



“Enhancement of PCaB Advisors skills development for strengthening Financial Governance at the sun national levels”.



PCaB Advisors during the training at IFMS training room.

It was seen as a very important week for the PCaB’s Site Advisers to attend a week’s IFMS Training on few of the modules which are recently conducted by IFMS Training Section. IFMS is the National Government’s Program through Department of Finance which integrates whole of Government Systems.

So far IFMS has been rolled out to the National Departments and Agencies while for the Sub National Level, only Central and East New Britain Provinces are currently being piloted since 2016. While this program will continue in these provinces, IFMS plans to roll out in another 6 provinces progressively from the lessons learnt and hopefully by the end of the year or in the earlier part of next year, these provinces should be using IFMS System.

Therefore, in preparation for the roll out of IFMs at the sub national levels, PCaB Program Management had used the opportunity to invite all the site advisers to attend the training modules conducted by IFMS. Some of these modules are IFMS Bank Reconciliation and Quick Reconciliation, Concepts Training, System Navigation, and Procurement. These were successfully conducted with the support from Ms. Jerry Regina (Trusts) and Doris Marasembi (FRCD) with their practical know-how of the above reports.

Others who supported our training were Peter of the Office of the Governor General and Kenneth of PM & NEC. We wish to thank them for using their live data to assist in their bank reconciliation as well as training for the Advisers.

Finally, since Department of Finance focus is IFMS, PCaB intends to give more support in the roll out of IFMS at the sub national level and such trainings is to build capacity of the site advisers so that as soon as this program reaches their Provinces, they are ready to provide OJT support. The preparation has been an excellent idea and our Advisers are keen indeed to work with IFMS to provide all the necessary support for their provinces.

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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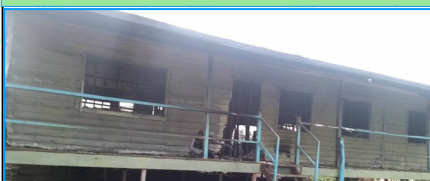
PCaB Assisted Provinces

- ◆ East New Britain
- ◆ Eastern Highlands
- ◆ Morobe
- ◆ Western
- ◆ Central
- ◆ Milne Bay
- ◆ West Sepik
- ◆ Western Highlands
- ◆ Gulf
- ◆ AR Bougainville
- ◆ Enga
- ◆ West New Britain
- ◆ New Ireland

PCAB New Provinces.

- ◆ Oro Province
- ◆ East Sepik Province
- ◆ Southern Highlands

The 2017 National Elections Had Affected Pcab Programs’ Activities in Most Parts of Papua New Guinea.



The front view of the burnt Finance office and computer / training Lab in Mt Hagen , WHP.

The delivery of PCaB Activities in the PCaB Sites in the country have been affected by the 2017 National Elections. The period beginning June, July and August were mostly affected and as a result, our delivery was not up to the expectations as usual. We could not do much simply because of the national events which was unavoidable.

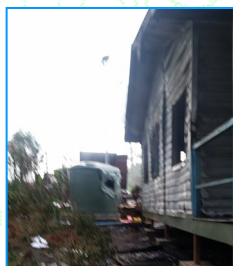
However, despite of this situation, most of the Advisers were able to continue doing what they had to do especially at the

Provincial Headquarter Level but the results were quite minimal. All these have occurred also due to most of the provincial and district finance officers were involved in the elections duties, too. There were not many officers on site for the PCaB Advisers to provide OJT or even to run workshops and had impacted on the low performances in that period.

However, to accommodate the interests of everyone (Stakeholders and the Program), Management had planned other activities in Port Moresby to keep our advisers busy in those times. This was a success with some of the newsletters we sent out earlier and this is part of it.

The worst hit were in Enga, Southern Highlands and Western Highlands Provinces. In Western Highlands, we lost our equipment (Furniture, computers and accessories) to the value of more than K40,000 through the fire. They were destroyed by fire together with Mt Hagen District Finance Office during the election related violence.

However, at the moment everything seems to operate quite smoothly and we have drawn up our works plans to effectively roll them out in the provinces. Already some of our advisers have started their programs and these activities will be reported in the next Newsletter.



Side view of the District Finance Office and computer lab on fire.

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