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SECRETARY'S KONA



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Dear Reader

Welcome to the second edition of our internal newsletter. As we continue to address the complexities of financial governance, I am pleased to highlight the notable progress made over this first quarter of this year in advancing our strategic initiatives focused on improving fiscal management and enhancing transparency across our operations. Among the key achievements are the successful formation of the National Energy Authority (NEA) audit committee, which now provides dedicated oversight to promote accountability within the energy sector, and the completion of our migration to a cloud-based Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS), which significantly improves our system's efficiency, security, and accessibility. In this issue, you will find detailed updates on these initiatives including others. Let us remain committed to our shared mission of fostering sustainable financial practices that underpin the growth and development of our nation.

Thank you for your continued dedication.

Dept welcomes new Audit Committee



(front row, second and third from the left NEA Managing Director Ronald Meketa and Deputy Secretary Strategy & Governance Dominic Ira with representatives from both organisation during launching of the program

The Department has welcomed the successful establishment of the National Energy Authority (NEA) Audit Committee officially launched on the 28th of May 2025.

This brings the total to 59 Audit committees established in the National Departments, Statutory Bodies and the Provincial Government since the roll out of this program in 2005. For this year three audit committees were launched, Department of Information and Communication Technology, Highlands Regional College of Nursing and the National Energy Authority.

The Audit Committee plays a vital role

in the Government reporting systems of the public sector agencies.

Ensuring good governance and transparency through Public Service Audit Program, proper management, accountability and reporting of public resources. Ensuring that auditors are fully engaged and adding value to the agency operations.

Deputy Secretary Strategy and Governance Dominic Ira while officiating the launch congratulated new authority for successful establishment of this program.

He said, it will provide governance, accountability to the work that the

Highlights

organisation is carrying out. National Energy Authority which was established 3 years ago has launched this program is a way forward for the organisation.

“We are talking about governance, accountability, we need to do the right thing. I am glad that NEA has moved in the right direction in establishing this program,” he said.

“This program is purposely to manage the resources of this country including the assets, finances at the national level as well as the sub national level.”

The National Energy Authority newly established organisation is set to comply with the rules so that it delivers services to the people.

Speaking during the launching Manager Corporate Service Dianna Killion said, so far since the establishment in 2023, our books are on track and this program will add more value in our reporting.

Members of the other agencies include, DoF staff, NEA Officers, representatives from Auditor General Office and Independent audit member were there to witness the event.

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IFMS cloud migration completes

The Department of Finance has successfully completed migration of Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) to cloud last month.

As leaders in Public Finance, the Department remains committed in continuously improving financial systems. In today's ever-changing world, we are leveraging the power of cloud technology.

In leading up to the migration, the IFMS team has conducted several awareness workshops with government agencies and stakeholders to fully educated them on the IFMS migration to cloud.

Deputy Secretary Sub-National during an awareness workshop said, time has changed, from Public Government Accounting System to Integrated Financial Management System,

embracing technology in migration to cloud is an advantage to system include security features and cost effective measures as well as improving workflow.

The Department is also scaling up Electronic Fund Transaction (EFT), revenue collection in GST s65A and Non tax revenue digitalization.

All Government agencies including National Departments and Trust Entities, Provincial and Local Level Government, District Development Authorities and Statutory Bodies.

The Information Technology Departments for each Government Entities are to allow <https://ifmsgovpng.tlcloud.com> to pass through their internal IT network. Citrix is still used by all Alesco users. There is no change

in the business process, the change is technical and system feature.

Two months of post implementation and monitoring and review after Go-live migration and completes Phase 1 of the project.

Phase 2 is IFMS upgrade that will commence once cloud migration is implemented successfully. Some advantages of the migration include, email capabilities, self-service password, migrated cyber threads. Cost savings and training and test environment available online.

The Department acknowledges all government entities that are using the Integrated Financial Management System and all its stakeholders for the project and will continue to provide support in terms of public finance.

GRADUATION PICTORIAL



Priscilla Nasa, Diploma in HR & Business
Joyce Paul, Diploma in Accounting
Hawala Loboki, Diploma in Accounting
Dianne Dop, Diploma in Accounting
Geraldine Kaupa, Diploma of Government Leadership and Management



Cheryl Guy
Diploma in Project Management,
Datec Learning Centre



Rhonda Gwaibo
UPNG, Master's in Human Resource Management
Ruthie Synell, Master's in Business Administration
Lawrence Talipao, Master's in Business Administration
Amon Vele, Bachelor of Business & Management
Frederick Sambak, Bachelor's degree in Business & Management.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

What is Mental Health Awareness Month?

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, an annual observance founded by Mental Health America in 1949 to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing, educate the public, reduce stigma and promote support for those affected by mental health conditions. Each year, individuals and organisations come together to raise awareness and advocate for better mental health care and resources.

Why Do We Support Mental Health Awareness Month?

Mental health awareness plays a crucial role in reducing stigma, encouraging early intervention and fostering empathy and understanding. By normalizing conversations around mental health, it nurtures a more compassionate society where individuals feel empowered to seek help, leading to improved mental wellbeing. Key objectives of Mental Health Awareness Month include:

Educating the public about mental health

conditions and their impact.

Reducing stigma by encouraging open conversations and fostering acceptance.

Highlighting the importance of early intervention and access to treatment.

Sharing available mental health resources, including support groups and crisis services.

Building solidarity and reducing isolation for those facing mental health challenges.

Advocating for improved mental health policies, increased funding and better access to care.

Promoting mental wellbeing and self-care practices for overall health.

How Can I Support Mental Health Awareness?

Take action this Mental Health Awareness Month by focusing on what you can control — your own wellbeing. We've put together a free self-care checklist with simple, practical ways to support your mental health. You can download it below.



Mental Health

"Your struggles do not define you."
"Taking care of your mental health is an act of self-love."

Source www.thenationalcouncil.org