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Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) tool improves financial reporting in the Department of Finance.



Approximately 7,000 financial reports are sent annually from provinces and districts to Department of Finance (DOF) in Waigani. The management, monitoring and control of these financial reports (Monthly Bank Reconciliations-MBR and Annual Financial Statements-AFS) have been a huge task for the staff in Vulupindi Haus. This is the main DOF task as a matter of accountability and transparency with the public funds disbursed to these local level and provincial governments.

In February this year, the PCaB programme developed a new Monitoring and Evaluation System (M&E) that facilitate the monitoring and control of these reports. The information updated is displayed on TV screens located in strategic places at Vulupindi haus which shows the number of months in average on delays in both MBR and AFS. An advantage for the two main divisions in charge of these reports namely, Financial Reporting and Compliance Division (FRCD) and Provincial and Districts Management Division (PDFMD) to identify and give assistance to those provinces and districts who really needs assistance to update and complete their financial reports on time. Through the new M&E system the DOF Secretary is aware on what is happening on the reporting status together with his Deputy Secretaries and Divisional Heads.

The impact of the M&E system has awoken the entire provincial and district treasurers' responsibilities to do the mandatory reporting in achieving quality and timeliness as per Public Financial Management Act (PFMA). Since the system is on line, reports are coming through with the cooperation and good coordination of the regional account managers and coordinators of the department who do the vetting and review. The M&E system will continuously provide a very important outlook and input on how the provincial and district treasuries to manage and deliberate to ensure transparency on their financial reporting. After three months of its launching there were improvements in the MBR reports from provinces and districts from 0% to 24% reporting on time. Those that were on critical status were reduced from 62% to 57%. Reporting on AFS also improved from 33% to 52% reporting on time status. The impact that the M&E system is causing is not only at the Vulupindi Haus, it is also at the provinces & districts, where respective Treasurers are aware that their performances are monitored.

Thus, in one of our visits to the Morobe Province, we found that the Provincial Treasurer was very busy working with his computer, which took us as surprise, because he doesn't know how to work with computers. When asking him about what he was doing, he said: *"I am using computers now, because of PCaB and the M&E system...I have to update my reports, because everybody is following us..."*

	Green - On Time (1 - 2 months)		Green - On Time (0 - 1 year)
	Yellow - Moderate (3 - 6 months)		Yellow - Moderate (2 - 3 years)
	Red - Critical(9 - up months)		Red - Critical(4 - up years)

PCaB conducted PGAS Bank Reconciliation Workshop in Western Highlands



The PCaB site Advisers in Eastern Highlands and Western Highlands Provinces conducted a **PGAS Bank Reconciliation workshop** in Western Highlands from the 16th to the 20th May 2016. The PCaB National Program Coordinator Mr Sam Erepan was there to witness the opening of the workshop and highlighted the importance of the new Monitoring & Evaluation System developed

by PCaB in support to the Department of Finance.

Mr Erepan further emphasized on the benefits of the tool and its effects. Further more M&E, is doing well in assessing performances of the Provincial Treasurers, District Treasurers as well as PCaB Advisers. It motivates everyone in the Provincial Administration to work hard and keep their status of the provincial reports in the Green Colour which depicts responses.

OUTCOME

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

PROJECT COMPONENTS

1. Improve service delivery at the sub-national level to transparently and accountably manage public funds;
2. Attracting recent graduates and 'unattached' staff of DoF for filling critical capacity gaps at sub-national levels.

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PCaB Assisted Provinces

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

New PCaB Provinces

- ◆ West Sepik
- ◆ Western Highlands
- ◆ Gulf
- ◆ AR Bougainville
- ◆ Enga
- ◆ West New Britain
- ◆ New Ireland

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