

PEOPLE'S PARTY

Policy Statement 2020-2027

Putting People First

6 PILLARS TO BUILD OUR FUTURE ON

PILLAR 1 : GOVERNANCE

PROMOTE AND ENSURE STABLE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

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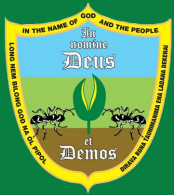
PROVIDE FREE AND SUBSIDISED QUALITY HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, SPORTS AND ARTS.

PILLAR 5 : ECONOMIC

IDENTIFY, IMPROVE AND DEVELOP LAND, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, FORESTRY, TOURISM, EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, SME AND INFORMAL SECTOR.

PILLAR 6 : PROVINCIAL

SERVICING RURAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA THROUGH TARGETED DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS AND DIRECT INVESTMENT IN KEY RESOURCE AREAS.



PILLAR 1 PROMOTE AND ENSURE STABLE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

Policy Pillar 1.1: Good Governance and Leadership at all Levels of Government

Papua New Guinea adopted the Westminster System of Government where the Monarch of England is the Head of State and all three levels of Government comprises of elected representatives.

The three (3) levels of government are the Local Level, Provincial and National Governments operated by its three arms, which are; the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary, which ensures businesses of the country functions effectively according to the laws and guiding principles stated in the Constitution.

Leaders must comply with functions and processes of government while discharging their duties. People's Party envisions that a decentralised government could deliver tangible developments upon good and vibrant leadership at sub-national levels.

1.1.1 Good Governance

It has always been the Peoples Party's objective to see a stable government with prudent political and administrative leadership that serves the wishes of the people. People's Party promotes a government that has zero tolerance for corruption and abuse of powers, and greater respect to the rule of law and guiding principles that shape the country.

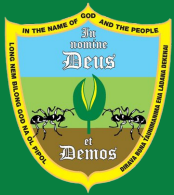
People's Party will ensure there is strict demarcation of roles and responsibility between elected leaders and civil servants in the handling affairs of public interest and delivery of services.

The National Government, Provincial and Local Level, serve the basic needs and wants of the people through a coordinated system rather than bureaucratic bottlenecks.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 1.1.1: GOOD GOVERNANCE

- 1. Ensure Effective Public Service.**
- 2. Promote ICAC by reducing and eliminating corruption (Eg. public and private office holders and civil servants terminated from duties if proven guilty of an offence).**
- 3. Amend Sections of the constitution to declare that people who are found guilty or imprisoned criminally by a court of law or declared bankrupt by a recognised financial institution or commercial bank do not hold any public office, contest in Local, Provincial and National Elections.**
- 4. Effective Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability.**



1.1.2 Good Leadership

Great leaders are visionary and lead by setting higher standards.

Good leadership is the key to realising our visions. With firm and honest leaders in power, we will see tangible changes and services reaching the four corners of our country in both urban and rural areas. Increased accountability and transparency in procurement process and weeding out corruption are part of a good leader's values for the betterment of our people.

People's Party upholds this important aspect of our Good Leadership Policy and will continue to strive to provide these at all levels of government, politics, business, and at community level.

There are different leaders at all levels of society. However, the People's Party Policy on leadership looks at those of elected leaders, constitutional office holders and Public Service.

People's Party advocates for leaders who take leading roles in planning and managing the affairs of their people without fear or favour. PP stands to provide leaders of higher quality that are not compromised, have wisdom, integrity, honesty and decisiveness, who say no to corruption and are God fearing.

People's Party promotes leaders at the Public Service to earn their jobs on merit, qualification and experience, to ensure that government policies and budgets are implemented accordingly to achieve maximum results thus, ensuring that basic essential goods and services reach the majority in the rural areas of the country.

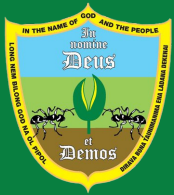
Leaders shape our nations, communities and organisations. We need good leaders to help guide us and make the essential and crucial decisions that keep the world moving.

In People's Party we want leaders with integrity, ability to delegate, communicate, self-awareness, gratitude, learning agility, influence, empathy, courage, respect and God fearing.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 1.1.2: GOOD LEADERSHIP

1. Promote a Leader who is God fearing and services oriented.
2. Restore and sustain the integrity of leadership at all levels and lead by example.
3. Promote transparency and accountability.
4. Put in place laws, regulations and policies to weed out corrupt practises at all levels of Government.
5. Identify, breed and support a leader who has integrity and standards towards his/her conduct and livelihood.
6. Appointments to be strictly made along Party lines to promote Party's polices and interests most of which are contained herein.



7. Appointments to public offices to be made on merits, experiences and of good character.

Policy Pillar 1.2: Provide Stability in Government

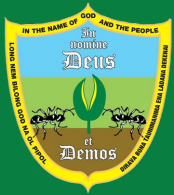
Stability in the Government of the day is paramount. People's Party has always provided stability in government and will continue to promote and provide stability in Government so that both National and International issues are well addressed.

With stability in the Government, the country will experience significant progress. For example, domestically, we can expect to see more infrastructural development in the rural areas while internationally, Government stability attracts more Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs).

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 1.2: PROVIDE STABILITY IN GOVERNMENT

- 1. Form and support a stable Government for the continual deliverance of essential polices.**
- 2. Identify, groom and select capable People's Party Parliamentary Members to take up ministerial portfolios in Cabinet.**
- 3. Make cabinet decisions based upon established and lawful processes and procedures.**
- 4. People's Party discourages party hopping thus, will put in place a MOA for tougher penalties for our National Members of Parliament, Provincial and Local Level Members to face if they breach this agreement.**
- 5. The Party will develop a high value selection criterion for candidates who want to contest elections.**
- 6. The Party will rebuild on our traditional social structures and leadership to create safer societies for all our all our people.**
- 7. People's Party political leaders will make decisions based on party caucus resolutions, consultations, laws and policies.**



Policy Pillar 1.3: Promote Effective Public Service Machinery

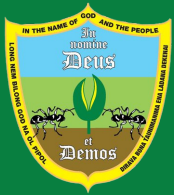
The Public Service in PNG is frequently blamed for the ineffectiveness and many bottleneck processes in service delivery to our people. Some of these issues are caused by the policies and systems we have in place.

People's Party wants to correct areas in the public service where systems have broken down and to restructure the public service to work more effectively, so that it truly fulfills the purpose it serves. People's Party wants to do away with bottleneck process and the duplication of functions, which are key impediments to services not reaching the majority of Papua New Guineans on time.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 1.1.3: PROMOTE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SERVICE MACHINERY

1. Increase salaries & remunerations for Public Service.
2. Establish provision of worker or life insurances for all Public Service.
3. Establish provision of affordable houses for all Public Servants.
4. Make Waigani become a policy, planning, monitoring, and financing centre for government and others functions and staff transferred to the Provinces, Districts and LLGs.
5. Increase number of Public Servants in the Provinces, Districts and Local Level Governments to implement government programs. One key programme is to reintroduce Agriculture Extension Officers.
6. Increase number of public servants at the sub-national levels for further capacity in especially targeted trainings.
7. Make provision of secure work environment with respect to gender balance to effectively deliver services to our people without fear or favour.
8. Support zero corrupt practises at work place, no commission work, no business interest and mismanagement of public funds.
9. Implement tax-free schemes for civil servants under the salary rate of K50,000.
10. Reduce personal income tax for Public Servants salary range from K 100, 000 and down.



11. Amend Super Fund Savings Act so that Public Servants who retires, terminated and retrenched from formal employment receives all savings & entitlements before vacating place of work.

12. Create a workable system of public service where services are effectively and efficiently delivered to the people.

Policy Pillar 1.4: Decentralisation of Powers

Significantly empower sub-national governments (Provinces, Districts and LLGs) to participate effectively in the development of their respective localities.

The People's Party believes in the decentralised system of government. The three-tier system of government must be maintained but with more functions and powers transferred to the Provinces, Districts & LLGs from Waigani or the National Government Agencies and Departments

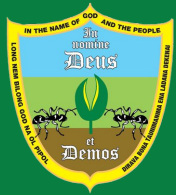
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PILLAR 1.1.4: DECENTRALISATION OF POWERS

1. Ensure greater financial autonomy is given to Provincial Governments to raise finance internally or externally to fund respective development programs and projects in their provinces, districts and LLGs.

2. Establish 89 District Service Centres with establishment of essential services such as banking, postal, telecommunication, electricity, water and sanitations.

3. Develop 22 Provincial Capitals into city status with improved infrastructure and services.



PILLAR 2 SECURE A SAFE AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY

For Papua New Guinea to achieve a safe and peaceful society there must be an overall change in the law and justice sector. Therefore, the People's Party key priority is to aggressively work to improve the law and justice sector in the country.

Today there is a complete breakdown in this sector which has resulted in increased lawlessness. Our courts are not functioning effectively, with a total breakdown in the management of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary and the Correctional Institutional Services.

There is extremely poor discipline in the law enforcing agencies, standards and the code of ethics has dropped dramatically and as a result the people do not fear, favour nor respect their own law and justice sector. Many convicted criminals walk freely, the court are compromising judgments, CIS jails assist in massive jail breakouts and worse the police force has gone out of hand.

People's Party believes that to effectively overhaul the law and justice sector the Papua New Guinea government urgently needs the intervention of the Australian Government, through the re-introduce the ECP program to bring Australian judges to serve in our courts, Australian Federal Police in our police administration and operations, Australian CIS in our correctional services sector, so they can administer and instil command and control in these sectors to minimise the law and order problems in the country.

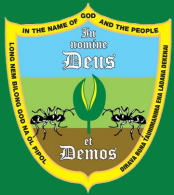
People's Party wants to make sure the PNG Government grants immunity to the Australian judges, police and CIS officers to work along our operations. Citizens now live fearfully in their own country, where the internal security is on high risk from the rural communities to urban centres and cities.

Policy Pillar 2.1: Upholding Christian Principles

"In God We Trust" is the Core Value of People's Party. Therefore, the Party's first priority is putting God first in everything we do. In any position that People's Party is in we will ensure Christian principles are upheld as enshrined in the Constitution of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is paramount and People's Party will continue to support, through planning and budgetary allocations, working with Church partners. The NGOs and Churches have played an important role in pre and post-independence in the delivery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, health, education and social welfare programs right to the rural peripheries of our country (Vision 2050, pg. 48).

Key partnerships will be developed and strengthened with NGOs and Churches to support their programs. Therefore, we believe in putting the interest of our people first and foremost by advocating for strong and decisive policies that promotes integral human development.



Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 2.1: UPHOLD CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

1. Promote Christian Leadership Roles, Values and Ethics.
2. Support work of Churches and NGOs.
3. Introduce Christian ethics and values in education curriculum.

Policy Pillar 2.2: Secure a Safe and Peaceful Society

People's Party supports the ideology of a safe living environment and society. Living, working, moving around in a safe, and secure society is a key policy that we will promote for the people of this nation.

Furthermore, our borders must be secured from outside influence of human smuggling, drug trafficking, money laundering, transitional and domestic problems. Foreign friends must legally come into our beautiful country and enjoy their stay without facing any security treats.

Citizens must be respectful of each other and their properties. Women and girls must be able to move around freely in their daily lives. Businesses must be able to operate in a safe and secure environment to grow the economy of the country and create more employment for our people.

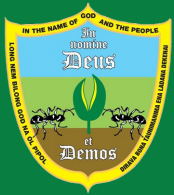
2.2.1 Improve Effectiveness and Efficiency of Court Systems

People's Party believes that to improve the Court Systems foreign judges and court officials need to be brought into to administrate the Courts Supreme, National and District Courts. The Party would like to see foreign judges especially Australian judges sitting in the Supreme and National Court benches making critical decisions to penalise law breakers.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 2.2.1: IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF COURT SYSTEMS

1. Establish Village Courts in all 3000 wards throughout the country.
2. Establish Joint Village Court sittings or Peace and Good Order Committees in all the LLGs.
3. Establish 89 District Courts in all the Districts with court officials to attend to increased local cases at the districts, (minimum of 2 Magistrates per district).



4. Rehabilitate and Upgrade 22 National Courts in all the provinces with more than two judges and court officials, (5 Judges in all National Courts).
5. Identify, revise and increase criminal penalties to deter high occurrences of crimes.

2.2.2 Improve Policing.

People's Party will strongly push for Senior Officers from the Australian Federal Police to be brought in under a new ECP arrangement to administrate the police force in the country to instil order, discipline and effectively deliver policing duties without fear and favour.

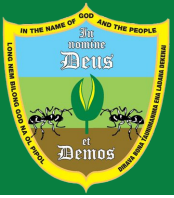
Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 2.2.2: IMPROVE POLICING

1. Increase Police man power (100 police officers) in all 89 Districts of the country to monitor and contain law and order.
2. Rehabilitate and upgrade all 22 (1,000 police officers) Provincial Police Commands (HQs) to make them more effective nerve centre to protect lives and properties and monitor law and order in the provinces.
3. Increase capacity of Regional Commands with Special Forces, SDU, Mobile Squads, Fraud Squad Unit and Prosecution Sections.
4. Increase recruitment at Bomana Police Training College and expend the college to accommodate the recruits with additional training facilities, resources and personnel.
5. Increase number of months in training from 6 months to 1 year.
6. Review and revive PNG- Australia Police Enhancement Partnership Program.

2.2.3 Improve Correctional Services

The People's Party also would like to see an improvement in the Correctional Services in the country with the support of our Australian Correctional Officers. That is to manage prisons and jail camps properly, carry out rehabilitation on prisoners and minimise the continued jail breakouts.



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PILLAR 2.2.3: IMPROVE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

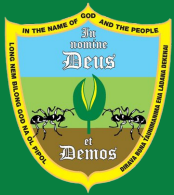
1. Rehabilitation of all Correctional Services institutions throughout the country.
2. Establish Community Lockups in all the 89 Districts to cater for minor offenders.
3. Re-introduce community punishment for minor law offenders.
4. Increase recruitment at Bomana CIS Training College and expand the college to accommodate the recruits with additional training facilities, resources and personnel. Increase number of months in training from 6 months to 1 year, with 6 months spent at the college and 6 months on the job training.
5. Support programs that work to rehabilitate prisoners.

2.2.4 Improve Productivity of Defence Force

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 2.2.4: IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY OF DEFENCE FORCE

1. Increase the PNGDF manpower to monitor our borders to combat illegal activities both on land, sea and air spaces to ensure and stop transitional crimes, drug trafficking, money laundering, border crossing, illegal fishing and logging and prostitution.
2. Engage PNGDF in rebuilding the transport infrastructure of this country.



PILLAR 3 IMPROVE TRANSPORT, ICT, ENERGY, HOUSING AND WASH INFRASTRUCTURE

Having a quality network of sustainable infrastructure network throughout our districts will enable constant flow of essential goods and services, access to communication, banking, electricity and water supply.

Key infrastructure challenges still remain for having a reliable and sustainable land, water and air transport. since PNG's political Independence, our towns and districts still lack key infrastructures on water and sanitation, information and communication technology and housing (for public servants). Effective delivery of goods and services (PMVs, ships, planes) and thriving socio-economic activities depend entirely on good and quality roads, jetties, wharves, and airstrips.

The Marape – Davis (now, Marape – Basil) Government under the MTDP III designed and launched the first ever Connect PNG Program that will connect all provinces of PNG. Those are the vital missing link roads, major sea ports and airports in the country.

Policy Pillar 3.1: Improve Transport Infrastructure

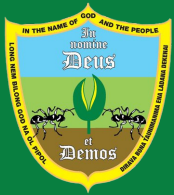
Linking the nation with improved transport infrastructure network is a key and fundamental component for development. Access to better and improved roads, bridges, airports, jetties and sea ports are pivotal for development where essential goods and services are delivered to the majority of our rural population.

The livelihood of our people is improved when majority of our people are able to receive services by travelling to and from rural areas, district and provincial centres to access health care, education, markets and banking services.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 3.1: IMPROVE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1. To ensure existing infrastructures are maintained or rehabilitated to agreed standards.**
- 2. Identify and build new roads, bridges, airports, jetties and sea ports in provinces, districts, LLGs that need it.**
- 3. To introduce an effective Public Motor Vehicles (PMVs) policy and management framework where PMVs are clean, safe and reliable.**
- 4. Make sure that Papua New Guinea is one day fully connected through all this vital infrastructural development to enable accessibility to all rural communities.**



Policy Pillar 3.2: Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Becomes a Condition of Employment

Housing is basic human right according to the UN Declarations. Home ownership assistance must become part of employment conditions in both the public and private Sectors. PNG's public servants and those who work in the private sector continues to face housing issues. Over the years housing has become a problem for employees and up to now the issue is not seriously addressed by our government.

People's Party strongly believes that assisting employees into home ownership becomes a condition of employment for a new graduate to those already employed in the workforce of this country.

A good portion of the employee's salary is spent on accommodation rental especially in urban suburbs and settlements; income tax of approximately 35%; and 10% GST on goods and services. Employees barely survive on a fortnightly salary. This is not how we should treat our people.

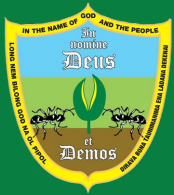
Every employee in public and private sector automatically becomes a member of a superannuation funds; Nambawan Supa for Public Servants and Nasfund for private sector.

The employee's pay is deducted to the super funds immediately from their first fortnight and continues as long as he/she is employed in the workforce. The deduction is ordinarily for retirement benefits should an employee leave a job, is terminated from employment or deceased. However, this super fund can also be tapped to build a house for an employee, with the employer doing fortnightly deductions from the employees pay to go towards their home. When the employee retires from work, he/she will have ownership of a home, instead of paying out cash lump sums.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 3.2: HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE SCHEME BECOMES A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT

1. Review all laws governing employment condition in the Public Service & Private Sector and ensure home ownership assistance becomes a condition of employment.
2. Review all laws with super funds on retirement savings for super funds to build house for contributors.



Policy Pillar 3.3: Make WASH a Major Policy of Government

WASH Policy and approaches to achieving national targets have been haphazard and uncoordinated. As a result, access to improved water sources and safe sanitation has been declining in recent years as services fail to keep up with population growth and demand.

The PNG government committed 2 million Kina to each all of the 89 districts and 22 provinces as Covid -9 response funds in the 2021 budget. Out of this amount 1/4 of the allocation was spent entirely on WASH program which was just a one-off intervention. Such commitment from the government is not likely to continue unless we take the responsibility seriously to make WASH a major government policy with annual and recurrent budgetary allocation.

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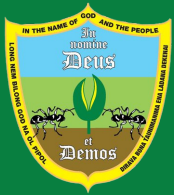
1. Make WASH a major government policy with annual budget allocations.
2. Establish water quality standards and delegated responsibility for monitoring and regulation vested in the NDOH.
3. Give the PNG Water Board the responsibility for providing clean and safe piped water and sanitation in urban areas including all Primary and Secondary schools in the country.
4. Give the power to provincial governments to make laws on rural water supply and environmental hygiene

Policy Pillar 3.4: ICT and Energy are a Foundation for Economic Growth

Access to electricity, information technology and increased communication capacity brings major benefits to a society. New business opportunities emerge, as do opportunities for education. Access to reliable electricity and ICT can increase productivity, broaden capacity as well as creativity and fuel economic growth.

The adoption and use of the ICT has increased significantly in the past due to internet connectivity and greater access to smart phones. However, dissemination of important government programs and information to the masses of our rural population through radio has been declining over the years. The same is true for the PNG energy sector which is characterised by very low access and unreliable and expensive services.

PNG is one of the least electrified countries in the world with only 13% of the population having access to electricity.



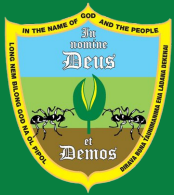
Electricity via a grid is limited to urban centres and is unreliable. Non profitability and funding shortfalls means PNG Power Ltd struggles to pay private electricity providers and to upgrade its aging infrastructure is a near impossible task. A lack of reliable, affordable electricity is hurting PNGs economic growth.

Much is needed to be done in both the ICT and Energy Sectors to lift our ratings and to lay a solid foundation for economic growth.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 3.4: ICT and Energy are a Foundation for Economic Growth

1. Enact more friendly and enabling policy in the ICT space to encourage more participation by domestic and foreign ICT companies.
2. Revamp and rehabilitate all provincial NBC stations with modern equipment and funding.
3. Enact tougher laws that will remove government control in the management and operations of PNG Power and other state-owned enterprises.
4. Off-load major shares in PNG Power Ltd to private energy firms to enable private corporate management.



PILLAR 4

PROVIDE FREE AND SUBSIDISED QUALITY HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, SPORTS AND ARTS.

Policy Pillar 4.1: Provide Free and Subsidised Quality Health Care

Having a healthy population is a key development pillar for Papua New Guinea. People's Party wants to see a healthy population through effective delivery of basic health care to our rural population who need it the most. We also want to see our major hospital in urban centres fully equipped with appropriate and essential medical equipment.

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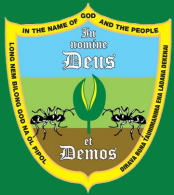
PILLAR 4.1: PROVIDE FREE AND SUBSIDISED QUALITY HEALTH CARE

1. Promote the Community health concept in all Ward Councils to reduce deaths to curable diseases and reduce the maternal and infant mortality rates in the country.
2. Upgrade and establish Health Centres in all the Local Level Government areas.
3. Establish District Hospitals in all 89 Districts with medical officers and nurses to provide basic quality health care to the people.
4. Rehabilitate and upgrade existing 22 Provincial Hospitals to referral hospitals to attend to people with major illness, surgical and emergency cases.
5. Rehabilitate and Upgrade four (4) regional hospitals with specialised physicians to cater for specialised medical services for sick ones that Provincial Hospitals refer to them.
6. Training more specialised medical officers and nurses for good patient care.
7. To ensure gradual shift from Primary Health Care to Specialised Health Care system in the country.

Policy Pillar 4.2: Provide Free and Subsidised Quality Education

Investing in education is imperative for any government of the day, to educate and train the population, from early childhood to adults specialising in various fields.

People's Party believes that education is an investment for the future and has championed free education over the last two decades through the Enga Provincial Government under the leadership of Grand Chief Sir Peter Ipatas.



However, quality of education in the country has dropped dramatically, where the current curriculums taught in all our educational institutions from early childhood learning to university or college level needs to be changed.

The People's Party would like our education system to be aligned with the Australian curriculum in all places of learning in the nation, from early childhood to university and college level, to elevate the quality of education in Papua New Guinea to be on par with the some of the best in the world.

4.2.1 Elementary, Community & Primary, High, Secondary & National High, TVET Schools

Acknowledging that access to basic education is the right to all school age children the People's Party policy will step up its policy to include an emphasis on the quality of the education being delivered with knowledge and skills able to be imparted to anyone who wishes to study and learn in a variety of teaching institutions.

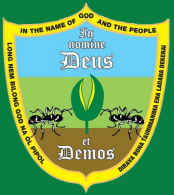
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PILLAR 4.2.1: ELEMENTARY, PRIMARY, HIGH, SECONDARY, NATIONAL HIGH AND TVET SCHOOLS

- 1. All Ward Councils to have at least two Elementary Schools.**
- 2. Each LLG to have at least 10 Community & Primary Schools.**
- 3. Each LLG to have at least one (1) High School.**
- 4. Each District to have at least two Secondary Schools.**
- 5. Students at Secondary & National High Schools to be provided with skills and training linked to jobs.**
- 6. Establish at least one TVET (Polytechnic College) in each electorate.**
- 7. Rehabilitate existing institutional infrastructures to increase enrolment for 50,000 plus students passing out from Secondary and National High School.**
- 8. Subsidise school fees for students in Grades 1 to 12.**
- 9. Conduct review of the entire Education System in PNG with the goal of ensuring that it's on par with world standards.**

4.2.2 Higher Education, Research, Science & Technology

The number of students passing out of Secondary and National High Schools has increased over time however; spaces at colleges, territory institutions are limited to accommodate all.



Therefore, the Peoples Party's policy through the District Service Centre initiative will rehabilitate and establish colleges in LLGs, District & Provinces to enrol those that graduate from Secondary & National High Schools and provide practical job skills and knowledge.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 4.2.2: HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. Build Vocational Centres (TVET) in all Local Level Governments.
2. Build Community Colleges in all 89 Districts.
3. Establish technical colleges, Nursing Colleges, Teacher Colleges, and Agriculture Colleges in all 22 Provinces.
4. Establish one (1) University each in 4 regions of PNG.
5. Rehabilitate and expand existing Universities and Colleges to increase enrolment.
6. Establish at least one TVET (Polytechnic College) in each electorate.
7. Rehabilitate existing institutional infrastructures to increase enrolment for 50,000 plus students passing out from Secondary and National High School.
8. Introduce and refine student loan schemes in Tertiary Institutions.
9. Introduce and refine Scholarship Schemes in Tertiary Institutions within PNG and overseas.
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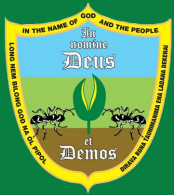
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The number of students passing out of Secondary and National High Schools has increased over time however; spaces at colleges, territory institutions are limited to accommodate all. Therefore, the Peoples Party's policy through the District Service Centre initiative will rehabilitate and establish colleges in LLGs, District & Provinces to enrol those that graduate from Secondary & National High Schools and provide practical job skills and knowledge.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 4.2.2: HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. Build Vocational Centres (TVET) in all Local Level Governments.



2. Build Community Colleges in all 89 Districts.
3. Establish technical colleges, Nursing Colleges, Teacher Colleges, and Agriculture Colleges in all 22 Provinces.
4. Establish one (1) University each in 4 regions of PNG.
5. Rehabilitate and expand existing Universities and Colleges to increase enrolment.
6. Establish at least one TVET (Polytechnic College) in each electorate.
7. Rehabilitate existing institutional infrastructures to increase enrolment for 50,000 plus students passing out from Secondary and National High School.
8. Introduce and refine student loan schemes in Tertiary Institutions.
9. Introduce and refine Scholarship Schemes in Tertiary Institutions within PNG and overseas.

Policy Pillar 4.3: Effective and Sustainable Sports and Arts Development Programs

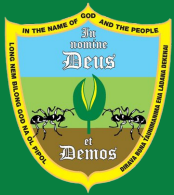
Sports and the Arts are proven vehicles for influencing positive social behaviour in young people and contributing to a healthy, holistic lifestyle. In addition, they have commercial, economic and social benefits for individual and the community at large.

Sports people and artists can potentially earn income from their crafts and the community can also benefit from the commercial spin-offs and benefits.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 4.3: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. Construct one (1) sporting facility and one arts centre in each district.
2. Provide resource support and allow accessibility to these facilities.
3. Increase greater participation of young people in PNG through grass roots competitions.
4. Promote greater participation of boys and girls in sports and arts at the district levels.
5. Provide support to Coca Cola Ipatas Cup throughout PNG.



PILLAR 5

IDENTIFY, IMPROVE AND DEVELOP LAND, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, FORESTRY, TOURISM, EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, SME AND INFORMAL SECTOR.

Policy Pillar 5.1: Land Registration and Security

Our people own around 80% of our land in Papua New Guinea and that must be maintained. People's Party wants to see that locals are given title to their own land and they are meaningfully participating in any economic activity that is happening on their land.

5.1.1 Customary Lands

People's Party will fight to protect customary land and landowners. Customary lands will be properly registered and leased out to prospective business partners.

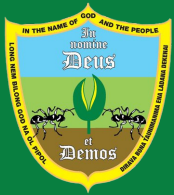
Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.1.1: CUSTOMARY LANDS

1. Ensure all customary land is registered and title given to landowners for future developments.
2. Establish laws and policies that any developments on customary land must involve landowners as shareholders.
3. Establish laws to eliminate sale of customary land.
4. Review, restrict and buy back customary lands sold to expatriates and foreign companies.
5. Facilitate and make sure that due process is being followed when Land in Papua New Guinea are given out to any foreigner to lease.
6. Facilitate establishment of a Vetting Office with support from Department of Lands and Physical Planning.

5.1.2 State Land

All state-owned land will be reserved for developmental purposes only. No one individual or foreigner must be given land title to do any business or settlement.



Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.1.2 - STATE LAND

1. Stop completely sale of land to foreign individuals and businesses.
2. Locals to own and develop land for commercial purposes to grow local economy.
3. Big impact projects on state land must be on lease basis. The state must be shareholder to the project.
4. All government-leased land, which are expired, must go back to landowners for re-negotiation and partnership involving landowners.
5. Revise laws to ensure that Papua New Guineans only will own lands.

Policy Pillar 5.2: Identify, Promote & Develop Agriculture and Livestock Sector

The agriculture sector in Papua New Guinea has great potential for investment which we have not really fully utilised. The majority of our population in the rural areas maintain their livelihood based on agriculture. As a consequence of not utilising our comparative advantage which is agriculture, our citizens are suffering economically and are poor in their own country.

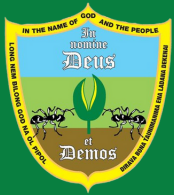
The agriculture sector is a renewable sector. It is anticipated that as soon as all the non-renewable resources such as the mineral and petroleum products decline and become depleted, the agriculture sector will support the economy of PNG and its citizens. All the agriculture commodities which are exported currently are in raw materials.

At this juncture the Peoples Party will implement policies which are directly tailored toward developing the agriculture sector in PNG.

5.2.1 Identify and Develop Specialised Agriculture Produce in each Province.

Agriculture is an important sector therefore People's Party key policy is to inject adequate funding into the agriculture sector to improve the local economy. We believe that the local economy will become stable with agriculture.

The People's Party's strong agenda in the industry is to rehabilitate all run down large plantations. The National Government takeover all major run-down commodity production facilities under the 'Compulsory Acquisition Program' through a Private Public Partnership arrangement to rehabilitate and bring back the plantations, coffee, tea, copra, cocoa, rubber and oil



Key Strategic Areas

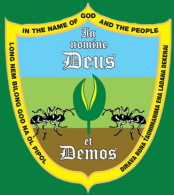
PILLAR 5.2.1: IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP SPECIFIC AGRICULTURE PRODUCE IN EACH PROVINCE

1. Identify specific agricultural potentials of each province and increased resources to realise full productivity.
2. Embark on major improvements in the agriculture sector.
3. Revitalise all the export commodities in the country. The major cash crops such a coffee, tea, cocoa, vanilla, rubber, oil palm, copra wheat and pyrethrum and other tree crops must be properly managed through the injection of required funding through the Department of Agriculture and Livestock and the revitalisation of the Agriculture Bank.
4. Subsidise cost for local farmers to access markets on fresh produces/fruits and vegetables.
5. Support downstream processing or production of fruits and vegetables and other perishable goods.
6. All agricultural products must have a proper ware house and storage facilities.
7. Look into sanitary and quality control issues so that the agriculture sector must be export oriented.
8. Facilitate National Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Authority (NAQIA) and National Institute of Technology and Standards to assist in standards of agricultural products that is to be exported so that we export more.
9. Subsidise cost to province and districts that have comparative advantage on agricultural projects.

5.2.2 Agriculture College

All major agriculture colleges in the country must be improved to accommodate graduates in various agricultural fields, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to promote the agriculture sector in the country.

People's Party will introduce a first ever Agriculture Cadetship Program. Therefore, it is important that we put more funds into our existing colleges to increase student in-take to provide the sector with technical support for agriculture programs nationwide.



Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.2.2: AGRICULTURE COLLEGE

1. Rehabilitation of all existing Agriculture Colleges and Institutions in the country.
2. Support the implementation of Agricultural Learning Skills and Curriculum in all Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Institutions.
3. Develop new specialised Agricultural colleges and institutions which are demand driven.
4. Provide more support and funding to further develop the sector through established Provincial and District Centres.
5. Introduce Agriculture Cadetship Program in all colleges.
6. Provide specialist Agriculture Extension officers in each District and LLGs.

5.2.3 Improve Development of Livestock

The livestock industry in PNG is minimal and is focused around cattle, poultry, pigs, apiculture (honey bee) and aquaculture. The Government has not seriously funded the livestock industry over recent years and due to population growth, the meat market has seen a sharp demand curve against a plateauing local supply chain.

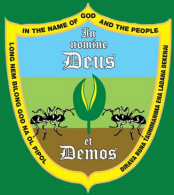
Department of Agriculture and Livestock has reported that since 2017 PNG has imported around K30m worth of meat and our annual domestic meat production was at 7.5 tonnes. PNG cannot meet our local demand for meat (MTDP III, pg. 13). PNG's local livestock supply is not able to meet our domestic market. Only 13% of the total domestic food production is from the livestock sector. People's Party would like to increase this figure from 13% to over 40%.

Our government must now look at setting in place proper management structures and the right funding support to resurrect large commercial farms and smallholder farms immediately.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.2.3: IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF LIVESTOCK

1. Support commercial cattle, piggery and poultry industry.
2. Support smallholder commercial cattle, piggery and poultry production.
3. Provide initial kit start up resources to local farmers.
4. Provide resources to support farmers supply chain and markets of their livestock.



Policy Pillar 5.3: Empower Local Businesses to Grow the Economy and Create Employment

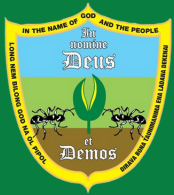
Empowering local businesses to grow the economy and create more businesses in the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and the resource sectors of this country is a key to economic growth in PNG.

MSMEs are area of enormous potential given the high number of the population engaging in the informal sector. People' Party will support and facilitate the development of this sector, providing bridges and pathways into the formal as a major solution for financial freedom for the people of PNG.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.3: EMPOWER LOCAL BUSINESSES TO GROW THE ECONOMY & CREATE EMPLOYMENT

1. Promote and reserve businesses for Papua New Guineans.
2. Create incubators and business training centres in all the 89 Districts to promote business culture.
3. Implement SMEs in all 89 Districts, LLGs and LLG Wards to get local people to participate to grow the economy.
4. Invest in innovative agriculture sector in all Provinces and Districts with the participation of local farmers from subsistence farming to semi-commercial and commercial farming.
5. Implement compulsory acquisition of all rundown plantations and factories to rehabilitate and increase production for coffee, tea, coca, copra, coconut, rubber, and, support and train small/block holder farmers.
6. Subsidise cost for local farmers to access markets on fresh produces/fruits and vegetables.
7. Facilitate and support business to trade and carry our businesses in the international market arena.



POLICY PILLAR NO.5.4: PROVIDE TRAINING AND FUNDING SUPPORT TO INFORMAL SECTOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

The Informal Economic Sector is the key driver of business and economics ahead of the formal economy. This sector directly supports the daily living of the majority of our people who live in towns and cities and those that live in rural and remotest areas.

Banks have provided little to no support for the Informal Economic Sector.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.4: PROVIDE TRAINING AND FUNDING SUPPORT TO INFORMAL SECTOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

1. Review and amend laws and regulations to support Informal Economic Sector.
2. Provide relevant training for Informal Sector groups.
3. Implement SMEs in all 89 Districts, LLGs and LLG Wards to get local people to participate to grow the economy.
4. Subsidise cost and establish access to markets for Informal Sector.

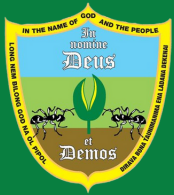
Policy Pillar 5.5: Reduce Personal Income Tax

The government of PNG rate of 35% salary and wages taxes on all employees in the public and private sector is one of the highest in the world. On top of this is the additional 10% GST is imposed on goods and services. As we have seen over the years the prices of basic goods and services have continued to rise.

An average salary/wage earner faces enormous burdens to meet the daily needs with the fortnightly pay packet. This forces employees to live on loans, which causes distress and affects the productivity at their place of work.

To improve lives and living standard of families and help them to save from their pay and even venture into micro-economic activities, People's Party's priority is to ensure that Personal Income Tax (PIT) must be reduced and that employees who are earning below K50, 000 annually do not pay a Personal Income Tax. Employees earning K50, 000 and above have a reduction of 5% on their fortnightly PIT.

In addition, People's Party wants a reduction of salary/wages taxes from 35% to 20%, and ensures that IRC must enforces is strict compliance for all companies and employees in paying taxes to the government.



Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.5: REDUCE PERSONAL INCOME TAX

1. Review all laws governing Personal Income Tax.
2. Ensure employee-earning K50, 000 and below per annum do not pay Personal Income Tax.
3. A 5 % reduction on employee earning K100, 000 annually and below.
4. Reduce 35% PIT to 20%.
5. Ensure strict compliance on all companies and employees on paying taxes.
6. Increase taxes on cigarettes, alcohol, gambling.
7. Increase court fines on traffic infringements.
8. Revise laws to cease Tax on Retirement Savings Account.

Policy Pillar 5.6: Increase Rates for Minimum Wage Earners

There is a high percentage of low-income wage earners in the workforce in PNG that contribute enormously to the success of businesses and the economics of the country. However, this labour force is not well compensated with bad working conditions and poor pay. These people are not recognised and supported by the government.

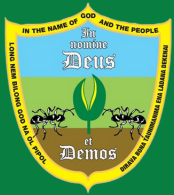
These employees are paid a rate of K 3.00 per hourly or less; for a shopkeeper, bar tender, plantation labour, domestic workers, baby-sitters and many others. At the end of each pay period, the most they bring home to their families is K150 to K300 which is not right.

The People's Party will embark on increasing the rate from K3 to K10 hourly for all wage earners in the country to truly compensate for the sweat and labour.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 5.6: INCREASE RATES FOR MINIMUM WAGE EARNERS

1. Review all laws governing the maximum wage earners.
2. Amend the current rate and increase to K10 per hour for all labour force.
3. Ensure compliance of all companies in implementing the policy.



PILLAR 6

SERVICING RURAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA THROUGH TARGETED DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS AND DIRECT INVESTMENT IN KEY RESOURCE AREAS.

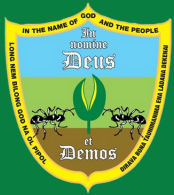
Policy Pillar 6.1 Servicing Rural PNG

Servicing rural Papua New Guinea is one of the key priority development agenda of the Peoples Party. We will draft a policy to establish 'District Service Centres', to serve the 80% of the rural population of the country. People's Party will ensure all districts of Papua New Guinea will have fully established District Service Centres.

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 6.1: SERVICING RURAL PNG

1. A secured District Headquarter with all lands owned or acquired by State; (Proper allocation of allotment & section).
2. Proper Electricity Supply, Water Supply & Sanitation and Road network (Street).
3. A fully functional District Administration with all Public Servants stationed living and serving the people.
4. A stable and powerfully District Development Authority with the local MPs as the Chairman, Members of the Authority and Local Level Governments and its Ward Councils; (Council Chamber with officers for LLG Presidents, MP and DDA Members).
5. A District Hospital with medical officers in each district.
6. At least one District Secondary High School in each district.
7. At least one District Technical College (Community College or TEVET) in each district.
8. At least one District Police Station with 100 Police Officers in each district.
9. At least one District Court House with two magistrates and court official in each district.
10. Joint Sitting Peace Meditation Cases in each district.
11. A District Treasury with banking & postal services (sub branches) in each district.
12. At least one District Market in each district.
13. A Commercial Centre in each district.



14. A sporting facility & with amenities in each district.

15. Proper Telecommunications & Internet Services in each district.

16. Empower people through provision of economic opportunities and appropriate funding facilities.

Policy Pillar 6.2 Attract Foreign Investment and Partnership

PNG is part of a global community. Since independence in 1975 our first Prime Minister, Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare adopted a foreign policy; friends to all and enemies to none and other successive governments led by Sir Julius Chan, look North Policy with developed and industrialised countries in the Asian Region, and Pias Wingti, look north and walk the Pacific Way. The recent O'Neil Government focused its foreign policy on strategic alliance, bilateral and multilateral relations with donor agencies and countries in the Oceania Region, Asia, the European Union member countries and others.

The Peoples Party Policy takes into account the modernisation of PNG in engaging with foreign governments diplomatically to bring tangible development and improve the living standard of our citizens. With our limitations in mainly technology, human resource and capital to exploit vast natural resources, we need our foreign partners.

Peoples Party wants to engage meaningfully and invite genuine foreign governments and investor through joint venture partnership with the local people of this country in developing our country in those sectors where we need them. In this way, our indigenous people will have ownership over their resources, feel proud about their identity and culture and have respect towards foreign governments and invest

Key Strategic Areas

PILLAR 6.2: ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

1. Review all laws governing Foreign Investment and ensure these laws are conducive for PNG.
2. Review all Mining Laws to improve government and landowner's equity percentage sharing ownership and greater involvement of our people in the spin-off benefits.
3. Reviews all laws governing banking and financial institutions to ensure foreign companies and foreign employees do banking in PNG.
4. Encourage foreign investment in order that locals will participate and learn the necessary skills, and acquire the appropriate technology that will boost the growth of the SME and private sector in the country
5. Protect the interest of Papua New Guinea and its people at all cost in terms of trading and doing business with foreign investors and partners.