



**OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION  
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

# OUTSTANDING ACQUITTALS FOR PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS (PSIP & DSIP)

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;

No.	Name of Provinces and Districts	SIP Program	Year Outstanding Acquittal(s)
1.	Hela Province	PSIP	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
2.	New Ireland Province	PSIP	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
3.	Autonomous Region of Bougainville	PSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
4.	Central Province	PSIP	2021 & 2022
5.	East New Britain Province	PSIP	2022
6.	East Sepik Province	PSIP	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021 & 2022
7.	Gulf Province	PSIP	2021 & 2022
8.	Madang Province	PSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
9.	Milne Bay Province	PSIP	2021 & 2022
10.	National Capital District	PSIP	2021 & 2022
11.	Northern Province	PSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
12.	Chimbu Province	PSIP	2021 & 2022
13.	Southern Highlands	PSIP	2021 & 2022
14.	Western Province	PSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
15.	Kandep District	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
16.	Kompiani-Ambum	DSIP	2021 & 2022
17.	Mul-Baiyer	DSIP	2022
18.	Nipa-Kutubu	DSIP	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
19.	Sinasina-Yonggomugl	DSIP	2021 & 2022
20.	Unggai-Bena	DSIP	2021 & 2022
21.	Abau	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
22.	Aitape-Lumi	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
23.	Ambunti-Drekikir	DSIP	2017, 2021 & 2022
24.	Bogia	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
25.	Bulolo	DSIP	2021 & 2022
26.	Central Bougainville	DSIP	2022
27.	Daulo	DSIP	2021 & 2022
28.	Esa'ala	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
29.	Finschaffen	DSIP	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
30.	Gazelle	DSIP	2021 & 2022
31.	Goilala	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
32.	Gumine	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
33.	Hagen	DSIP	2021 & 2022
34.	Henganofi	DSIP	2021 & 2022
35.	Huon Gulf	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
36.	Ialibu-Pangia	DSIP	2021 & 2022
37.	Ijivitari	DSIP	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
38.	Imbonggu	DSIP	2021 & 2022
39.	Kabwum	DSIP	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022

40.	Kagua-Erave	DSIP	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
41.	Kainantu	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
42.	Kairuku	DSIP	2021 & 2022
43.	Karimui-Nomane	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
44.	Kavieng	DSIP	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
45.	Kerema	DSIP	2021 & 2022
46.	Kerowagi	DSIP	2021 & 2022
47.	Kikori	DSIP	2022
48.	Kiriwina-Goodenough	DSIP	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
49.	Koroba-Kopiago	DSIP	2021 & 2022
50.	Kundiawa-Gembogl	DSIP	2016, 2020, 2021 & 2022
51.	Lufa	DSIP	2021 & 2022
52.	Manus	DSIP	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
53.	Maprik	DSIP	2021 & 2022
54.	Mendi-Munhu	DSIP	2021 & 2022
55.	Menyama	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021
56.	Middle Fly	DSIP	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
57.	Middle Ramu	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
58.	Moresby North-East	DSIP	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
59.	Moresby-North-West	DSIP	2021 & 2022
60.	Moresby-South	DSIP	2021 & 2022
61.	Namatani	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
62.	Nawaeb	DSIP	2021 & 2022
63.	North-Fly	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
64.	North-Waghi	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
65.	Nuku	DSIP	2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019
66.	Obura-Wonenara	DSIP	2021 & 2022
67.	Okapa	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
68.	Rabaul	DSIP	2020
69.	Rai-Coast	DSIP	2017, 2020, 2021 & 2022
70.	Rigo	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
71.	Samarai-Murua	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
72.	Sohe	DSIP	2022
73.	South Fly	DSIP	2021 & 2022
74.	Tari Pori	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
75.	Tewai-Siassi	DSIP	2021 & 2022
76.	Usino-Bundi	DSIP	2022
77.	Vanimo-Green	DSIP	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021 & 2022
78.	Magarima	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
79.	Pogera Paiela	DSIP	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
80.	Jimi	DSIP	2020, 2021 & 2022
81.	Madang	DSIP	2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022

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 have the onerous responsibility to:-

- ensure the proper, efficient and economical performance of your Provinces and Districts;
- authorize and allocate SIP funding's for the operation of the Province, District to the maximum benefit of the people in your respective Provinces and Districts in line with the existing 5 year Development Plans;
- for newly appointed or elected leaders you automatically inherit the responsibility to audit and provide the outstanding reports that are due.

It is of great concern to the Ombudsman Commission that the SIP acquittals for the periods listed above still remain outstanding.

The relevant laws forming part of the body of laws regulating the application and acquittal of the public money that came into the possession and control of Provinces and Districts are set out in the table below;

PSIP Funds	DSIP Funds
Public Finance Management Act 1995	Public Finance Management Act 1995
PSIP, DSIP LLGSIP & WSIP Administrative Guidelines / Financial Instructions	PSIP, DSIP LLGSIP & WSIP Administrative Guidelines / Financial Instructions
Section 102 of the Organic Law on Provincial & Local Level Government	Section 34 of the District Development Act 2014, 2015
Public Money Management Regulation Act 2017	Section 102 of the Organic Law on Provincial & Local Level Government Public Money Management Regulation Act 2017

Failure to comply with existing laws constitutes to a breach and can prompt **further enquiry and referral to the Leadership Code**. The Commission 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 maximum public benefit. All Provinces and Districts are **also 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 Administration to confirm immediately if the acquittals of public funds for the concerned periods have been submitted.

Please contact **Ms. Edith Alaluku of the Office of the Chief Ombudsman** on 3082604 or Mr. Jerry Karoe, of the **Annual Statement Division on 3082610** for further information on the presentation.

Thank you

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