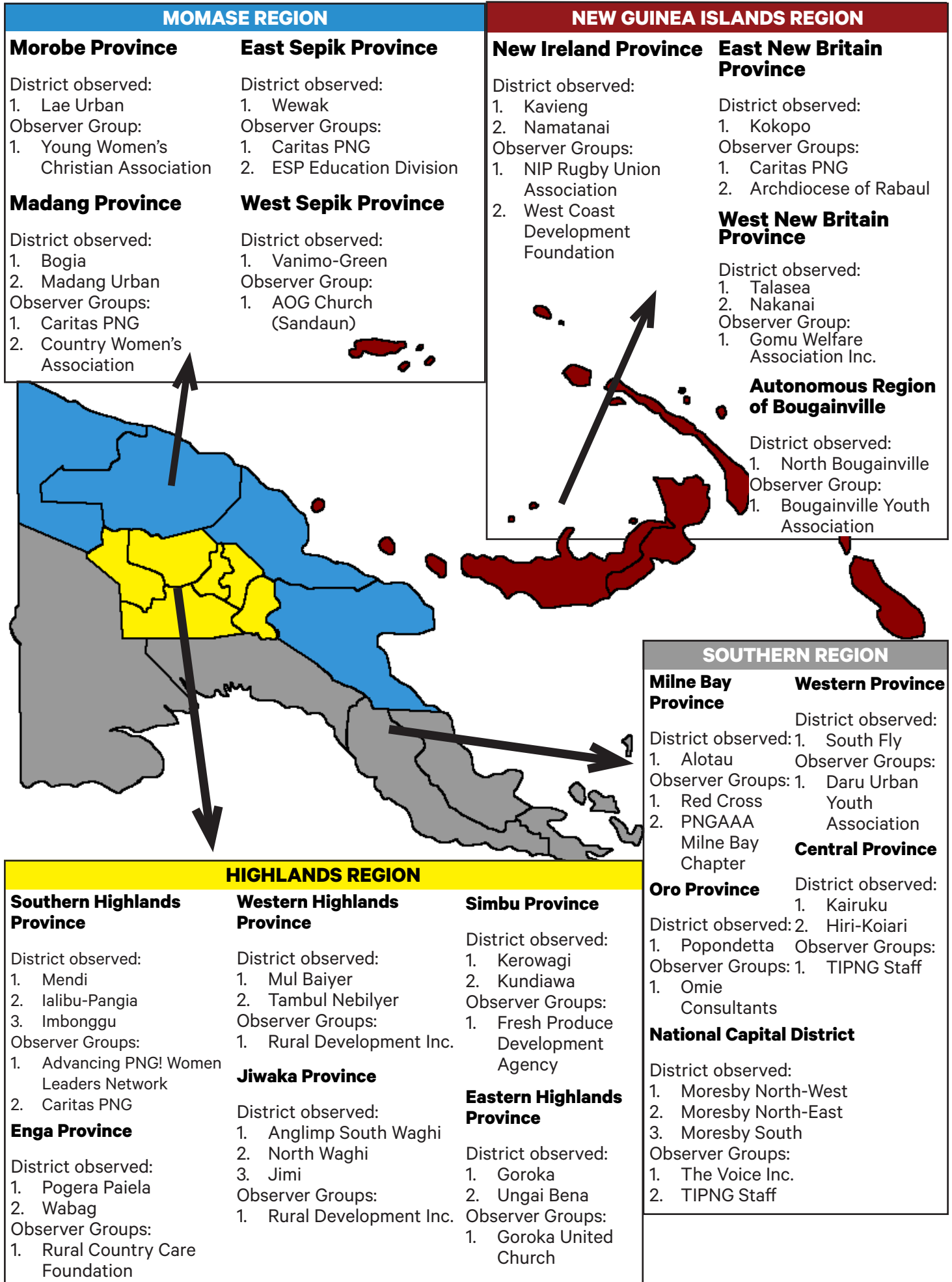


*TIPNG Observer watching the roll check in West Sepik Province.*



*TIPNG Observer speaking to the polling officials in New Ireland Province.*

# ELECTION OBSERVATION REACH



# OUR WORK CULTURE

TIPNG's values and standards are built upon the fundamental principles of 'Transparency' and 'Integrity'. Within the fundamental principles, TIPNG seeks to demonstrate and advocate its values of accountability, respect, courage and commitment, passion and perseverance, fairness and justice, and good governance in our workplace.

TIPNG has a customized Work Culture program that

focuses on a holistic approach to wellbeing and how we take care of ourselves and build each other.

At TIPNG, we celebrate work anniversaries, staff achievements, learn from other organizations, we recognize significant days and also make time for team physical activities to keep fit and healthy.

Here is what we got up this quarter.

## APPRECIATING THE FATHERS ON OUR TEAM



(L-R) Semie Mansu, Lumen Dennis, Raga Vali & Richard Kega.

As part of our work culture, our team at TIPNG take time to recognize significant days. In the beginning of September, we showed gratitude to the dads on the team by recognizing Fathers' Day. We appreciate and honor the dedication of the fathers on our team. Everyday they are at it - espousing our values and working towards realising our vision to be PNG's leading, reputable and well-established anti-corruption organization in Papua New Guinea.

## CELEBRATING WORK ANNIVERSARIES



**MISS DAERA GANIGA, Project Lead - Promoting Anti-Corruption & Integrity Strategies (PAIS) Project** – Miss Ganiga coordinates the EU funded PAIS Project. She has been with TIPNG for two years. The scope of her work involves working with state agencies to develop and reinforce existing anti-corruption frameworks within the public sector.



**MR SEMIE MANSU, Digital and Project Communications Officer** – Mr Mansu joined us in August 2021. He is part of our Communications team. The scope of Mr. Mansu's work covers administering TIPNG's website content and social media platforms, photography, video production, design and layout of various information materials, including this newsletter.

**MR RAGA VALI, Finance Officer** – Mr Vali joined TIPNG in 2021. He is responsible for ensuring that all of TIPNG's financial records are in order. The scope of his work covers finance, administration and compliance.



## BARBRA ATTENDS SCHOOL ON INTEGRITY

One of our strategic priorities is to develop the capacity of our staff. We aim to enhance our organizational capacity so that we are best positioned to empower people.

In August, our Campaigns & Coalition Lead, Ms Barbra Ruin, participated in the Intensive Anti-Corruption Training with the TI School on Integrity by TI Lithuania and the Mykolas Romeris University School of Law.

The School exposes its participants to the latest developments in the field of anti-corruption and accountability and offers real opportunities to try and implement their ideas in practice. Students of the School on

Integrity learn from leading anti-corruption professionals and seek to help young leaders acquire skills to better convey the message of anti-corruption.



**I truly appreciate being part of a global community sharing this same vision of a world free of corruption.**

**Barbra Ruin**  
Campaigns & Coalitions Lead



# 47TH INDEPENDENCE DAY TOUR



Admin Driver Lumen Dennis at the Haus Independens (formerly House of Assembly).



CEO Arianne Kassman (in head-dress) & Project Officer Elizabeth Aribi looking at historical pottery samples at the National Museum & Art Gallery.

To celebrate Papua New Guinea's 47th Independence, the TIPNG team took the time to reflect the Nation's journey and what it means to be a Papua New Guinean.

We started our Independence reflection with a moment of silence for the lives lost during our 2022 National General Election.

Then we visited the old House of Assembly (now Haus Independens) on McGregor Street located at Downtown Port Moresby. Staff viewed the foundations significant independence artifacts, paid homage to Papua New Guinea's founding fathers and gained a deeper understanding of their vision for the nation.

The TIPNG Team also visited the National Museum and Art Gallery where we were given a guided tour of our historic traditions and tools, and various farming, pottery, fishing and weaving techniques. The tour helped showcased PNG's sustainable ways of life during the pre-independence era. The tour gave TIPNG staff a sense of respect for the past and urged us to embrace our identities.

Staying true to our PNG ways, we ended off the day with kaikai and shared our reflections on what we learnt from all the visits.

# CORPORATE MEMBER FEATURE



## Credit Corporation (PNG) Limited

### What is the nature of your business?

Credit Corporation (PNG) Limited (Credit Corporation) commenced business in 1978 as a general finance company and over the past 43 years has grown to become one of the South Pacific's most progressive financial institutions.

Given our deep knowledge and expertise on operating finance businesses in regulated markets throughout the South Pacific, our relationship-based model puts us in a unique position to assist our retail and business customers with appealing financial solutions for any stage of their business or life journey

We offer a diverse range of lending products, including:

- equipment finance.
- personal car loan; and
- insurance premium funding.

Through our subsidiary companies, Credit Corporation owns and manages a portfolio of executive real estate assets including an office building and quality residential complexes.

Credit Corporation operates from offices in Port Moresby, Kokopo, Mount Hagen, and Lae in Papua New Guinea

(PNG); Suva, Nadi, Lautoka and Nakasi in Fiji; Honiara in the Solomon Islands; and Santo and Port Vila in Vanuatu. Credit Corporation is incorporated in PNG and listed on the Port Moresby Stock Exchange.

### What TIPNG activities have you joined

Credit Corporation has been a corporate member of TIPNG since 2006, supporting the anti-corruption agency with financial assistance to facilitate several of its core projects including policy and advocacy activities conducted throughout the country.

TIPNG carried out a transparency awareness session with Credit Corporation's executive management committee including the Group CEO in the first half of the year 2022.

In addition, we have participated in the Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption.

### Why is stopping corruption in PNG important to your organization?

Companies within the private sector have a responsibility in ensuring business is conducted in an ethical manner.

Anti-corruption organizations such as TIPNG play an important role in our society in promoting transparency and integrity both within the private and public sector.



(L-R) Credit Corporation CEO Danny Robinson and TIPNG CEO Arianne Kassman after the TIPNG awareness session.



Credit Corporation (PNG) Ltd staff taking part in the 2018 Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption.

# SAVE THE DATES!

## JOIN US ONLINE!

### 2<sup>ND</sup> NATIONAL INTEGRITY SUMMIT

17th - 18th November 2022 | 8am to 3pm

**THEME: "BRIDGE THE INTEGRITY GAP."**

Register in advance for this Summit:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8m\\_J2zoVTriNR5zI64GqBw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8m_J2zoVTriNR5zI64GqBw)

The 2021 National Integrity System Assessment report by Transparency International PNG identified an Integrity Gap due to the inadequate implementation of integrity laws in Papua New Guinea. The assessment was informed by extensive research, interviews with anticorruption experts and consultation with 28 national agencies in Papua New Guinea. It is incumbent on us all to work together to bridge this Integrity Gap, and while it will be a collective effort, it is also clear that firm and decisive action is required by our leaders.

Over 2 days in November 2022, the 2nd National Integrity Summit, with funding support from the European Union, will bring together national practitioners and reformers to be informed through structured dialogue, of the latest approaches to strengthen national integrity. The Summit will showcase innovative approaches to anti-corruption, recognise the efforts of agencies, and celebrate investigative journalism in Papua New Guinea. Join us as we work together to "BRIDGE THE INTEGRITY GAP"

#### SESSION TOPICS:

- ✓ THE CASE AGAINST CORRUPTION
- ✓ PRIVATE SECTOR & PUBLIC MONEY
- ✓ INDEPENDENT FROM SCRUTINY
- ✓ WE THE PEOPLE

Scan the code to register in advance for this Summit:



Funded by the European Union

## TIPNG 2022 ELECTION SEMINAR

**THEME: "PROMOTING ELECTION INTEGRITY THROUGH TRANSPARENCY"**

Nov 30th & Dec 1st 2022 | 8am to 2pm

TIPNG through its Building Elections Integrity through Partnership Project, conducted domestic election observation during the 2022 National General Election. The data collected will be collated into a report.

We will host a 2-day seminar to share the findings of our Election Observation Report, as well as recommendations for the next 5 years. Participation by regional observer organisations will also allow for a review of the election and previous elections.

Scan the code to read more about our Building Elections Integrity through Partnership Project information.



**PNGAus Partnership**



**CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO THESE EVENTS!**



# THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR TARGET!

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We are grateful to all the organizations and individuals who have signed up or renewed their membership this year. Your contribution has helped us reach our target of K163, 436.96 and more importantly, it has provided a stream of funds that has helped us cover some of our operational costs so that we can continue to work in spaces to demand accountability and transparency.

The Board and the team at TIPNG convey their appreciation to all the financial members of 2022, which includes 127 individuals, 13 families and 35 organizations who have helped us to reach this target.

## 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.

## 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:

- Building Elections Integrity Through Partnership
  - Anti-Corruption Help Desk
  - Active Civic Engagement
  - Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp
  - Campaigns and Coalitions
- Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption
- Promoting Anti-corruption & Integrity Strategies

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