



KEROWAGI DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN FOCUS

Leave no Kerowagi behind!

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Kerowagi District Development Authority in Focus (KDDAF) is a bi-annual news-letter publication that will be used to inform the people, stake holders, partners and the general public about the progress of Kerowagi District Administration.

KDDAF newsletter aims to build relationships with the local communities, promoting transparency and accountability, and to foster a sense of pride and ownership in local development initiatives arranged by the local MP, Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP as the Chairman of the Kerowagi District Development Authority.

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Infrastructure
& Projects



Administration



Education



Law & Order



Health



Economic



Churches



Social Develop-
ments & Youths



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Welcome Message

Greetings, esteemed colleagues and fellow citizens of Kerowagi District in Simbu Province. I am honored and grateful that I was mandated by you all to represent you at the National Parliament House.

I believe that my people must be made aware of the basic government services that will be made available for them to use. Therefore, this newsletter is meant to showcase and document the progress of the district through the five (5) year development under the Marape/ Ross Government.

As we all know, the development of our district is crucial to the well-being and progress of our people. It is the foundation upon which we can build a better future for ourselves and generations to come. As such, we must work together to achieve our goals and objectives.

We aim to significantly progress in areas such as education, health, infrastructure, law & order, agriculture, churches and the social sectors. However, there is much more work to be done to address the challenges we face as a district and working together is the only way.

Once the 5-year development is ready, we will be aiming to address these challenges head-on and to ensure that our district is on the path towards sustainable development. Our main focused areas will be on:

Infrastructure: We will work to improve the roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure in the district to make transportation easier and more efficient.

Education: We will work to improve access to quality education for all children in the district, including building more schools and training more teachers and the incorporation of modern teaching techniques (e-learning) to cater for updated learning informations.

Agriculture: We will support and promote agriculture in the district, including building more markets, providing training to farmers, increasing access to money and financial literacy. And to formulate the integration of agriculture, climate change and carbon trading.

Health: We will work to improve the health care services in the district by building more health centers, training more health workers, and providing more medical supplies.

These are just a few of the areas that we will focus on in the next 5 years. Other important sectors will be improved upon when their needs are properly identified.

Rural Economy, Law & Order, Churches, Youth and Social Development are part of the developmental scope as well.

However, we cannot achieve these goals without the support of everyone in the district. We must work together, putting aside our differences, and focusing on the development of our district.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the development of Kerowagi District during the previous regimes. And I urge you all to continue to support our 5-year developmental plans, which will help us to achieve our collective goals and create a brighter future for all.

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OVERVIEW OF DSIP, PSISP & LLGSIP

The District Service Improvements Program (DSIP) Provincial Service Improvements Programs (PSIP) & Local Level Government Service Improvement Program (LLGSIP) policy recognizes the ALOTAU ACCORD in term of service delivery & development in the rural areas for minimum social and economic services.

● It also recognizes agencies & stakeholders involvement in supporting delivery functions of basic goods and services to the provinces, districts and LLG areas. Agencies & Stakeholders include:

- 22 Provincial Administrations
- JPP & BPC in provinces, JDP & BPC in districts, LLGC & Ward Development Committees.
- CSTB, PSTB, PPMT & DPMT
- Departments of Planning, Finance, PLGA, Education, Agriculture, Transport, Works, Commerce, Health, PNG Power, PNG Water and Telecom.
- Churches, NGOs, private sectors, development partners.
- Policy prerequisites include: available 5 – Year Province/ District/ LLG Development Plans.

Infrastructure Support Services

The purpose of Infrastructure Support Services in a district is to provide support and resources for the development and maintenance of infrastructure within the district. This includes physical structures such as roads, bridges, buildings, and water supply systems, as well as other essential services such as waste management, energy supply, and telecommunications.

Health Service Improvement

The purpose of Health Services Improvements in a district is to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of healthcare services for the residents of the district.

Education Service Support

To support parents in remote locations in the district to have children have access to quality education that will help them develop the foundational skills they need to succeed in later education and in life. And furthermore, create accessible pathways for the children to acquire further knowledge.

Law & Justice Services

The purpose of Law and Justice Services in a district is to promote and ensure the rule of law, protect the rights and safety of citizens, and provide access to justice for all residents of the district.

Economic Sector Support

The purpose of Economic Sector Support in a district is to support the growth and development of the local economy by providing resources, expertise, and support to businesses and entrepreneurs.

Administration Services

The purpose of Administration in a district is to manage and coordinate the day-to-day operations of the district government, and to ensure that public services are delivered effectively and efficiently to residents.

SECTOR ALLOCATION FOR DISTRICTS		
SECTOR	PERCENTAGE (%)	APPROVED ALLOCATION
Infrastructure	30	K10, 000,000.00
Health Services Improvement	20	K3, 000,000.00
Education Services Support	20	K3, 000,000.00
Law & Justice Services	10	K1, 000,000.00
Economic Support Services	10	K2, 000,000.00
Administration Services	10	K1, 000,000.00
TOTAL	100	K20, 000,000.00





Infrastructure Support Services

The infrastructure development is the priority of the government's DSIP fundings for the districts. Through Kerowagi District Development Authority and Hon. Francis K Siune, MP; impact project plans were identified and funding allocations have been earmarked for their development and upgrades. But projects depend entirely on consistent government funding therefore, priority areas will be given the head start.

Infrastructure Support Services

Infrastructure development in Kerowagi District is crucial for fostering economic growth, improving accessibility and connectivity, supporting social development, enhancing agricultural productivity, and promoting tourism and cultural preservation.



Youths been engaged to do line drainage systems and minor civil works at the District's Administration area and Kerowagi township.



Gena road upgraded by Kaia Works Contractors.



Relocated District Court House from Kundiawa now stationed in Kerowagi District has been given a face lift through reconstruction by local contractors.



Another road upgrade at the old airport that will benefit the Sambugla & Gena Tribes.



KKDA received full 30x e-learning equipments received by Education Dept. to be installed in primary schools.

SPECIAL FEATURE OF 2023!

The Commissioning of Kerowagi District Administration Office by the Prime Minister and witnessed VIPs and supported by other District MPs of Simbu Province.



The Honorable Prime Minister, James Marape officially cuts ribbon to open Kerowagi District Administration office.



The newly commissioned district office, located at Kerowagi town.

The Prime Minister, Hon. James Marape, MP was invited to officially open the Kerowagi District Development Authority office complex. This was the first time a Prime Minister of PNG came to Kerowagi District.

Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP with his “less talk, more action” leadership finally had the district office commissioned by the Prime Minister on the February 5th, 2023.

“Faipia yia em shotpla taim tumas, said the Kerowagi MP”.
(Five years is a very short time, said the Kerowagi MP).

During the occasion, the Prime Minister announced that he will be supporting the district’s projects such as the Koronigle to Kerowagi road upgrade, Kerowagi-Bari & Gembogl road upgrade, ITC equipments for Kerowagi Secondary School, centralization of teacher’s payroll system under ALESCO and E-learning learning facilities for primary schools among others.



Kerowagi District Office staff lining up on the steps of the new office building.



Kerowagi MP being welcomed as he entered into the new office followed by Simbu Governor and his Provincial Administrator and other VIPs and delegates.



Administration Support Services

The Kerowagi District Administration was finally commissioned by the Prime Minister, Hon. James Marape, MP and the ribbon was cut by Hon. Francis K Siune, MP and witnessed by government ministers and VIPs on February 5th, 2023. The district administration office was initiated by the former Kerowagi MP to house the functions of the district administration.

District Administration Developments

As part of the KDDA continuous development of the districts office, other building structures that are linked to the functions of the district will be erected and upgraded. These include;

- > Kerowagi District Office & Urban Development
- > District Office Complex - Recurrent
- > District Staff Housing
- > Kup Sub Station Upgrade



KDDA Office given colorful paint jobs and horticulture by local artists, landscapers & gardeners.



V-Sat Electronic Payroll system installed for Teachers to ease their burden of lengthy travels, to and from Kundiawa town.



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Education Sector

Education is important because it empowers individuals, drives economic growth, promotes social mobility and equality, fosters knowledge and research, enhances civic engagement and democracy, and contributes to health and well-being. As listed below, Education is a priority area for KDDA.

- > Secondary Schools Upgrade
- > High School Upgrades
- > Primary School Updates
- > Elementary School Upgrades
- > Tertiary Students Assistance
- > Staff Housing



School children eagerly cheering on during the official opening of the KDDA office by the Prime Minister - Hon. James Marape, MP.



Holy Rosary Secondary school have been the first recipient of new school truck.



Law & Justice Services

The purpose of Law and Justice Services in a district is to promote and ensure the rule of law, protect the rights and safety of citizens, and provide access to justice for all residents of the district. Lawlessness over the years in the district has come the MP's attention and proper equipments and facilities will be upgraded combat crimes of various nature.

Law & Justice Sector



Law and order enforcers are important for Kerowagi District as they ensure safety and security, protect rights, maintain social stability, support economic development, and foster community trust and cohesion. That is why KDDA will look;

- > Police Station Refurbishments
- > Community and Rural Policing
- > 1x Staff Housing
- > 1x Vehicle
- > MS 8 Operational Support
- > Barawagi CIS Infrastructure Upgrade
- > Peace Mediation and Emergencies

Safety and security is paramount in maintaining law and order and to ensure the safety of residents, businesses, and visitors in Kerowagi District. It helps prevent crime, reduce violence, and create an environment where individuals can live and work without fear.

Effective law enforcement and a robust justice system protect the rights and freedoms of individuals in Kerowagi District. It ensures that everyone is treated fairly, and justice is served in cases of criminal activity or disputes.

Social stability establishes clear rules and regulations that govern behavior and interactions among community members. It fosters a sense of predictability and orderliness.

And a safe and secure environment is crucial for economic growth and investments. Businesses and investors are more likely to operate in areas with a strong rule of law, which provides a stable and conducive environment for economic activities.



Health Improvement Services

The purpose of Health Services Improvements in a district is to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of healthcare services for the residents of the district.

Health Sector



Mingendi Health Centre will be a recipient for further upgrade by KDDA.

Kerowagi MP will be addressing health issues in the district through various means, including improving healthcare infrastructure, increasing access to medical facilities and services, promoting health education and awareness campaigns, facilitating vaccination and immunization programs, supporting healthcare professionals and staff, and collaborating with relevant stakeholders and organizations to implement effective health initiatives.

A healthy community is very important and KDDA has made it a priority through;

- > District Hospital Status Upgrades
- > Health Centers & Sub Health Centers Upgrades
- > Rural Aid Post Construction and Upgrades
- > Hospital Staff Housing
- > Ambulances to main Health Centers-(Fully knitted)



Rural Mobile Clinics and Aid Post will be rolled-out and upgraded to help mothers, children and elderlies.



Economic Support Services

The purpose of Economic Sector Support in a district is to support the growth and development of the local economy by providing resources, expertise, and support to businesses and entrepreneurs. Most of the support will be in the agriculture sector since most of the people live off their land.

Economic Sector

Economic development in rural areas of Kerowagi District is vital for poverty reduction, sustainable growth, food security, infrastructure development, and empowerment of marginalized groups. SME's needs will be crated for through;

- > Urban Markets Rehabilitation
- > Downstream Processing Support
- > District SME Facilitation and Support
- > District Rural Markets Setting
- > District Coffee Development
- > Cereal and Grains Crop Production

Economic development is crucial in rural areas of Kerowagi District for several reasons:



Temporary Market Building reconstruction in progress at Kerowagi township.

Poverty reduction: Economic development can alleviate poverty by creating employment opportunities, increasing income levels, and improving living standards for rural residents.

Sustainable growth: Developing rural economies ensures balanced regional development, reduces urban migration pressures, and promotes the sustainable use of natural resources.

Enhanced food security: Rural areas often rely on agriculture as a primary livelihood. Economic development initiatives can boost agricultural productivity, improve access to markets, and enhance food security for both rural and urban populations.

Therefore, economic development in rural areas of Kerowagi District is vital for poverty reduction, sustainable growth, food security, infrastructure development, and empowerment of marginalized groups.



Old demolished public market



DISTRICT'S SECTOR VEHICLES READY FOR SERVICE DELIVERIES



Different sector vehicles were one of the earlier installments by the MP as part of first phase of developments for data collection and administration duties.



Church & Social Development Services

Spiritual and social development is important for Kerowagi District as it helps preserve culture, promote social cohesion, instill moral values, enhance emotional well-being, and encourage environmental stewardship.

Church & Social Sector Development



The Holy Bible represents God's character and provides us the insight and wisdom to live and to govern others.

Spirituality often encourages individuals to develop and uphold ethical and moral values. It promotes compassion, empathy, and kindness towards others. Such values contribute to the development of a strong moral compass and guide individuals in making ethical decisions and engaging in pro-social behaviors.

KDDA is aware of the importance of spiritual development as an important component of social development in the district and intends to;

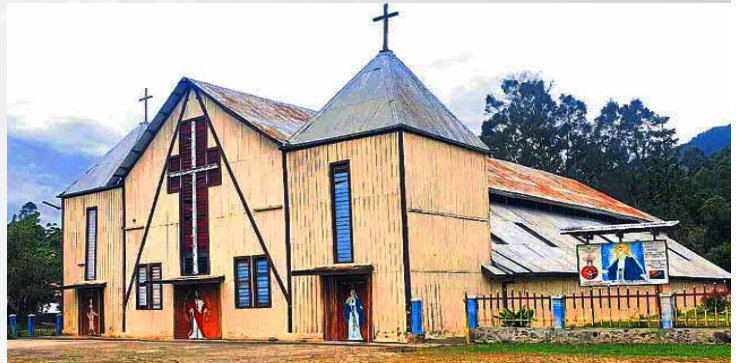
- > Upgrade Church run organization
- > Supply Solar powers to churches
- > Support clergymen/ women
- > Promote christian outreach amongst youths
- > Support Christian run schools

Spiritual development is important for Kerowagi District for several reasons:

Cultural preservation: Spiritual development plays a crucial role in preserving and promoting the cultural heritage and traditional practices of the communities in the district. It helps maintain the unique identity and traditions that have been passed down through generations.

Social cohesion: Spirituality often serves as a unifying force that brings communities together, fostering a sense of belonging and social cohesion. It can strengthen interpersonal relationships, promote empathy, and encourage cooperation among community members.

Moral and ethical values: Spiritual development helps instill moral and ethical values in individuals and communities. It provides a moral compass, guiding people's actions and decisions based on principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, and respect for others.



The pioneer Catholic Church in Mingendi station, built in 1948 is quickly deteriorating and will soon be given the much needed repair and maintenance.

Emotional well-being: Spirituality can contribute to emotional well-being and inner peace. It provides a framework for finding meaning and purpose in life, offering solace during difficult times, and promoting mental and emotional resilience.

Environmental stewardship: Many spiritual beliefs emphasize the interconnectedness of humans and nature. Spiritual development can foster a sense of responsibility and stewardship towards the environment, promoting sustainable practices and conservation efforts in Kerowagi District.

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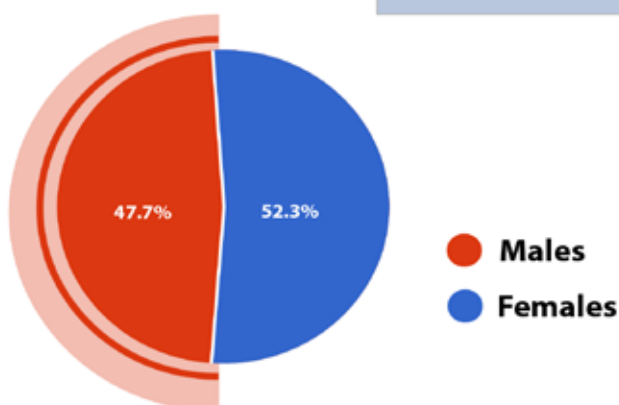
Young children being given spiritual guidance to follow the Christian teachings and way of living by clergymen/ women.

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LOCATION COORDINATES

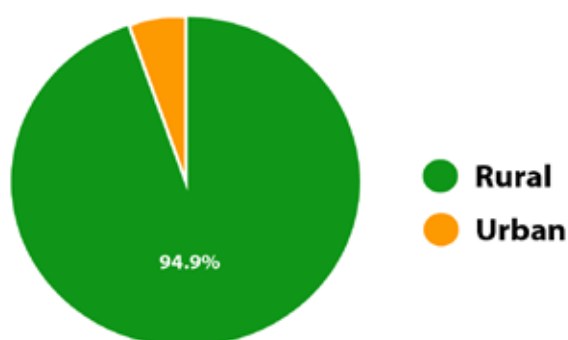
93,107 Population [2011] - Census
608,0 km² Area
153.1/km² Population Density [2011]
4.9% Annual Population Change [2000-2011]



Population Structure

GENDER (C 2011)

Males	48,798
Females	44,379



URBANIZATION (C 2011)

Rural	58,393
Urban	4,714

Population (C 2011)

Name	Population Census 2000-07-09	Population Census 2011-07-10
Kerowagi	54,850	93,107
Gena/ Waugla Rural	15,800	36,242
Kerowagi Urban (< Kerowagi Rural)	4,130	4,714
Kup Rural	12,432	26,484
Upper/ Lower Koronigl (< Kerowagi Rural)	22,488	25,567



Acknowledgment

I take this time to thank the following institutions, groups and individuals who make these current service deliveries possible for the first six months since I was elected as MP for Kerowagi District in the 2022 general election.

1. Marape - Rosso Government for providing funds for all these services provided in the District.
2. The KDDA for nomination and funding specifications for these projects.
3. The Kerowagi District Administration as implementers of these projects.
4. The procurement committees for selection of these projects.
5. The Simbu Provincial Government for their undivided support, partnership and collaboration in these projects.
6. Other stakeholders and development partners and contractors for support and executing these projects.

Countless thank you and wish you all well.

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Member for Kerowagi District
Chairman - KDDA



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KDDA in Focus newsletter is aimed at facilitating effective communication, promote community engagement, and provide essential information and updates of Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP's leadership in Kerowagi District in the Simbu Province.

The key purposes of this newsletter is for ; Information Dissemination, Community Engagement, Education and Awareness, Cultural Preservation, Transparency and Accountability, Collaboration/ Networking and to Promote Local Economy.

By serving these purposes, this newsletter will contribute to informed decision-making, community empowerment, and overall development, ensuring that residents are well-informed and are actively involved in shaping the future of Kerowagi District.

