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CEO's Message



Dr James Kintwa AFCHSM
Chief Executive Officer

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO OUR PEOPLE

Hela Provincial Health Authority started the Jubilee year 2025 with the message from Leviticus 25 at the Annual Dedication that what God has for the people of Hela through health services will be released to us to serve his people and our staff.

We celebrated the Jubilee Celebrations for Papua New Guinea with some key services and some new initiatives highlighting the Jubilee message of release and return to our people. We improved access to health services after opening most of our newly constructed aid posts, installed solar vaccines freezers and started the construction of two district hospitals at Koroba and Margarima. The launch of the ICT projects provides the opportunity to be efficient and use many different data

bases and technologies to improve access to services in the rural areas with improved communication & information access through internet and mobile ward rounds in the future.

The completion of our 8 x 2 bedroom and 28 men accommodation helped us meet some of our accommodation and housing issues. Additionally, through the Wali Anda Clinic, we can provide some preventive and curative care to our women from cervical cancer.

The training of young people from remote communities provides the opportunity to have sustained human resources in these communities to service our people so all these initiatives contribute towards achieving Universal Health Coverage.

The announcement and agreement signing with MRDC for doctors incentive and the Hela Provincial Government announcement to provide incentive for all staff are good initiative to attract and retain skilled workforce in to Hela PHA to provide services.

The conclusion of the recruitment after advertising all the vacant positions on our structure is one other Jubilee reward to fill on all our vacancies with the recruitment of all specialists medical officers on permanent positions to be paid from the Alesco system instead of on short term contract through operational funds.

The finishing and topping it off the Jubilee releases or returns was the completion of the Kokoda Track Walk and the fund-raising corporate dinner where we raised K28m plus with additional merchandise to be sold after the event. We thank and appreciate our Governor, Hon Philip Undilau and all our Members of Parliament for standing beside us in this fund-raising effort to go from a hard and difficult province to celebrate our year with such a memorable event will go down in our history for years.

Finally, we look forward to the coming years when we complete our two district hospitals at Koroba and Margarima. We will start the new Komo District Hospital with support from Hela Provincial Government, Komo Hulia DDA, ExxonMobil and MRDC and begin the new Hela Provincial Specialist Hospital with the Paediatric Emergency. We will also complete all the first round of one aid post per LLG for Komo Hulia and Margarima.

We should launch in the new year our Orthotic and Prosthetic Services for our disabled, open the new surgical ward extension and the addition of the 2nd Operating Theatre to improve surgical services capabilities and the renovated Outpatient Department.

All these are our Jubilee achievements and gifts to the people of Hela and our staff and we look forward to continuing to serve the people of Hela with all our partners and God leading and guiding us for in Him (God Yaweh) we (Hela PHA) move, live and have our being (Acts 17:28).



Hambuali Health Post Reopens After 26 Years



Hambuali Health Post was officially opened on 30th August 2025, officiated by Dr. James Kintwa, Chief Executive Officer of Hela PHA, together with his Senior Executive Management team.

In his welcome address, community leader Mr. Andalu expressed deep gratitude, noting that the Aid Post had been closed for 26 years due to long-standing tribal conflicts. He said that although the people of Hambuali are located close to town, they had been cut off for many years because of ongoing security threats. "Many of our women and children have lost their lives due to lack of accessible healthcare services. Today's opening marks the beginning of a new light for our community," he stated. He thanked the CEO and the Hela PHA management for their leadership and commitment toward reopening the facility.

During his remarks before the ribbon-cutting, Dr. Kintwa emphasized that the reopening aligns with the Prime Minister's directive to ensure that all citizens have access to a health facility within one hour of travel. He stated that he was pleased to deliver this essential health service to the people of Hambuali. He also acknowledged the support of Tari-Pori District Development Authority (DDA) for funding the project at a cost of K450,000, calling it an important partnership investment in community health.

Dr. Kintwa highlighted that peace is the foundation for development, announcing the installation of a "Peace and Health" signpost at the site. He reaffirmed Hela PHA's commitment to reopening four more closed Aid Posts in Tari-Pori and urged the community to take ownership of maintaining peace so that health services can continue to thrive.

He further noted that this reopening comes in the year of Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Anniversary, calling it a meaningful gift from Hela PHA to the people of Hambuali. He expressed hope that the *Peace & Health* message will be upheld into the future as more development opportunities arise.



Mothers of Hambuali prepared in full attire to celebrate the Aid Post

Munima Community Health Post Reopens after 28 years



The Munima Community Health Post (CHP) was officially reopened on 13 August 2025, in a ceremony led by Dr. James Kintwa, Chief Executive Officer of Hela PHA, together with Mr. Jeffery Yuli and Mr Steven Merrick Deputy CEOs of Tari-Pori District Development Authority (DDA) and his officers. The event also included delegates from the National Department of Planning, Department of Finance and Treasury, and the National Department of Health, who were in Hela for the Project Steering Committee meeting with Hela PHA.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Martha, the women's representative, delivered an emotional speech as she reflected on the hardships faced during the 28 years the facility had been closed. She said, *"we have lost many women and children while trying to reach healthcare. This reopening marks an unforgettable, life-saving moment for our people,"* she said, thanking Hela PHA and Tari-Pori DDA for their partnership and commitment in restoring essential health services."

Dr. Kintwa welcomed the national delegates and the World Health Organization (WHO) Team, who were present to provide oversight for the ongoing Polio Campaign. He stated that although the Munima CHP is a small facility, its reopening is a historic milestone for the people of Munima, given the presence and support of key leaders and stakeholders.

He emphasized that reopening Munima CHP, along with other facilities soon to be launched, aligns with the Prime Minister's message that every citizen of Papua New Guinea should be able to access a health facility within one hour of travel. *"This facility now brings healthcare to your doorstep,"* he said, urging all mothers to attend prenatal clinics and deliver their babies at the health facility for safer outcomes.

In his special remarks, Dr. Kintwa announced the planting of a **"Peace and Health"** sign, symbolizing a new beginning for the community.

"No one wins in a fight. Twenty-eight years of fear and threats are enough. It is time for the people of Munima and the surrounding communities to take hold of peace, health, education, and a prosperous future," he said.

Dr. Kintwa also acknowledged Mr. Jack Walara and Tari-Pori DDA for their K350,000 contribution towards the construction of the facility.

In response, Mr. Yuli and Mr Merrick reaffirmed the DDA's commitment to continue working with Hela PHA to reopen other health facilities in the Tari-Pori District.



The people of Munima welcomed the ceremony with great enthusiasm—school children in uniform, women, and children dressed in traditional attire greeted the guests. Delegates noted that Munima was the first community in Hela where people sat attentively and listened to all speakers throughout the program, a sign of deep appreciation and relief after many years of limited access to healthcare.

The official ribbon cutting was performed by Rev. Olene Yawai, Deputy Board Chairman. He prayed for God's continued blessing on the community and encouraged the people to take ownership of the **Peace and Health initiative** launched by Dr. Kintwa and witnessed by the Tari-Pori DDA team and national delegates.

Hela PHA Achieves 98% Coverage in Polio Supplementary Immunization Campaign

Hela PHA has successfully launched and concluded its **Polio Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA)** campaign, delivering one of the strongest immunization performances in Papua New Guinea.

The two-week campaign achieved an impressive **98% vaccination coverage**, surpassing the **95% national target**, with nearly **79,000 children aged 0–10 years** receiving the life-saving **Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)**. The campaign concluded on Friday, marking a significant milestone in the province’s efforts to combat the resurgence of polio in Papua New Guinea.

The campaign was formally launched at Pangale Haus in Tari Town, where Acting Chief Executive Officer Dr. Sylvester Tati officiated the event and symbolically administered the Oral Polio Vaccine to children under ten years of age. The launch followed weeks of intensive community awareness and advocacy programs aimed at educating families on the dangers of polio and the importance of immunization.

The intensified campaign was implemented in response to the national polio outbreak linked to low routine vaccination coverage in several parts of the country.

Following the launch, Hela PHA commenced the vaccination rollout on 16 August and successfully completed the campaign on 30 August, fully complying with the timeline set by the National Department of Health (NDoH).

Public Health Manager Mr. Wakinda confirmed that Hela PHA ranked among the top-performing Provincial Health Authorities nationwide, surpassing national targets while adhering to NDoH and World Health Organization (WHO) campaign standards.

He emphasized that achieving 98% coverage across the province’s challenging terrain was a testament to the commitment and dedication of the health teams.

“We worked as a team, with heart—crossing rivers, climbing mountains, and navigating difficult terrains to find every child and ensure no child was left unvaccinated,” Mr. Wakinda said.

Mr. Wakinda also extended his appreciation to the Public Health team, support staff, vaccinators, and volunteers whose tireless efforts made the campaign a success.

He further acknowledged Chief Executive Officer Dr. James Kintwa and the Hela PHA Management Team for their strong leadership and continuous support, noting



that their guidance contributed significantly to achieving results above national and NDoH expectations.

Special recognition was also given to the surveillance and field teams, whose resilience and dedication ensured that nearly every eligible child in the province was reached.

“We will continue to work together to respond to vaccine-preventable diseases and keep the people of Hela healthy and productive,” Mr. Wakinda reaffirmed.

The success of the Polio SIA campaign demonstrates Hela PHA’s growing strength in public health service delivery and its commitment to safeguarding the wellbeing of children across Hela Province.

Official Commissioning of Cervical Cancer HPV Screening and Treatment Clinic



The Hela Provincial Health Authority (HPHA) last week officially commissioned the Cervical Cancer HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Screening and Treatment Clinic, known as the Wali Anda clinic at the Tari Provincial Hospital.

“Wali Anda,” in the Huli language, means *Women’s House*—a safe and welcoming space for women’s care, treatment, and empowerment. The clinic marks a significant milestone in

strengthening women’s health services and addressing cervical cancer in Hela Province.

The clinic was established through a partnership between Hela PHA and the Kirby Institute (UNSW), with support from the Santos Foundation. It offers early detection and same-day treatment for cervical cancer using thermal ablation technology, enabling timely, effective, and life-saving care.

Speaking during the commissioning, HPHA Chief Executive Officer, Dr Kintwa, said the authority has set an ambitious target to reach the majority of women in the province.

“We are anticipating to treat 70 percent of our province’s women population, which is approximately 150,000 mothers,” Dr Kintwa said.

He emphasized that the establishment of the Wali Anda Clinic brings critical health services closer to women, particularly those in remote and hard-to-reach areas, and will significantly contribute to reducing cervical cancer-related illness and deaths in Hela Province.

The commissioning of the clinic reaffirms Hela PHA’s commitment to preventive healthcare, early intervention, and improved health outcomes for women and families across the province.



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Pictures of the Wali anda clinic
Pic: Santos foundation

ICT Projects Commissioning



The Hela Provincial Health Authority (PHA) has successfully commissioned its new, wide-ranging Information and

Communications Technology (ICT) services at the Tari Provincial Hospital, marking a major milestone in strengthening healthcare delivery, advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and improving operational efficiency across Hela Province.

The ICT projects were officially commissioned on 2 December 2025 and was officiated by the Hela PHA Board Chairman, Mr Brett Darley and Santos Country Manager. The newly commissioned ICT services are expected to significantly enhance healthcare service delivery, improve communication, and strengthen administrative efficiency within the hospital, while supporting equitable access to quality health services for all.

Hela PHA Chief Executive Officer, Dr James Kintwa, said the implementation of the ICT suite represents a robust, end-to-end solution designed to create a fully integrated and digitally enabled hospital environment.

“This new ICT service is not merely an advancement; it represents a fundamental shift in how we operate,” Dr Kintwa said. “It will greatly enhance efficiency by providing our dedicated staff with modern digital tools to support their daily work and improve patient care.”

The project delivered critical ICT infrastructure in line with Outcome 7: Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) and Data Management of the Hela PHA Corporate Plan 2022–2025, which prioritises modern, secure, and integrated digital systems to support patient care, informed decision-making, and the achievement of Universal Health Coverage.

The completed scope includes:

1. Cabling – LAN and WLAN infrastructure
2. Private Automatic Branch Exchange (PABX) system
3. Server and workstation setup

The ICT Manager, Ms Dora Dugube, reflected on the journey since 2017, when Hela PHA had no ICT systems, no ICT staff, and no digital foundation. She acknowledged the crucial role played by partners, particularly the Santos Foundation, which initially provided

internet services and continues to support connectivity and human capacity development.

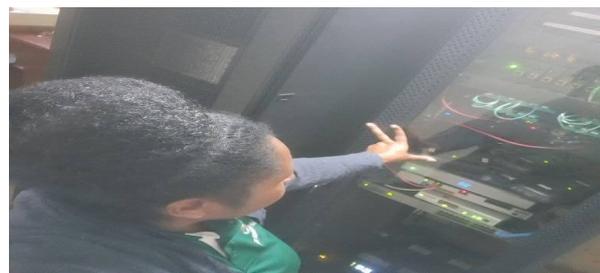
Ms Dugube noted that none of this progress would have been possible without leadership that believes in ICT as a critical enabler of **quality, equitable, and** accessible healthcare for all, in line with the principles of Universal Health Coverage. She thanked the Chief Executive Officer for championing the digital transformation journey, the Director Corporate Services for guidance, the Hela PHA Senior Management Team, and the project team for their consistent support.

Hela PHA management has successfully established Pillar 1 of the Digital Health Strategic Plan 2025–2030, strengthening the enabling environment across five priority areas: Governance, Digital Health Investments, Infrastructure, Human Capacity, and the Data Ecosystem.

The Authority now looks forward to advancing Pillar 2, which focuses on the implementation of appropriate digital health technologies to further support Universal Health Coverage and improve health outcomes



Pic: Hela PHA Management team, Board members and ICT contractors @ Santos Foundation Foyer . Picture courtesy: Julian Kapi



Pic: ICT Manager– Ms Dugube in the server room

Kokoda walk for Health and fundraising for Medical Equipment

A total of 11 trekkers successfully completed the Kokoda Track walk in support of the Hela Provincial Health Authority (PHA).

The team commenced their journey on 11 November 2025, departing by flight from Hela Province. Due to flight delays, the group arrived in Port Moresby and later travelled on Thursday, 13 November, landing in Popondetta before driving to Kokoda Station.

In addition, nine (9) officers travelled from Mount Hagen to Port Moresby and joined the team in support of the trek and fundraising activities.

The trekking schedule and overnight stops were as follows:

- First night (13 November): Kovelu
- Second night (Friday, 14 November): Alola, where the team rested for the Sabbath
- Third night (15 November): Mt Bellamy
- Fourth night (16 November): Efogi
- Fifth night (17 November): Menari
- Sixth and final night (18 November): lorabaiwa

During the final stage of the trek, the Hela PHA Chief Executive Officer joined the group, spending the night at lorabaiwa. The CEO met the trekkers near Nauro, after which the team walked together, stayed overnight at lorabaiwa, and continued on to Owers' Corner, before returning to Port Moresby.

The trek also saw strong engagement from colleagues and supporters.



Dr Tana travelled from Port Moresby during his break and actively supported the team, assisting with merchandise sales and engaging with participants.

To conclude the fundraising initiative, a dinner was hosted on 23 November

2025, with approximately 80% of tables sold.

Through pledges and cash contributions, a total of **K28 million** has been raised to date in support of the **Hela Provincial Health Authority**. Funds are still being collected from outstanding pledges, and merchandise sales are ongoing, with final totals to be confirmed once all contributions are received.

Updates by: Director Corporate Services– Mr Andrew Peke



Hela PHA walk for Health team @ Hilton Hotel



NBC Hela Brings Banking Services to Hela PHA Staff



Pic: Hela PHA staff lining up for opening account with NBC.

The National Banking Corporation (NBC) of Hela Province visited Hela Provincial Health Authority (Hela PHA) last week to assist interested staff in opening new accounts and processing loan applications.

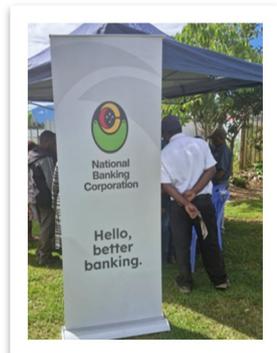
NBC Customer Officer Mr. Ritchie Beyama thanked Dr. James Kintwa, Chief Executive Officer of Hela PHA, for approving the NBC Management’s request to provide convenient banking opportunities for the staff.

Mr. Beyama highlighted that NBC is 100% nationally owned and operates more than 20 branches across the country, committed to delivering fair and accessible customer service. He explained that the bank offers standard services, including fixed loan repayment rates and no hidden or additional fees that may cause frustration for customers.

“Our purpose for visiting Hela PHA is to create awareness about our services and give customers the freedom to choose the bank that best suits their needs,” Mr. Beyama said. “According to our records, Hela PHA has one of the highest numbers of NBC clients compared to other institutions. Because of this, we prioritized serving Hela PHA staff before visiting other institutions in the districts.”

Meanwhile, a BSP customer who preferred not to be named expressed dissatisfaction with what they described as extra monthly charges on loan accounts, calling the fees unfair. Several staff who queued to open new NBC accounts shared similar sentiments.

In response, Mr. Beyama clarified that NBC does not discourage customers from following other banks’ policies. “We are here to market our products and allow customers to make informed choices based on the terms and conditions,” he said. He also emphasized that NBC is open to assisting customers who wish to refinance loans from other financial institutions.



Hela PHA staff welcomed the NBC team with enthusiasm throughout the week, with many successfully opening new accounts and receiving their account numbers and bank cards daily. Mr. Beyama confirmed that once the exercise with Hela PHA staff is completed, the team will extend the same services to other institutions across the district.

Health Workforce Initiative to Improve Access to Care in Remote Communities

Hela PHA initiated an innovative health workforce development aimed at addressing health inequities and improving access to primary healthcare services in semi-nomadic and hard-to-reach communities across Hela Province in partnership with the Hela Provincial Government with a finding support of K300,000.00 to cover tuition fees.

The program supports seven ethnic minorities dispatched along the provincial boundary where access to healthcare and staff retention remained challenging.

Fifteen candidates were selected and funded to attend CHW training at Kwikila CHW Institute . They are expected to return to respective health post per the agreement with Hela PHA.



Mr Tumbiago with the first cohort of 15 students at Tari Airport.

Mr Nicholas Tumbiago, Deputy Director Public Health, who has spearheaded this initiative acknowledges the Provincial Government and Hela PHA management for their contributions to make this initiative become a reality.

Mr. Tumbiago stated that the initiative aims to address both health inequity and staff retention in remote communities, while facilitating the reopening of closed Health Posts (HP) namely:

1. Hewa LLG(Wanikipa)- Papake, Kenalipa, Waiki, Wiski HP
2. Lake Kopiago LLG– Yok HP na,Kakuane,Piri,Agali,Bulaka HP
3. Awi Lagayu LLG– Walu/Sarane
4. North Koroba LLG– Tobi/Umiumi HP
5. Mt Sisa– Bobole HP
6. Upper Wage LLG– Yarune HP

By 2028, the 15 closed Health Post will access Primary Health Care directly contributing to Universal Health Coverage and Vision 2050.

This initiative will continue pending availability of finding support.

Terms of Reference(TOR) training for Tari Pori District Christian Health Service Chairman



Tari-Pori District Church Health Services OICs, their Chairman with Hela PHA Partnership Coordination Desk team at the TOR training.

Mr. Kenny Kundu, Partnership Coordinator, conducted the Health Facility Terms of Reference (TOR) Training for the chairmen of the Christian Health Service in the Tari-Pori District at Leneha on 4th October 2025.

During his official opening remarks, Dr. Sylvester Tati, Director for Curative Services and Acting CEO, told the chairmen that the TOR is designed to guide facility committees and OICs to work together in areas of service delivery and infrastructure development. Dr. Tati highlighted that the Partnership Committee is the second-largest Board Committee, and the TOR Training is derived from the Hela PHA Corporate Plan 2023–2027, Outcome 2—Strengthen Partnership and Coordination, under National Health Plan , Key Result Area (KRA) 2: Working Together in Partnership, as approved by the Partnership Committee.

Dr. Tati further noted that conflicts of interest often arise regarding who should benefit from development funds, especially when funds received through partners are misdirected while DDA-funded projects remain incomplete. He reminded the participants that the role of chairman is voluntary, and this training aims to educate them to become advocates and mobilizers of

community resources, ensuring that resources are used in line with Hela PHA expectations to achieve shared goals and vision.

In addition, Mr. Kenny Kundu stated that the first TOR Training was conducted for Koroba-Kopiago in 2024. Due to tight schedules, the continuation of the program was delayed until now. He expressed the Partnership Coordination Desk’s delight in delivering this training and stated that training for chairmen from Komo and Margarima will follow in due course.

Mr. Kundu emphasized the importance of fair representation within each facility’s catchment area. He explained that the main responsibilities of facility committees are to advocate, mobilize resources, and govern health service delivery at the facility, as well as support other health programs. Chairmen and their committees play a crucial role in working collaboratively with OICs and the community.

He also thanked Dr. James Kintwa, Chief Executive Officer, for negotiating and coordinating with partners to ensure that Hela PHA’s expectations—and those of its partners—are met through shared planning, implementation, and monitoring of standard, affordable, and quality health outcomes. Mr. Kundu further thanked Dr. Tati for officiating the training on behalf of the Office of the CEO, and acknowledged Mr. Robert Pokaya, GEDSI Coordinator, for supporting the training.

A special thank you was extended to all chairmen and OICs for their attendance and commitment to becoming advocates for development and fair service delivery.



Chairman and OICs of Tari-Pori District pictured during the Health Facility TOR Training facilitated by Hela PHA’s Partnership Coordination Desk.

NEW HEALTH POSTS PROJECT IN THE DISTRICTS

Hela PHA has prioritized reopening closed Health Post in each LLGs primarily to meet the mission of the Prime Minister at launch of the National Health Plan 2021 - 2030 in having access to health services within one hour of travel by our population and to meet our priority in improving maternal and child health services health outcome.

We have contracted to build 10 new Health Posts with two bedroom staff houses in Tari Pori and Koroba Kopiago Districts.

Tari Pori District – All Five Facilities Operational

Tari Pori District has successfully completed all five new Health Posts:

- **Itipu Health Post** – Opened in 2024
- **Munima Aid Post** – Opened in 2025
- **Hambuali Health Post** – Opened in 2025
- **Linapini Health Post** – Opened in 2025

Tade Health Post – Opened in 2025

All five facilities are fully operational and staffed under Short-Term Contract (STC) arrangements. These facilities are now delivering essential primary health care services to surrounding communities.

Koroba Kopiago District – Three Opened, Two Under Construction

For the five(5) new Health Posts in Koroba-Kopiago District, three new Health Posts are completed and opened in 2025.

- **Arou (Proposed Community Health Post)**
- **Hirupaye Health Post**
- **Kipongo Health Post**

The other two Health Posts in Koroba Kopiago are yet to be completed .

- **Walu Health Post**
- **Levani Health Post**

Construction in these locations has been delayed due to geographical challenges and difficult terrain, as they are situated in hard-to-reach areas. Work is continuing to ensure completion.

The next phase of expansions will focus on Margarima and Komo– Hulia District.

Margarima

- I. Tango CHP

New Health Post in Komo Hulia Districts on tender for development; Kujali, Mingili, Bobolo and Lau HP

The next phase of expansion will focus on **Margarima** and **Komo Hulia Districts**, with plans to establish new Health Posts in each LLG to further expand service coverage.

Staff for the new Health Post are recruited and working in the new facilities. This will increase the health accessibility for the catchment population and also implementing the slogan, 1 hour reach to access health services in the province.

Photos of the new Health Post in the two districts .



Mothers of Linapini prepared in full attire to celebrate the Linapini-



Vehicle went off the road while returning from Linapini Health post



Tade Health Post opening



Arou Health Post back view



Arou Health Post front view



Old Arou Health Post

Photos of the new Health Post in Koroba Kopiago District Kipongo Aid Post in South Koroba LLG in Koroba

HIRUPAYA AID POST in Awi Lakayu LLG in Koroba Kopiago District



Hirubaya Health Post Opening



CEO with Specialist medical officers and PHA staff at Hirupaya Health Post



CEO and team preparing to cross lake Tugu on raft on our way to open Hirupaya Health Post.



CEO and HPHA team on the other side of Lake Tugu after crossing on raft, ready to take 6 hours walk to Hirupaya Health Post opening



Hela PHA team with CEO on the grandstand during Hirupaya Health Post opening



New Kipongo Health Post Opening



Old Kipongo Health Post Opening



Old Kipongo Health Post Ribbon cutting and Opening



SDA team welcoming the guest during Kipongo Health Post opening in South Koroba LLG



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Hela Province sits at the heart of Papua New Guinea—a resource-rich province—yet positioned on the edge of some of the most remote and least connected regions of our nation.

It shares borders with Southern Highlands, Enga, East Sepik, West Sepik, and Western Province—areas where government services are still growing, yet where communities continue to survive with extraordinary strength and resilience.

From Panduaka to Wanikipa, across the rugged Strickland gorges, and deep into the mountainous reaches of Walagu and Mt Bosavi, our people have faced challenges that many would hesitate to confront. Whether shaken by earthquakes, burdened by conflict, or isolated by harsh geography—our people rise.

Standing at the frontline of this resilience are our health workers—men and women who give their very best with the little they have. They climb mountains, cross flooded rivers, walk through tribal tension zones, and endure harsh conditions—sometimes risking their lives—to save just one more life.

Newsroom Views

“Leaving no one behind is everybody’s business.”



Old Levani HP



New Levani HP under construction due to remoteness, it takes a whole day to reach Levani from Fugwa to transport the building



Walu HP in Awi Lagayu LLG in Koroba Kopiago District under construction. Construction is delayed due to very remote; it takes two days to walk from Paga to Walu with the building materials.



New Staff house under construction in Walu HP

Flying Hope to Remote and Rural Hela: Solar Power and Vaccine Support Reach Remote Communities

Hela PHA has successfully delivered solar panels, vaccine refrigerators and life saving equipment to remote health facilities in Ambi, Wanikipa and Ifigi , strengthening immunization services and primary healthcare delivery in hard-to-reach communities.

Recently, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) pilot Captain Jan Klassen safely landed in Ambi, Wanikipa and Ifigi with critical medical cargo funded by the Hela Provincial Health Authority. The cargo included **133 kilograms of solar panels** and a **40-kilogram vaccine refrigerator**, transported from Mount Hagen to Tari before being delivered to Ambi for installation.

The installation of solar-powered vaccine refrigerators is a major step in protecting children and vulnerable populations in remote areas. Reliable solar energy ensures uninterrupted cold chain systems, safeguarding vaccines and supporting ongoing immunization programs.

Sr. Rhondie Hapolo, Deputy Director for Primary Health Care, expressed her appreciation to the Unicef team for the excellent partnership and continued support.

Family Health Services Coordinator Sr. Hayara also acknowledged the dedication of officers on the ground, Mr. Etai Gei and Mr. Eric Lomba, for their coordination and technical support during the implementation.

This initiative demonstrates Hela PHA’s strong commitment to equitable healthcare access and directly contributes to achieving Universal Health Coverage by 2030.

