The Ombudsman Commission wishes to advise the Members of Parliament, Provincial Administrators, Provincial Finance Managers, District Administrators and District Finance Managers that according to Reports from the Department of Implementation and Rural Development (DIRD), the acquittals from the Provincial Service Improvement Program (PSIP) funds and District Service Improvement Program (DSIP) funds remain outstanding for the following Districts and Provinces as indicated.

As Members of Parliament, Provincial Administrators, Provincial Finance Managers, District Administrators and District Finance Managers you all are responsible in conducting the Provincial Executive Council (PEC) Meetings and the District Development Authorities Board Meetings respectively. As such you all bear the financial responsibility to—

(a) ensure the proper, efficient and economical performance of your Provinces and Districts;


(c) ensure the proper, efficient and economical performance of your Provinces and Districts.

You are particularly reminded that the 2023 SIP Acquittal reports will be due at the end of the first quarter of the Fiscal Year, March 31, 2024. The Ombudsman Commission hereby requests your respective Provincial Administrators to confirm immediately if the acquittals of the 2023 SIP Acquittal reports have been implemented whether they are public in nature with due regard to the Public Finance Management Act 2017, Public Money Management Act 1995, Financial Instructions, Administrative Guidelines, Financial Instructions, Financial Instructions and Local Level Government Development Authorities Board Meeting Act 2019, etc. and the manner in which the projects are implemented and the outcomes achieved.

Failure to comply with existing laws constitutes a breach and can prompt further inquiry and referral to the Leadership Code. The implementation is concerned that without acquittals it is difficult to determine the manner in which the projects have been implemented whether they are public in nature with due regard to the Public Finance Management Act 2017, Public Money Management Act 1995, Financial Instructions, Administrative Guidelines, Financial Instructions, Financial Instructions and Local Level Government Development Authorities Board Meeting Act 2019, etc. and the manner in which the projects are implemented and the outcomes achieved.

Please contact Ms. Edith Alaluku of the Office of the Chief Ombudsman on 3082604 or Mr. Jerry Karoe, of the Annual Statement on 3082625 for further information on the presentation.

Thank you.