



Status Update - Provincial Engagement Rollout Program

Purpose of the Brief

The purpose of the brief is to provide an update on the roll-out of the Provincial Government Engagement Roll-out Program. The brief provides a run down on the key progress being made in each province especially for the 3rd Quarter (July, August and September) 2023.

Progress to date

1: MOU Reviews

1.1: Milne Bay

Status: This MOU has been reviewed and sighted by the MB Provincial Government Authorities. The date proposed for the signing is August 9th 2023 but it was postponed again due to the unavailability of the signatories (Provincial Administrator and Governor)

1.2. West New Britain

Status: This MOU has been reviewed and sighted by the WNB Provincial Authorities. According to the Commerce Executive Manager (Bernard Bambai), the Governor has already signed the MOU and only requires the Provincial Administrator to sign. The date proposed for the signing should be this month. The date is yet to be confirmed by the WNBPG and the signing to take place at the CEFI office here in POM.

2. Implementation of Financial Inclusion Activities

2.1 ENBPG Steering Committee Meeting

The steering committee meeting for ENBP was conducted on July 31st 2023. A total of 15 members have attended the meeting of which 4 are females while 11 are males.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss next year's activities/workplan for the East New Britain Provincial Government. The 2023 workplan provided the basis for the discussion regarding the progress of this year's activities including the provincial government's priorities for next year, its funding and implementation.

The Annual Activity Plan for 2024 was also tabled for the members consideration and views. The meeting ended on a high note in which all financial Institutions pledging their support so as the ENB Provincial Government.

The Key Action Items captured during the meeting are:

- A Survey to be conducted in order to identify key economic activities in district of the province and see the readiness of the province.
- Conduct other Financial Inclusion Activities such as School Savings Campaign etc..
- ToT rollout plan to be furnished by the ENBPFI coordinator and submitted to CEFI

Image 1: A photo showing the committee members.



3.2, Milne Bay Province Financial Inclusion Steering Committee Meeting

The meeting for Milne Bay Financial Inclusion Steering Committee was convened on 8th of August 2023 in Alotau, Milne Bay Province. A total of 9 members attended the meeting of which 3 are females while 6 are males.

The meeting took place at the Governor’s Conference Room in Milne Bay Province and was chaired by Ms Sharon Mua Deputy Provincial Administrator.

The members were briefed on the activities/workplan for next year for the Milne Bay Provincial Government. The Annual Activity Plan for 2024 was also tabled for the members consideration and inputs. Other matters such as the provincial government's priorities for next year, its funding and implementation was also considered.

The Key Action Items captured during the meeting are:

- A Survey to be conducted in order to identify key economic activities in district of the province and see the readiness of the province.
- Conduct other Financial Inclusion Activities such as School Savings Campaign etc, next year in collaboration with the Banks and the Education Department.
- ToT rollout plan to be furnished by the MBPFI coordinator and submitted to CEF

Image 1: A photo showing the committee members.



3.3, WNBPF Financial Inclusion Steering Committee Meeting

The steering committee meeting for WNBPF was conducted on July 28th 2023 in West New Britain. A total of 13 members attended the meeting of which 2 are females while 11 are males.

The meeting was intended to discuss the key activities and workplan for the province in 2024. The 2023 workplan provided the guideline for the discussion regarding the progress of the activities undertaken this year including the provincial government's priorities for next year, its funding and implementation. The members also provided their inputs on the Annual Activity Plan for 2024 which was tabled for their consideration.

The Key Action Items captured during the meeting are:

- A Survey to be conducted in order to identify key economic activities in district of the province and see the readiness of the province.
- Conduct other Financial Inclusion Activities such as School Savings Campaign etc..
- ToT rollout plan to be furnished by the WNBPF coordinator and submitted to CEFI

3.4: WHPG Steering Committee Meeting

A steering committee meeting was conducted on September 28th 2023 in Mt Hagen. A total of 9 members attended the meeting of which 1 is a female while 8 are males.

A key discussion for the meeting was in relation to next year's activities/workplan for the Western Highlands Provincial Government. The 2023 workplan provided the basis for the discussion regarding the progress of this year's activities including the provincial government's priorities for next year, its funding and implementation. The Annual Activity Plan for 2024 was also tabled for the members consideration and views.

The Key Action Items captured during the meeting are:

- A Survey to be conducted in order to identify key economic activities in district of the province and see the readiness of the province.
- Conduct other Financial Inclusion Activities such as School Savings Campaign etc..
- Subcommittees to be established in order to monitor the progress of the key financial inclusion activities captured in the Annual Workplan.

4: TOT Trainings

4.1: Kimbe Diocese ToT Training

A ToT training was conducted by CEFI from 24th to 28th July 2023 in West New Britain Province particularly for the Kimbe Diocese officials. A total of 20 participants were trained. i.e 19 males and 1 female.

Image 1: A photo showing the Training participants after the Graduation ceremony.



4.2: Kandrian District Financial Literacy Training:

Two trainings were conducted in Turuk Parish at the same time due to a large number of participants.

The training took place at 09/04/2023 and end in 09/08/23. Batch 1 has 37 training participants of which 36 are males while 1 is a female. Batch 2 has 36 participants of which 27 are male while 9 are females.

Another training was conducted at Turuk Parish from 11/09/23 to the 15/09/23. A Total of 40 participants attended the training of which 36 are males and 4 are females.

4.3 Talasea District Financial Literacy Training

The training for Talasea District was conducted from 18/09/23 and end on the 25/09/23. The training occurred at Kimbe LLG and comprises of 2 batch. A total of 41 female attended the 1st Batch training while 50 attended the 2nd Batch in which 1 was a male while 49 were females.

4.4: WHP ToT Training

The WHP ToT training was conducted by CEFI from 25th to 29th September 2023. A total of 20 participants were trained. i.e 19 males and 1 female. The Training was conducted in Mt Hagen, (Traveler's Hut) Western Highlands Province.

Image 1: A photo showing the Training participants attending the training session.



5: Provincial Government Engagement Meetings:

5.1, Meeting with the Central Province Governor and her officials.

The meeting with the Governor for Central Province was conducted on 5th September 2023 to discuss the work of CEFI in promoting financial inclusion with the provincial governments under the provincial government program and identify potential areas of cooperation and partnership between CEFI and the Central Provincial Government.

The Governor is interested in rolling out the financial inclusion activities in Central Province.

The resolutions reached from the meeting are as follows;

- 1: Data on the Financial Status of Central province (accounts opened, deposits etc..)
- 2: Draft MOU
- 3: TOT Training Manual

Image 1: A photo showing the meeting participants.



5.2 UNWOMEN meeting

A meeting with the UNWomen was held on the 3rd of August 2023 at the UNWomen office. The purpose of the meeting was to build capacity and link the UNWomen trainers to the CEFI training qualifications so that the UNWomen can train women vendors across 14 markets using its Financial Literacy toolkits throughout the nation.

Discussions were centered around the TOT training, retail training and reporting, training material and training participants.

Key resolution reached was that CEFI through the Training Unit to;

- 1- Provide the budget for the training for UNWOMEN to fund
- 2- The Training Unit to confirm suitable dates for the TOT training preferably end of September and Early October 2023 and get back to UNWomen as soon as possible regarding the training.