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HELTI PIKININI, GUTPELA NATION

NATIONAL NUTRITION SUMMIT

*“United For a Stunting-Free Future –
Accelerating Nutrition Action in Papua New Guinea”*

**“Good nutrition
today builds the
leaders of
tomorrow.”**

**NATIONAL NUTRITION SUMMIT
1-3 December 2025**

HILTON HOTEL, PORT MORESBY

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

01

Sustainable Development

“Options for provincial and district-level investment in the Nutrition Program for sustainability for the Future”

02

Innovative Solutions

“Case studies from countries that have used innovative and scalable interventions to reduce stunting rates in children under 5 years of age: - how can PNG apply these interventions to reduce and end stunting in under 5 children.”

03

Financing and Monitoring

“National level Investment in social protection-linked nutrition program to expand the CNSP project nationwide in PNG”

04

Stakeholder Engagement

“How the National Health Plan 2021 – 2030 provides an enabling environment for the CNSP Project to showcase multisectoral action, effective community engagement, foster partnerships, and strengthen health systems to ensure effective social-protection-linked nutrition service delivery”.



Event Program

Day 1

Theme:
Understanding the Landscape - Unpacking Challenges and Evidence

Introduction **Facilitator(s):** **Dr Eric Kwa PhD, Secretary DJAG**

08:00 – 08:30 **Registration, networking** Check in and completion of pre-summit survey

08:30 – 09:00 **Opening Ceremony**
Opening Prayer Pastor Alex Koyaiye
Christian Outreach Centre, PNG

Opening remarks Hon. Pila Niningi
Minister for Justice & Attorney General

Hon. Elias Kapavore
Minister for Health

Hon. Jason Peter
Minister for Community Development and Religion

World Bank Divisional Director (PNG)

Keynote address and opening of the National Nutrition Summit Hon. James Marape
Prime Minister

Session 1 **Facilitator(s):** **Mr Ken Wai a/Secretary NDOH**

09:00 – 10:00 *Current Status of Child Nutrition in PNG combined with Socio-economic Determinants of Malnutrition* Dr Luty Amos EM (PFH) NDOH
World Bank representative

Panel discussion
NDOH, WHO, World Bank, UPNG, UNICEF

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee/Tea Break

10:15 – 11:45 Continue panel discussion

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch Break Network with Lunch

Session 2 **Facilitator(s):** **Mr. Andrew Musyoki Sammy (UNICEF)**

12:45 – 2:15 *Identifying PNG-Specific Challenges – views from subnational government entities and civil society including community representatives*

Event Program

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12:45 – 2:15	<i>Identifying PNG-Specific Challenges – views from subnational government entities and civil society including community representatives</i>	a/Secretary for Health Mr. Ken Wai
Panel discussion: PAs, PHAs, DDAs, Community Reps, CCHS		
2:15 – 2:30	Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 3	Facilitator(s):	Dr Eric Kwa PhD, Secretary DJAG
2.30 - 4.00	Financing and Monitoring	Koney Samuel Secretary Dept. National Planning & Monitoring
	<i>“Options for provincial and district-level investment in the Nutrition Program for sustainability for the Future”</i>	World Bank Representative
	<i>“National level Investment in social protection-linked nutrition program to expand the CNSP project nationwide in PNG”</i>	
Session 4	Facilitator(s):	Mr Ken Siminji Component Manager DJAG/PMU
4:00 – 4:30	Day 1 Wrap-Up & End of Day 1 <i>Summary of key discussion points and recommendations.</i>	Dr Godfrey Yikii Component Manager CMU1/NDOH
6.30PM	Evening Reception and Networking <i>Official Dinner</i>	EMT or Dr Eric Kwa (PM/Ministers are in attendance)

Event Program

Day 2

Theme:
Exploring Solutions – Evidence, Best Practices, and Innovations

Session 1	Facilitator(s):	Dr Neha Singh (SCI PNG)
08:00 – 08:30	Registration, networking	Event Management Team
8:30 – 10:00	Global and PNG - Specific Evidence <i>“The use of international evidence-based interventions and global targets to align Papua New Guinea’s targets towards reducing and ending stunting in children under 5 years of age.”</i>	Keynote presentation by UNICEF
	Panel discussion NDOH, WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, Save The Children	
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 2	Facilitator(s):	Mr Ken Wai a/Secretary NDOH
10:15 – 11:45	Policy and Programmatic Responses <i>“Reviewing and updating the National Nutrition Policy 2016 – 2026 and the Nutrition Action Plan 2018-2023 to provide the policy and strategic direction to reduce and end stunting in under 5 children in PNG”.</i>	Koney Samuel Secretary Dept. National Planning & Monitoring
	<i>“The need for a Social Protection Policy to link social protection to Nutrition to create a social safety net for marginalised pregnant mothers and their children to reduce and end stunting in children under 5 years of age.”</i>	Mr Jerry Ubase Secretary Dept. of Comm. Dev. & Religion
	Panel Discussion NDOH, DNPM, DAL, DOE, DfCDR, DJAG	
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch Break & Networking	

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Day 2 Continued...

Session 3 **Facilitator(s):** **Mr Jerry Ubase**
Secretary
Dept. of Comm. Dev.
& Religion

12:45 – 2:15pm **Innovative Interventions and Scalable Solutions** *World Bank Representative*

“Case studies from countries that have used innovative and scalable interventions to reduce stunting rates in children under 5 years of age: - how can PNG apply these interventions to reduce and end stunting in under 5 children.”

Panel Discussion
NDOH, DfCDR, DJAG, UNICEF, STC, World Bank, PAs, DDAs, PHAs

2:15 – 2:30pm Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break

Session 4 **Facilitator(s):** **Mr Stanley Raka**
Deputy Secretary DJAG

2:30 - 4:00pm **Stakeholder Engagement** *Mr Ken Wai*
Secretary for Health

“How the National Health Plan 2021 – 2030 provides an enabling environment for the CNSP Project to showcase multisectoral action, effective community engagement, foster partnerships, and strengthen health systems to ensure effective social-protection-linked nutrition service delivery”.

Panel discussion
DJAG, DfCDR, NDOH, World Bank, UNICEF, UPNG, SCi, WVI, CHAI, PAs Rep, CCHS

Session 5 **Facilitator(s):** **Mr Ken Siminji**
Component Manager
DJAG/PMU

4:00 – 4:30 Day 2 Wrap-Up & End of Day 2 **Mr Joseph Klapat**
Summary of key discussion points and recommendations. **Component Manager**
DfCDR/CMU2

Event Program

Day 3

Theme:
Driving Change – Action Plans, Commitments, and Sustainability

08:00 – 08:30	Coffee/tea and Recap of Day 2	Event Management Team
Session 1	Facilitator(s):	Mr Stanley Raka DJAG – Deputy Secretary & Dr Veera Mendonca UNICEF Country Representative
8:30 – 10:00	Developing Action Plans and Recommendations <i>·Breakout into 2 groups to discuss interventions and recommendations (pilot projects, policy reforms etc).</i> <i>·All stakeholders make their commitments/pledges.</i>	All GoPNG Entities (NDOH/CMU1) All Partners (DfCDR/CMU2) (DJAG/PMU to support CMU1 and CMU2)
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 2	Facilitator(s):	Mr Ken Wai a/Secretary NDOH
10:15 - 12:30pm	Developing Action Plans cont'd <i>·Continue with and finalize recommendations, interventions, and commitments/pledges for presentation.</i> <i>·The 2 groups also discuss and frame/develop the “Declaration on Child Nutrition in Papua New Guinea”.</i>	All GoPNG Entities (NDOH/CMU1) All Partners (DfCDR/CMU2) (DJAG/PMU to support CMU1 and CMU2)
12:30 – 1:30pm	Lunch Break & Networking	
Session 3	Facilitator(s):	Professor Victor Temple – UPNG-SMHS
1:30 – 3:00pm	Commitments & Next Steps <i>·The 2 groups meet as one large group and agree on/finalize the wording of the “Declaration on Child Nutrition in Papua New Guinea”</i> <i>Both groups approve five (5) recommendations for Framework of the awareness-raising “Declaration on Child Nutrition in Papua New Guinea”.</i>	Facilitated Group Discussions

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3:00 – 3:15 Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break

Session 4	Facilitator(s):	Secretaries of DJAG-NDOH-DfCDR Dr Eric Kwa Mr Ken Wai Mr Jerry Ubase
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3:15 - 4:00pm	<p>Presentation of Commitments and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Presentation of finalized recommendations and interventions and stakeholder commitments & pledges. ·Presentation and adoption of the “Declaration on Child Nutrition in Papua New Guinea” ·Appointment of a Working Group to finalize the Implementation Framework of the adopted “Declaration on Child Nutrition in Papua New Guinea”. 	<p>GoPNG rep presents all recommendations & the Declaration.</p> <p>Development Partners rep to present stakeholder commitments & pledges</p>
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Session 5	Facilitator(s):	Event Management Team
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4:00 – 4:15pm	<p>Post-Summit Survey and Participant Satisfaction Survey</p> <p>Dedicated time for participants to complete post-summit and satisfaction surveys</p>	All participants
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Session 6	Facilitator(s):	Co-chairs Secretaries for NDOH & DfCDR Mr Ken Wai Mr Jerry Ubase
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4:15 - 5:00pm	<p>Closing Ceremony and End of Summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Closing remarks. ·Announcement of summit report timeline. ·Announcement of the date for the 2026 Summit Announcement of 2026 PSC Meeting Schedule 	Dr Eric Kwa Secretary DJAG or Prime Minister or respective Minister
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6:30 - 9:00pm	Dinner and Networking	EMC or Dr Eric Kwa Secretary, DJAG if PM/Ministers are in attendance
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