

**Program Goal:** Safe and secure water, improved health, strengthened gender equality and greater well-being for the people in New Ireland Province



Water for Women, Plan International and Vitol are partnering with Live & Learn PNG to deliver "Was Was Islands" to improve WASH services, access and practice in 19 communities, 7 health care facilities and 15 schools of New Ireland Province, reaching directly an estimated 34,000 people. The program will also assist New Ireland Province to implement the PNG National WASH Policy.

The National WASH Policy 2015 -2030 provides clear guidance for the sector and describes national WASH targets: safe, convenient and sustainable water supply and sanitation access for 70% of the rural population, and 95% (water) and 85% (sanitation) for urban populations. Policy targets also include 100% access to water and sanitation for educational institutions and medical centres (including hospitals, health centres and aid posts) and all institutions are also to have handwashing facilities. The Policy specifically aims to increase the equity of services between rural, peri-urban and urban areas, and to disadvantaged groups. The National WASH Policy provides a useful framework for sector strengthening at the Provincial, District and Local Level Governments given its stated core policy objectives:

- 1. Improved sector coordination and leadership.
- 2. Increased WASH sector funding.
- 3. Develop and manage an effective management information system.
- 4. Improved and consistent approaches to WASH service delivery.
- 5. Appropriate technology promotion.
- 6. Enhanced private sector participation and partnerships.
- 7. Sector capacity building and training.



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**Project Partners:** New Ireland Provincial Government, Department of Education, Department of Health, Tikana Rural LLG, Namatanai Rural LLG & Sentral Niu Aelan LLG)

# Strong national and local WASH systems

Sustainable sub-national government structures supporting, resourcing and monitoring implementation of inclusive WASH aligned with the National WASH policy.



arrangements

Provincial WASH-sector Task Force meeting regularly and advising relevant departments Sub-national Government staff overseeing quality WASH programming



WASH improvements progressing to meet targets set out in the National WASH Policy and provincial/local level Development Plans.

Coordinated and coherent WASH policy arrangements aligned to National policy in New Ireland.

- Identification and allocation of institutional roles and responsibilities, including decentralization commitments
- Country driven and inclusive coordination mechanisms that allow for participation of a broad range of stakeholders in dialogue, communication, and identification of mutual interest around service delivery and sector learning
- Legal and regulatory frameworks to underpin the desired targets and reinforce roles and allocation of resources

- Sector policies and strategies that identify sector goals and pathways, giving direction to sector investments
- Strategies for implementation, including agreement on implementation models / sustainable service delivery approaches
- Policies/strategies covering:
  - All sub-sectors (urban, rural, drinking water and sanitation)
  - National and subnational levels



Functional WASH Information Management System available and providing information to sector decision-makers

Planning, monitoring, and review

- Effective, inclusive and systematic planning, monitoring and evaluation of sector performance to ensure the most effective route to achieve goals
- Mid- and longer- term review of sector performance through multi-stakeholder platforms and mechanisms for sector dialogue and learning
- Clearly defined accountability mechanisms
- Data transparency and public access to information



Sector Financing Increased resourcing of WASH systems across sub-national government structures including for schools and Health Care Facilities

 WASH-sector financing included in local to provincial level annual and long-term development plans.

- Medium Term Expenditure Framework which matches government priorities with available resources
- Realistic and transparent sector budget with identifiable funding streams
- Availability and use of data on financing streams including comparable, realistic estimates for all sector cost categories for sustainable service delivery.

# WASH services for everyone

Resilient, safe and inclusive WASH infrastructure and practices established and used in communities, schools and health facilities

#### **Schools**

Our WASH in Schools programme is based on UNICEF's 3-star Schools approach. The 3-star approach is designed to advance the effectiveness of hygiene behaviour change programmes, while ensuring that schools meet the essential criteria for providing a healthy environment for children. The approach was developed in response to bottleneck analyses of WASH in Schools programmes worldwide and is modelled on other successful school-based behaviour change programmes. Live & Learn works to both support government education policy setting and implementation, and at the level of local school leadership to help schools meet the government standards.

- 15 target schools achieve at least a
   2-star WASH rating
- 100% of 15 schools' WASH infrastructure management systems in place

Carteret Primary Rawal Primary Ngavalus Primary Livitua Primary Yaraka Primary Madina Primary Fissoa Primary Tapias Primary Kabanut Primary Silom Primary

St Aloyious Primary (Lemakot) Lakurumau Primary Lugagun Primary Lahur Primary Kimaden Primary

#### **Healthcare Facilities**

Our WASH in Healthcare Facilities programme is based on WHO's WASH FIT approach. The overall aim of using WASH FIT is to improve and sustainably maintain WASH services in health care facilities. WASH FIT extends beyond water quality to address sanitation, hygiene, health care waste and other aspects of environmental health and health care facility management and staff empowerment. Such services are a fundamental element of infection prevention and control, ensuring staff, patient and visitor safety, upholding universal rights to water and sanitation and ultimately providing people-centred care that fulfils the aim of quality universal health coverage.

- 100% of 7 healthcare facilities WASH infrastructure management systems in place.
- 100% of target health care facilities have (at least) basic water and sanitation

Ngavalus Aid Post Manggai Aid Post Lemakot Health Clinic Madina Aid Post Bol Health Clinic Kimaden Health Clinic Kabanut Aid Post

#### Households

We will be capacity building local technical contractors to effectively build improved WASH systems in households.

We will support households obtaining basic WASH facilities through the a government-supported subsidy system.

- 15% increase over baseline in households that have basic level water and sanitation
- 20% increase over baseline in households implementing, handwashing with soap practices

#### **Communities**

Our Community WASH Planning programme uses multiple existing tools, gathered from the best-practices from across the Pacific, including CLTS, PHAST, DWSSP and others. The purpose of this Resilient- Water Safety Planning process is to enable rural villages to assess and plan to manage their water and sanitation systems so they achieve sufficient safe WASH infrastructure at all times, using a process they can continue to use by themselves if they choose to. We will also work with local change agents to promote hygiene behaviour change and assist with the supply of key materials, including soap and menstrual hygiene products.

- 19 Wards have inclusive, resilient and adequately maintained communal water supply and sanitation facilities.
- Women and girls in target Wards have agency and resources to confidently and comfortably manage periods at home and in school

Panapai	Tatau	Kabanut
Kaselok	Lossu	Burau
Ngavalus	Kimadan	Labur
Madina	Dalom	Pire
Kafkaf	Messi	Namatanai
Namasalang	Panaras	Salimun
Lamusmus		

### Gender equity & Social inclusion

Improved understanding of gender and social inclusion (GSI) in WASH contributing to changed behaviour responses in households, communities and institutions resulting in more equitable WASH roles and decision making.

The Project's inclusive approach to WASH will contribute to Gender Equity & Social Inclusion (GESI) by strengthening WASH stakeholder capacity to understand and analyse risks and inequalities in WASH workloads, access, decision making and leadership. Where feasible the Project will engage local Disabled Persons Organisations and women's representative groups

- WASH roles and decision-making are more inclusive and shared more equally for households in target Wards
- Marginalised people targeted by the project have their needs and priorities reflected in community and institutional WASH improvement plans

### Knowledge & Learning

. Evidence of effective, inclusive, gender-responsive, and resilient WASH generated and shared with PNG national WASH Task Force members and other sector stakeholders, resulting in uptake of Project approaches by government in the Project's provinces and other CSOs in PNG.

The Project's Knowledge and Learning (K&L) activities will seek to balance an imperative to fill key knowledge gaps identified at local, sub-national and national level. Learning will inform the development and refinement of the Project's adapted and contextualised approaches to building WASH resilience.

- Non-project PNG WASH stakeholders adapt/adopt project approaches for their own work
- Project Change Agents adapt WASH implementation actions on the basis of learning and evidence









