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# KEROWAGI DISTRICT

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HON. FRANCIS KIKIN SIUNE, MP  
MEMBER FOR KEROWAGI DISTRICT



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Kerowagian  
Behind!*



This publication marks the third edition of “KDDA In Focus,” which aims to comprehensively document the ongoing and completed projects initiated by the Honorable Member of Parliament for Kerowagi District, Francis Kikin Siune, through the Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) from 2022 to 2024. It provides a pictorial overview of significant projects undertaken by the local MP to enhance the lives of Kerowagi residents.

Under the leadership of Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, the KDDA has made significant strides in improving the lives of Kerowagi residents through targeted development projects. The third edition of “KDDA In Focus” showcases the district’s commitment to progress and serves as a testament to the MP’s dedication to his constituents.



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**HON. FRANCIS KIKIN SIUNE, MP**  
**MEMBER FOR KEROWAGI DISTRICT**  
**CHAIRMAN - KDDA**

*Only a Change in Our Attitudes will Change Kerowagi*

## MP's Message

**D**ear Respected Residents of Kerowagi District,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your patience, cooperation, and unwavering support during the challenging years of 2022-2024. Your resilience and commitment to our community have been truly inspiring.

This publication serves as a comprehensive record of all the projects and initiatives undertaken by the Kerowagi District Development Authority during this time, regardless of their outcome. It reflects our collective efforts and celebrates our achievements, both big and small.

As we look back on the past two years, it is clear that the attitude of our people has played a key role in the success of our projects. Your positive mindset and active participation have been essential in driving progress and overcoming challenges.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Marape-Rosso government for their support in securing crucial funding for our district. Their commitment to our development needs has made a significant difference.

While we acknowledge that not all projects have been successful, we are committed to learning from these experiences to improve our strategies for the

future. Together, we have faced difficulties and emerged stronger, and we will continue to work towards the betterment of our community.

We have just celebrated our 49th Independence Anniversary so let us move forward with optimism and a shared vision for a brighter future. May this publication remind us of our collective strength and commitment to leaving no Kerowagian behind.

Thank you very much, and may God Almighty be our guide and strength in our journey.

*Leave No Kerowagian Behind!*

**Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP**  
**Member for Kerowagi District**  
**Chairman-Kerowagi District Development Authority**







**MR. PHILIP BOMAL**  
**ACT. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*Leave No Kerowagian Behind!*

## CEO's Message

**G**reetings People of Kerowagi District,

I am very proud and happy to welcome you to the Progressive Report 2022-2024 publication by KDDA In Focus. As the new Acting District Administrator, I feel honored to be part of this important moment, which celebrates the progress and achievements our district made last year and also compliments the 49th Independence Anniversary of our country, Papua New Guinea.

This publication shows how our community worked hard together and made great efforts. It highlights the important projects and milestones that have positively affected the lives of everyone in Kerowagi District.

Under the leadership of Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP, from 2022 to 2024, we have made great improvements in road infrastructure, supported the rural economy and communities, improved education, and engaged with local people. Some of our achievements include sealing roads to connect Kerowagi Town, launching 22 socio-economic projects, and providing E-learning materials for 30 primary schools etc.

As we look back at the successes of 2023 and recent celebration of our nation's 49th Independence, it is important to recognize the support and teamwork of our communities. Your participation and commitment to developing our district have been crucial in driving progress and ensuring that no one is left behind.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time and effort to make this publication possible. Your contributions have been very important in capturing our district's journey during the spirit of our nation's independence.

Looking ahead, we are determined to keep building a stronger and more prosperous Kerowagi District. We will work hard to improve essential services, create job opportunities, and help our youths reach their full potential in the four (4) LLGs.

I sincerely thank each of you for your continued support and dedication to making our district better. Together, we will overcome challenges, take advantage of opportunities, and create a brighter future for our children.

Let's celebrate the achievements of 2023 and look forward to an even more successful years ahead. May this publication be a testimony of KDDA's commitment to serving the people of Kerowagi District.

Thank you very much, and may God bless Kerowagi District and our beloved nation, Papua New Guinea.

**Mr. Philip Bomal**

Acting CEO/ District Administrator  
Kerowagi District Development Authority



# REVIEW OF PROJECTS INITIATED BETWEEN 2022-2024

Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP, has made significant contributions to the development of Kerowagi District since taking office. Some of his notable achievements include:

**First Ever Visit of a Prime Minister:** Hon. James Marape and Renbo Paita, the former Minister for Finance and Planning, visited Kerowagi to commission 23 plus projects funded by the Kerowagi DDA since Siune's election in 2022.

**Top Performing District:** Kerowagi was rated as the 4th top performing district out of 111 districts in the country by the National Economic and Fiscal Commission (NEFC). This is a testament to Siune's leadership and the district's financial accountability and transparency.

**Appropriation of Funds:** The Kerowagi DDA has allocated a total of K30 million on projects within the Health, Education, Infrastructure, Law and Order, District Administration, and Community Development, Religious and Societal obligations since Siune took office.

**Initiation of Projects:** In 2023, the district saw the initiation of numerous projects, including road construction, urban road network upgrade, a new urban market, land boundary demarcation, reconstruction of water supply systems, establishment of an abattoir project, and provision of materials for E-learning in the district's 30 primary schools.

**Road Rehabilitation:** Roads in Kerowagi are undergoing rehabilitation, with a 13-kilometer stretch from Kornigle to New Market being worked on by local contractor Nera110 Projects at a cost of K2 million. The project is expected to be completed next month.

These achievements demonstrate MP's commitment to the development of Kerowagi District and his ability to effectively manage and allocate funds for the benefit of the community.



Several projects in Kerowagi District are still in progress. Some of these ongoing projects include:

**Road Rehabilitation & Construction:** A 13-kilometer stretch of road from Kornigle to New Market is being rehabilitated by local contractor Nera110 Projects at a cost of K2million. The project is expected to be completed next month. The construction of several foot bridges, especially across the fast-flowing Wagi River, is ongoing.

**Urban Road Network Upgrade:** The upgrade of the urban road network in Kerowagi is still underway.

**Reconstruction of Water Supply System:** The reconstruction of the water supply system for Kerowagi town is also ongoing.

**E-learning Infrastructure:** The provision of materials for E-learning in the district's 30 primary schools is still in progress.

These projects are part of the initiatives launched by Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP for Kerowagi District, to improve the socio-economic conditions of the district.

The main challenges faced by ongoing projects in Kerowagi District include:

**Availability of Materials and Funds**  
Progress and completion depend on these.

**Weather Conditions**  
Weather affects project progress.

**Engineering Challenges**  
Projects like road construction require significant engineering efforts.

**Logistical Challenges**  
Building roads in remote areas is difficult.

**Monitoring and Implementation**  
Effective monitoring and implementation are crucial for project success.

These challenges emphasize the need for careful planning, resource allocation, and effective project management to ensure successful project completion in Kerowagi.

**\* Other projects that were installed in late 2023 and early 2024 will be highlighted towards the end of this newsletter.**



## Projects initiated by Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP as the Chairman of Kerowagi District Development Authority between 2022-2023

The Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) initiated numerous projects in 2023 to enhance socio-economic development and infrastructure in the district. These projects were launched under the slogan “Leave no Kerowagian Behind,” with a focus on connecting the district’s remote areas to the main town.

Key initiatives included road construction and upgrading, urban market development, land boundary demarcation, and the establishment of an abattoir project. Additionally, the district invested in education, healthcare, and infrastructure development, such as the rehabilitation of the 13-Kilometer road from Kornigle to New Market.

Some of these projects had minor setbacks due to the weather conditions, social issues, material supplies, national government funding etc, however the major impact ones have been completed or are progressing well.

These projects aimed to improve the overall quality of life for Kerowagi residents and promote economic growth. Listed below are the most projects initiated under the leadership of Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP.

### ADMINISTRATION SECTOR

- Purchase of office equipment - K90,000;
- Purchase of 4 light vehicles to be used by various sectors in the district - K453,000;
- Kerowagi Town Boundary Demarcation - K300,000;
- District Support grants to 4 LLGs - K200,000;
- District Administration Support under DSIP-K10,000; DSIP - K1,000,000;

### EDUCATION SECTOR

- Funding 30/ 39 primary schools with E-learning materials K80,000;
- Binagl High School Building - K300,000;
- 11 Elementary Schools support fund K10,000 each (K110,000);
- 5 Primary Schools received K50,000 each;
- Gawa Konda Primary School Double Classroom - K150,000;

- Bundun Primary School Spike Fencing - K100,000;
- Kambu TVET Infrastructure Development - K250,000;
- Gagl Primary School - K270,000;
- Kerowagi Secondary ICT Science Lab - K1 Million;
- Purchase of Kondiu Rosary Secondary School Truck K255,000;
- Installation of VSAT in the district office to facilitate for the Teachers ALESCO payroll issues; - K89,000.00; and
- Subsidizing Tertiary Students Tuition fees with K800,000;

### HEALTH SECTOR

- Fully kitted ambulance for Neragaima Health Centre K227,000;
- Fully kitted ambulance for Nogar Health Centre & maintenance –K320,000;
- The DDA has allocated K40,000 for facility build-up of Health Centers;
- Purchase of New Ambulance; for Miunde Health Centre;
- K20,000 was given to Kendene Health Centre for the maintenance of staff houses;
- K20,000 was allocated to Aguar Aid Post for building facilities;
- Kerowagi Urban Water Supply Restoration-K350,000;

A major road works that is planned for Kerowagi through the ADB project is the Road Construction work from Minj-Gamar to Ganigle which links the Okuk Highway. The other ADB project will run through Donau Temnigle connecting North Waghi electorate, Jiwaka Province to Kerowagi in Simbu Province.





## These are major impact infrastructure projects;

### INFRASTRUCTURE & OTHERS

- **Kornigle-Gena-Sim Road**  
**Contractor: Kaia Works Limited**  
**Contract value: K2million**  
 - Kaia Works Limited was awarded the contract by the DPC.  
 - K800,000 was allocated to the company on December, 2022 as mobilization cost.  
 - K1.2m was paid again this year and work is still in progress.  
 - Total of K2 million was paid to Kaia Works Limited.
- **Kornigle-Kerowagi Town Urban Road Upgrade & Resealing**  
**Contractor: Nera 110 Projects Ltd.**  
**Contract value: K2million**  
 - Nera 110 Limited was awarded the contract by the DPC.  
 - K800,000 was allocated to the company on December, 2022 as mobilization cost.  
 - K1.2m was paid again this year and work is still in progress.  
 - Total of K2 million was paid to Nera 110 Projects Limited.
- Bii Wagl Culvert Maintenance - K200,000;
- Various footbridges - K300,000;
- Barawagi CS Infrastructure Development - K100,000;
- Kambu Access Road - K1.5million; and
- New Market-Angagoii/ Boko Kawa Road - K9 million.

### LAW & ORDER SECTOR

- Establishment of Kerowagi District Court;
- K450,000 for peace mediation and good order and resettlement programs;
- Established Gena Community Policing;
- Purchase 1 X 10 seater Land Cruisers for Kerowagi Police;
- Parole Board funding - K35,000;

### ECONOMIC SECTOR

- Construction of Kerowagi Urban Market - K800,000;
- Barawagi Market House Development - K200,000;
- District support to Abattoir - K100,000;
- National Development Bank collateral for SME activities - K1 Million; and
- Purchase of a new Land Cruiser Utility for Economic Sector - K 230, 000.00.

### Charity

A surgical team led by Fr Jan Zarwoski appealed for some funding assistance towards meeting the cost of procuring an Endoscope medical instrument. The cost of this equipment was US 25,000 Dollars.

The people of Kerowagi contributed K50,000 to assist in procuring this important diagnostic equipment.

### Project Management

The Kerowagi DDA has instituted certain guidelines to monitor public funded projects so that the people get their full money's worth or investment. This includes:

- > District Project Management Team (DPMT) and District Works Unit to manage district projects;
- > DPMT and Monitoring and Evaluation Officers to monitor projects; and
- > DPMT to conduct regular awareness on importance of service delivery.

### Project Financial Limits

The practice of contractors getting paid for doing work that doesn't equate to the amount of money provided for will cease in Kerowagi. The Kerowagi DDA has now established the following Project Financial Limits under the new leadership:

- Procurement - 60 %
- Labor - 20%
- Mobilization - 10 %
- Retention - 10%

### Project Funding

- > DSIP - K13, 000,000
- > DSG - K500, 000.00
- > PSIP - K200, 000.00
- > PIP - K16, 300,000

It is imperative to acknowledge that procrastination in accessing development funds can hinder and stagnate the progress of development agendas in Kerowagi District, as each district faces unique geographical settings and physical limitations. However, our district's performance ratings by the National Economic and Fiscal Commission (NEFC) as one of the top 5 performing districts in the country speak volumes about our achievements.



The Marape Rosso Government's creation of conducive avenues for socio-economic and infrastructure development has been instrumental in Kerowagi District's progress. The Kerowagi District Development Authority remains committed to its goals and objectives, prioritizing the needs and aspirations of all humanity that we are duty-bound to serve with integrity and pride.

A leader's role is to serve with commitment and sacrifice, ensuring that others may have a good life. This has been the guiding principle of Hon. Francis Kikin Siune since his election on August 10, 2022. Governments led by leaders with a people-centric approach make policy decisions that benefit the people, resulting in amazing outcomes that will benefit the people in the future.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the current Pangu-led government ministers who visited Kerowagi District between 2022-2023, particularly:

Hon. James Marape, MP, Prime Minister  
 Hon. Renbo Paita, MP; former Minister for Finance & Planning  
 Hon. Ian Ling-Stuckey, MP; Minister for Treasury  
 Late Hon. Jimmy Uguro, MP; former Minister for Education  
 Hon. Noah Kool, MP; Governor for Simbu

These achievements are a testament to the district's progress, although there may be areas that require improvement.



Marape-Rosso Government's MTDP IV is designed to drive economic growth and transformation in Papua New Guinea, including in Kerowagi District, through strategic investments, infrastructure development, and the empowerment of MSMEs, trade, investment, and manufacturing. This plan will help Kerowagi District in the following ways:

### Strategic Economic Investments

It will focus on strategic investments in key sectors where PNG has a comparative advantage, including agriculture, forestry, fisheries, mining, and petroleum. This will create new jobs and stimulate economic growth in Kerowagi District.

The establishment of Special Economic Zones and relevant infrastructure will further boost economic development in the district.

### Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development

The plan aims to empower MSMEs in Kerowagi District to help unlock their full potential by supporting up to new ventures across all sectors. This will contribute to employment, wealth creation, and improved livelihoods for the people of Kerowagi.

### Trade and Investment

It will encourage trade and investment in Kerowagi District to increase exports and foreign direct investment.

The establishment of industrial hubs through the Special Economic Zone model will further facilitate economic development in the district.

### Manufacturing

The plan will focus on growing the manufacturing sector in Kerowagi District and promoting the production of 'PNG made' products to add value to local commodities and contribute to exports, domestic product development, and income generation.

### Land Development

The plan aims to unlock customary land and make it bankable in Kerowagi District, which is key to promoting private sector investment and economic development.







## MEDIUM TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN IV (2023-2027)

### 12 Strategy Priority Areas & Deliberate Intervention Programs

The Medium-Term Development Plan IV (MTDP IV) for Papua New Guinea, spanning from 2023 to 2027, is a strategic blueprint aimed at driving economic growth, creating jobs, and improving the quality of life for all citizens. The MTDP IV focuses on achieving a K200 billion economy by 2030 and creating one million additional jobs.

#### 1. Strategic Economic Investment

- 1.1 Rule of Law & Justice
- 1.2 Mining & Petroleum Development
- 1.3 Fisheries & Marine Resources
- 1.4 Forestry
- 1.5 Banking & Finance
- 1.6 Micro, Small Medium Enterprises
- 1.7 National Tourism, Arts & Culture Development
- 1.8 Trade and Investment
- 1.9 Manufacturing
- 1.10 Land Development
- 1.11 Downstream Processing

#### 2. Connect PNG Infrastructure

- 2.1 Connect PNG-Road Transport
- 2.2 Connect PNG-Water/ Sea Transport
- 2.3 Connect PNG-Air Transport
- 2.4 Connect PNG-Telecommunication
- 2.5 Connect PNG-Electrification Rollout
- 2.6 Connect PNG-WASH
- 2.7 Connect PNG-Housing
- 2.8 Connect PNG-Urban Town District & ICT Connectivity Growth Centers

#### 3. Quality and Affordable Health Care

- 3.1 Primary Health Care
- 3.2 Specialized Health Care
- 3.3 Health Infrastructure
- 3.4 Specialized Training & Accreditation
- 3.5 HIV-AIDS

#### 4. Quality Education and Skilled Human Capital

- 4.1 Early Childhood Education
- 4.2 Quality Basic Primary & Secondary
- 4.3 Tertiary Education
- 4.4 Technical Vocational Education & Training
- 4.5 Quality Training & Accreditation Education

#### 5. Rule of Law and Justice

- 5.1 National Policing & Crime
- 5.2 Effective Judiciary System
- 5.3 Correctional Services Rehabilitation Prevention & Reintegration
- 5.4 Community Peace & Restorative Justice

#### 6. National Security

- 6.1 National Defense & Cooperation
- 6.2 Immigration
- 6.3 Cyber Security
- 6.4 Bio-security
- 6.5 National Business Protection
- 6.6 National Intelligence

#### 7. National Revenue and Public Finance Management

- 7.1 Tax Revenue Administration
- 7.2 Customs Administration
- 7.3 Non-Tax Revenue Administration
- 7.4 Public Finance Management
- 7.5 Payroll Administration

#### 8. Digital Government, National Statistics and Public Service Governance

- 8.1 Integrated Digital Government System
- 8.2 National Statistical System
- 8.3 National Identification Registration
- 8.4 Electronic Electoral System
- 8.5 Censorship
- 8.6 Public Service Administration
- 8.7 Public Service Governance
- 8.8 Central Agencies Coordination

#### 9. Research, Science and Technology

- 9.1 Medical Research
- 9.2 Environment & Bio-Science
- 9.3 Agriculture Research
- 9.4 Engineering & Technology Research
- 9.5 Socio-Economic Policy Research
- 9.6 Food Security

#### 10. Climate Change and Environment Protection

- 10.1 Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation
- 10.2 Environment Protection
- 10.3 National Disaster Management

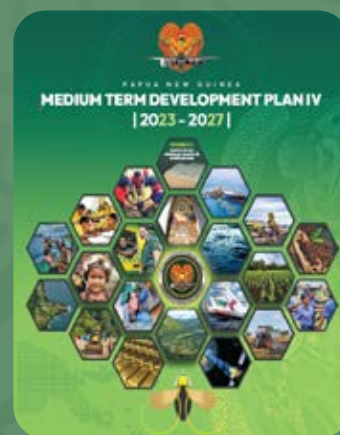
#### 11. Population, Youth and Women Empowerment

- 11.1 Sustainable Population
- 11.2 Youth Development & Labor Mobility
- 11.3 Sports Development
- 11.4 Women Empowerment
- 11.5 Family & Social Protection

#### 12. Strategic Partnerships

- 12.1 Foreign Relations
- 12.2 Development & Economic Cooperation
- 12.3 Private Sector
- 12.4 Civil Society & Churches
- 12.5 National Volunteer Services

*"National Prosperity  
through Growing the  
Economy"*







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# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022-2024

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This compilation highlights a pictorial documentation of the initiatives launched by Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP, immediately following his election as the parliamentary representative for the people of Kerowagi District in Simbu Province.

This documentation encompasses a wide range of projects that include those that are completed, ongoing, proposed, or have been classified as unsuccessful. Regardless of their current status, all these initiatives align with the developmental vision and objectives set forth by the honorable MP.

In the context of Papua New Guinea, it is essential to recognize that the determination of projects and visions for change within any district is significantly influenced by the economic health of the current government.

This relationship underscores the importance of effective governance and financial management in driving development and progress within our communities.

Thank you for your attention as we explore the details of these initiatives and their impact on the people of Kerowagi District.



# A PRIME MINISTER'S FIRST VISIT TO KEROWAGI DISTRICT



**Hon. James Marape, MP**  
**Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea**

On February 8, 2023, Prime Minister James Marape visited Kerowagi District through an official invite from the local MP, Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP.

This is the first time a Prime Minister has visited Kerowagi District in Simbu Province.

Marape has been the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea since 2019, after toppling his predecessor and former party leader, Peter O'Neill. Marape's leadership has faced a myriad of political, health, and economic challenges, but he has survived them all and is doing his best to help 89 districts in PNG to benefit from government services.

The purpose of Prime Minister James Marape's visit to Kerowagi District was to officially open the new multi-million kina Kerowagi district office complex and to commit a total of 15 million Kina to the district, including a substantial amount for the new building complex.

Additionally, he emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability in governance, and encouraged the people to work together to build a better future for Papua New Guinea.

That visit reflected Marape/ Ross Government's ongoing commitment to engaging with local communities and

supporting development initiatives across Papua New Guinea.

Marape's visit to Kerowagi District is part of his efforts to reach out to the people and to understand their needs and concerns.

As the leader of Papua New Guinea, Marape has been working to improve the lives of the people and to promote economic growth and development in the country.

The Prime Minister thanked the local MP, Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP for his swift actions and leadership in seeing that the Kerowagi District Development Authority is up and running so the people of Kerowagi can receive the much needed government services.

Marape's visit to Kerowagi District highlights his commitment to serving the people of Papua New Guinea and to promoting transparency, accountability, and economic growth in the country.







## COMMISSIONING OF KEROWAGI DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) held a significant event to mark the commissioning of the Kerowagi District Development Authority's new Office complex on February 8, 2023,

The event took place at the Kerowagi government station and was attended by various stakeholders, including local MP Francis Kikin Siune, Governor Noah Kool, POM North East MP-John Kaupa and newly-installed Provincial Administrator John Punde.

### Highlights of the Event

The official opening of the new multi-million kina Kerowagi district office complex, which was cut ribbon by Prime Minister James Marape.

A call by Prime Minister Marape for public servants and private contractors engaged by the district development authorities to work honestly and properly for the people's benefit.

The launch of 22 socio-economic projects for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023, aimed at improving basic services and infrastructure in the district.

### Some of the Projected Tasks are;

- Kornigle-Gena-Pari road construction
- Kornigle and Kerowagi urban road network upgrade
- A new urban market for Kerowagi township
- Kerowagi township land boundary demarcation







*Hon. James Marape - Prime Minister, cutting the ribbon with Kerowagi MP to officially commission the New Kerowagi District Administration Office.*

- Redevelopment of facilities at Nogar health center and a new ambulance for the facility.
- A new ambulance for Neragaima Catholic-run health center.
- A new building for Kambu Technical School.
- Refurbishment of infrastructures at Siwi Korondo Memorial High School.
- Allocation of development grants for Gena-Wauga, Kup, Kerowagi Urban, and Lower/ Upper Kornigle Local Level Governments.
- Construction of several foot bridges in the district.

The commissioning of the Kerowagi District Development Authority marks a significant step towards enhancing development and improving the lives of the people in the Kerowagi District.

The event serves as a testament to the commitment of the local government and stakeholders to work together and leave no one behind.





# ROAD LINKS DEVELOPMENT & UPGRADES



Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, the Member of Parliament for Kerowagi District, has embarked on a comprehensive road development initiative, demonstrating his commitment to improving infrastructure and connectivity in the region.

With a budget of approximately K22.5 million allocated between 2022-2023, the MP has prioritized the enhancement of basic services and transportation infrastructure in the district.

The road development projects spearheaded by Hon. Siune include the sealing of roads within the district and the establishment of a vital link between Kerowagi and Kundiawa Town, spanning a distance of about 35 kilometers.

These initiatives are poised to significantly improve accessibility, facilitate economic growth, and bolster the overall development of the district.

***“Road links and Redevelopment is an ongoing mission for KDDA”***

In addition to the road development projects, Hon. Siune has launched 22 socio-economic initiatives for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023, encompassing a wide range of vital infrastructure and service enhancement endeavors.

These include road construction, urban road network upgrades, the establishment of a new urban market,



land boundary demarcation, water supply system reconstruction, and the provision of materials for e-learning in the district's 30 primary schools.

The extensive road development projects and the broader socio-economic initiatives reflect Hon. Siune's unwavering dedication to fostering sustainable development and progress in Kerowagi District.

The MP's proactive approach and strategic allocation of resources underscore his commitment to addressing the district's infrastructure needs and promoting economic vitality.

As the Member of Parliament continues to champion these critical initiatives, the future of Kerowagi District is poised to be defined by enhanced infrastructure, improved access to essential services, and a burgeoning spirit of progress and development.





## GENA ROAD UPGRADING

The road development projects initiated by Hon. Siune include the sealing of roads within the district and to establish a pivotal link between Kerowagi and Kundiawa Town, spanning a distance of approximately 35 kilometers.



The road development projects are expected to have a trans-formative impact on the district, enhancing connectivity, and laying the groundwork for sustained growth and prosperity.

Hon. Francis Kikin Siune's proactive approach and strategic allocation of resources underscore his commitment to addressing the district's infrastructure needs and promoting economic vitality. The MP's leadership and vision are poised to have a trans-formative impact on the district, enhancing connectivity, and laying the groundwork for sustained growth and prosperity.

Most of the road infrastructure programs have currently being aimed LLGs where government services lacked for the past 20 years.



## GENA ROAD UPGRADE *Continued*

The K8 million allocated for road infrastructure development in Kerowagi District by Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP, is currently in use to improve the transportation infrastructure of the district and connect various areas through roads and bridges. The funds will be utilized for various road development projects, including:



Sealing roads within the district and linking Kerowagi district to Kundiawa Town, which is about 35 kilometers away.

- > Kornigle-Gena-Pari road construction
- > Kornigle and Kerowagi urban road network upgrade
- > Construction of several foot bridges in the district

These road development projects aim to enhance connectivity, facilitate economic growth, and bolster the overall development of the district.

The allocation of funds for these projects demonstrates Hon. Siune's commitment to addressing the district's infrastructure needs and promoting economic vitality. The implementation of these projects is expected to have a strong impact on the district, enhancing connectivity and laying the groundwork for sustained growth and prosperity.



## BEWAL, KONDIU-NERAGAIMA ROAD & CULVERT UPGRADE

The Bewal-Kondiu to Neragaima road development aims to improve transportation infrastructure, connect the communities, and facilitate economic growth in the area. The project is currently underway, with a local contractor engaged to carry out the construction work.



The road construction is progressing well, with the machines deployed by the contractor having already cleared a one-kilometer stretch from the existing bridge at Kutn Village.

The road development projects in Kerowagi District, including the Bewal-Kondiu to Neragaima road, are part of the 22 socio-economic projects launched for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023.

These projects reflect Hon. Siune's commitment to addressing the district's infrastructure needs and promoting economic vitality.

As the road development projects in Kerowagi District continue, the communities in Bewal-Kondiu and Neragaima areas are expected to benefit from improved connectivity, easier access to essential services, and increased economic opportunities.





## KAMBU ROAD LINK DEVELOPMENT

The Kambu Road Link Development project, initiated by Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP, aims to enhance transportation infrastructure in Kerowagi District, Simbu Province. The project focuses on the rehabilitation and sealing of a critical road link that connects various communities within the district, facilitating easier movement of people and goods, promoting economic growth, and improving access to essential services.



The project is being funded through a combination of local government initiatives and support from the national government, with a total of K5 million allocated specifically for the rehabilitation and sealing of the Kornigle-Kerowagi Road.

This vital artery for the district is expected to significantly benefit the community by improving accessibility to markets, schools, and healthcare facilities, enhancing economic opportunities for local businesses and entrepreneurs, and reducing travel time and vehicle operating costs for residents.

Kambu Road Link Development project represents a significant step forward in the ongoing efforts to enhance the infrastructure of Kerowagi District, aligning with the developmental vision of Hon. Francis Kikin Siune and reflecting the commitment of both local and national governments to support the needs of the community.





## .....GAGL ROAD UPGRADE PROGRESSING

The Gagl Road Development project represents a significant initiative undertaken by the Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) to enhance the transportation infrastructure within the Kerowagi District of Simbu Province. This project is part of the broader commitment by Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP, to improve access and connectivity for the residents of Kerowagi.



The Gagl Road is a vital link that facilitates the movement of people and goods, promoting economic growth and improving access to essential services such as education and healthcare. By rehabilitating and upgrading this road, the KDDA aims to foster greater community engagement and support sustainable development in the region.

With funding allocated through the District Services Improvement Program (DSIP), the Gagl Road Development project reflects the collaborative efforts of local government and community stakeholders to create a more accessible and prosperous environment for all residents of Kerowagi District.





## ROAD UPGRADE-BAGLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Bagle Primary Road Upgrade project is a vital initiative aimed at enhancing transportation access for their community. This project focused on improving the existing road infrastructure to facilitate safer and more efficient travel for students, parents, and local residents. The road upgrade provides better access to the school, promotes community engagement, and support local economic activities.





## .....ROAD UPGRADE-KENDENE HEALTH CENTER

The Kendene Health Center Road Upgrade project is a crucial initiative aimed at improving access to essential healthcare services for the residents of Kerowagi District. This upgrade will enhance the road infrastructure leading to the health center, ensuring safer and more reliable transportation for patients and healthcare workers.



Improved road links to health centers, such as the Kendene Health Center in Kerowagi District, are vital for enhancing community health outcomes. Better roads facilitate timely access to medical services, enabling patients to reach healthcare facilities quickly, especially in emergencies. This is crucial for ensuring that individuals receive necessary treatments without delay. Furthermore, improved road infrastructure supports the efficient delivery of medical supplies and promotes increased utilization of health services by the community.

Local residence are more likely now to seek medical care, leading to better health outcomes. Additionally, better road access contributes to the overall development of the area by connecting residents to markets, schools, and other essential services. So prioritizing road upgrades to health centers like Kendene, Kerowagi District can ensure equitable access to healthcare and foster a healthier, more resilient community.



# NOGAR ROAD REHABILITATION STILL PROGRESSING



*A brother and sister at Gena-Nogar curiously looking towards the possible road link towards Kundiawa Gembogl District.*





## ROAD UPGRADE & SEALING IN KEROWAGI TOWN

The road upgrade and sealing project in Kerowagi Town is currently progressing well. Work is underway to enhance the road infrastructure, with a focus on improving accessibility for residents. The project aims to provide safer and more efficient transportation routes, facilitating better access to essential services such as healthcare and education. The project is expected to significantly enhance the overall quality of roads in the town, contributing to the district's development and the well-being of its residents.



*Kerowagi Town new road sealing services are progressing well as envisioned by Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP.*





## KAMBU ROAD UPGRADE PROGRESSING



*The Kambu Road upgrade is already helping the local farmers and the community have to access other government services.*

The Kambu Road Upgrade project is currently in progress, focusing on enhancing the road infrastructure in Kerowagi District. This initiative aims to improve accessibility for the locals and to access better transportation of goods and services.



The project includes the rehabilitation and of critical road sections, which are essential for connecting communities and promoting economic activities. Local contractors are actively engaged in the upgrade, ensuring that the work aligns with the district's development goals.

The project is expected to significantly enhance the overall quality of roads in the area, ultimately benefiting the community by providing safer and more efficient travel.



## EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE PRIORITY AREAS OF KDDA

The local MP has prioritized education as a key area for development in the district. The authority has committed to nurturing talent and knowledge by offering school fee assistance and scholarships to students and improving the quality of education in the district. Hon. Siune has visited Kerowagi Secondary School four times since winning the election last year, demonstrating his commitment to improving the education sector in the district.



He has also launched 22 socio-economic projects for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023, including the provision of materials for e-learning in the district's 30 primary schools.

The commitment to education is part of the broader development initiatives in Kerowagi District.

These projects reflect Hon. Siune's commitment to addressing the district's infrastructure needs and promoting economic vitality.

The Kerowagi District Development Authority's (KDDA) commitment to education is a testament to its dedication to fostering sustainable progress and growth in the region. The authority's proactive approach and strategic allocation of resources underscore its commitment to addressing the district's infrastructure needs and promoting economic vitality.

As the KDDA continues to champion these critical ini-



MP being led to the grandstand during graduation at Kondiu Secondary School in Kerowagi District.

tiatives, the future of Kerowagi District is poised to be defined by enhanced infrastructure, improved access to essential services, and a burgeoning spirit of progress and development.

The authority's commitment to education is a crucial component of this broader vision, highlighting the importance of nurturing talent and knowledge to drive sustainable growth and prosperity in the district.



## KOLEYAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GETS A NEW CLASSROOM

Koleyah (Nigl Iwarr') Elementary School; a remote school located in the mountainous region of Kerowagi District that caters for the elementary school age children were not overlooked by the local MP who gave them a k10,000.00 to build a classroom as part of his support for rural elementary schools in Kerowagi electorate.



One of the old classrooms built from traditional bush materials with steel roofing acquired from parents of children through numerous fundraising drives.

Koleyah (Nigl Iwarr') Elementary School in Gena-Waugla Local Level Government has received much needed funds from local MP Francis Kikin Siune for a new classroom which helped boost the community's efforts in providing a better learning environment for the early childhood learning.

This infrastructure development is part of a larger initiative aimed at improving educational facilities and ensuring access to quality education for elementary school-age children in the Gena-Waugl LLG and Kerowagi District as whole.



Pastor Gugl expressed his gratitude towards the local MP during a video interview. Mr Gugl is the community's local pastor and coordinator of the project.

This financial support is an example of the KDDA's focus on education as a key component of community development.

The new classroom at Koleyah (Nigl Iwarr') Elementary School is expected to enhance learning conditions and to set the phase for its development into a Lower-Primary School in the new future.



## KAMBU TVET CLASSROOM COMPLETED & COMMISSIONED



The Kambu TVET classroom, which has been completed and commissioned, is expected to have a significant impact on the local workforce in Kerowagi District. The classroom is part of the broader education initiatives in the district, which include the provision of scholarships to deserving students and improving the quality of education in the district.

Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) is critical for successful workforce development, and the classroom is poised to play a crucial role in this regard.

The classroom will provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills both in theory and technical to effectively train for the workforce, create an engaging learning environment, and contribute to the overall credibility of TVET.

The structure is expected to attract students from the local community and beyond, providing them with the necessary skills to succeed in the workforce. The classroom's impact will go beyond the classroom, shaping the future of individuals and industries in the district.

The TVET classroom's completion and commissioning reflects the Kerowagi District Development Authority's

commitment to fostering sustainable progress and growth in human resources in the region.

The authority's proactive approach and strategic allocation of educational resources states its commitment to addressing the district's infrastructure needs concerning human resources.



MP cutting the ribbon to open the new TVET Classroom.





## BINAGL PRIMARY SCHOOL GIVEN A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STATUS



*The late Minister for Higher Education, Hon. Jimmy Uguro, MP was invited to officially open the new classroom and the new status of the school.*

The recognition of Binagl Primary School as a Junior High School is expected to have a significant impact on the local education system in Kerowagi District. This transition will provide students with access to an expanded and more comprehensive curriculum, allowing them to continue their education within their local community.

This will lead to improved educational outcomes and increased opportunities for students, ultimately contributing to the overall development and prosperity of the local workforce and the community.



*Principle of Binagl Primary; Mr Paul Paraka sharing the school's concerns.*

**Expanded Curriculum:** With the transition, the curriculum will likely be expanded to include subjects and courses that are typically offered in junior high schools. This may include advanced math, science, and language courses, as well as vocational training programs in various fields.



*Mr Joe Teine, the Head Master of Binagl (Gena) High School with staff.*

**Increased Focus on Core Subjects:** As students transition there may be a greater emphasis on core subjects such as math, science, and language arts. This could lead to the introduction of new textbooks and teaching materials tailored to the junior high school curriculum.





## GOWAKONDA CLASSROOM FINALLY COMPLETED & OPENED BY THE MP



Kerowagi MP escorted towards the stage to cut the ribbon to open the new duplex classroom.



The recognition of the Gowakonda classroom as completed and open by the local MP, Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, is expected to have a positive impact on the education way of life in the local community.

The new classroom is expected to provide a conducive learning environment for students in the area.

The classroom will also attract more students to the school, which will increase enrollment and improve the school's reputation.

This new classroom compliments the other classrooms and infrastructures donated by Digicel Foundations.

Additionally, the new classroom will provide an opportunity for the local community to be more involved in the education system, which will foster a culture of positive community involvement in education.





## STAFF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR GAGL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Gagl Primary School Teaching Staff Housing Project was initiated by MP and still progressing.



Local Contractors were engaged to build the Teacher's Houses since the project's inception back in 2023.

Teaching staff's housing is an important and vital component of KDDA's education enhancement programs, as it will help to improve the quality of education and other services in the area by attracting and retaining qualified professionals and enhancing school culture.

Providing housing for teachers will help improve their well-being by reducing cost and risks in traveling to the school, access to basic teaching materials and improving work-life balance etc.

Furthermore, having teachers live on or near school grounds can increase their availability to students and parents outside of regular school hours and can help to create a sense of community and enhance the school culture and corporations. KDDA aims to roll out similar projects in various schools within the district in the new future.



## TWO NEW CLASSROOMS FOR GAGL PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Two (2) New Classrooms currently under construction.*



The construction of two new classrooms for Gagl Primary School is currently underway; aimed at enhancing the learning environment for students.

The project is progressing well, with the new classrooms designed to accommodate more students and provide a conducive atmosphere for learning. This initiative reflects Kerowagi MP's commitment to improve educational facilities in the region, ensuring that children have access to quality learning spaces.



## MONDO MUGLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GETS A NEW CLASSROOM



The caretaker of Mondo Muglo Elementary School standing with a student in front the incomplete classroom.



The status of small schools in Kerowagi, including Mondo Mugl Elementary, reflects a commitment to enhancing educational access and quality in the district.



As of recent reports, Kerowagi District has 60 elementary schools, with a total enrollment of approximately 5,755 students. The district has demonstrated strong retention rates, indicating that many students complete their education through Grade 8. Ongoing initiatives aim to improve school infrastructure and resources, ensuring that students receive quality education.

Local authorities continue to prioritize educational development, fostering a supportive environment for both teachers and students in small schools throughout the region.



## KAMBU PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS BUILT A NEW CLASSROOM



One of Kambu Community's spokesperson preparing to give his views on the installment of the new classroom.



Kambu Primary School was blessed with a new classroom, enhancing its educational facilities significantly. This initiative, supported by the Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA), aims to accommodate the growing number of students and improve the overall learning environment. The new classroom still needs funding its completion.

After its completion, this classroom will reflect the commitment of KDDA in prioritizing education and ensuring that students at Kambu Primary have access to quality learning resources, ultimately fostering better educational outcomes in the community.



## KAMBU TVET TEACHER'S HOUSING IN ITS FINAL STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION



*Mr Kamtai Beno Kanua; Manager of Kambu TVET & the school's BOM Chairman ; Mr Mond Binde have expressed their satisfaction with Teacher's Housing Project.*

The construction of teachers housing at Kambu TVET is in its final stages. The project aims to provide comfortable and accessible living accommodations for educators, thereby enhancing their ability to deliver quality education.

Currently, finishing touches are being applied, including interior fittings and landscaping around the housing units.



## KEROWAGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW FENCE



*Mr Peter Kamdua-Board Chairman expressed his satisfaction of MP & KKDA support for his school's new fence.*

The fencing project at Kerowagi Primary School has been successfully completed, significantly enhancing the security of the school environment. The new fence provides a safe boundary, protecting students and staff while preventing unauthorized access to the premises. This initiative has been well-received by the school community, contributing to a more secure and conducive learning atmosphere.



## KAMATARU PRIMARY SCHOOL'S NEW CLASSROOM NEAR COMPLETION



The community response to the new classroom at Kamataru Primary School has been highly positive. Parents and local leaders expressed gratitude for this facility, recognizing its role in addressing the growing student population.

But it still needs extra funding to put up the finishing touches and to eventually open for students to use.



# NOGAR HEALTH CENTRE REHABILITATION IN PROGRESS



Nogar Health Center's OIC addressing the needs of the health center to KKDA In Focus media team.

The Nogar Health Center in Kerowagi District is currently undergoing renovations to improve its infrastructure and service delivery. The project aims to upgrade the facility's buildings, ensuring a more conducive environment for healthcare provision.

KDDA has allocated funds for the renovation, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing access to quality healthcare for the community.

Also through the KDDA Chairman-Hon. Francis Kikin, they will soon be blessed with a much needed ambulance to transport medical drugs and seriously ill patients.



## MIUNDE HEALTH CENTRE AMBULANCE



*The much needed Ambulance for Miunde Health Center is currently saving lives in Kerowagi District and various parts of Jiwka Province.*



Ambulances play a crucial role in rural health centers in Kerowagi, providing essential emergency medical services to remote communities. The Miunde Ambulance, for example, enhances access to healthcare by facilitating timely transportation of patients to medical facilities, especially during emergencies.

This service is vital for addressing critical health issues and ensuring that individuals receive prompt care. Additionally, ambulances support the logistical needs of health centers, enabling the delivery of medical supplies and enhancing overall healthcare delivery in the region.

Miunde Health Center not only serves Kerowagians but also Jiwakans and with the boost of the new ambulance, many lives have been saved and catered for since 2023.



## THE HANDING OVER OF DISTRICT'S ASSETS & MACHINERY BY FORMER MPS



Former Kerowagi MPs; Mr Camillius Dagma and Mr Guma Wau publically met with the current Kerowagi MP to handover District Assets (Machineries).

Two former Members of Parliament (MPs), Camillus Dagma Bongoro and Mr. Guma Wau, have handed over machinery they purchased during their terms under the District Services Improvement Program (DSIP) to the current MP for Kerowagi, Hon. Francis Kikin Siune.



The handover ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at Kerowagi District headquarters. The machinery includes a grader, a backhoe, and a water pump.

Mr. Dagma and Mr. Wau said that they are handing over the machinery to Hon. Siune so that he can continue the infrastructure development work that they started during their terms. They also expressed their confidence that Hon. Siune will use the machinery to benefit the people of Kerowagi.

Hon. Siune thanked Mr. Dagma and Mr. Wau for handing over the machinery to him. He said that he will use the machinery to improve the roads, bridges, and water supply in Kerowagi District.

He also said that he will work with the District Development Authority (DDA) to support the abattoir which was initiated by Mr. Daguma. The handover ceremony was officiated by the Guest of Honor, Hon. Don Polye, the Minister for Higher Education and Member for Kandep.

Hon. Polye congratulated Mr. Dagma and Mr. Wau for their gesture and urged other leaders to follow their example.



## DISTRICT OFFICE GRAND STAND & CAR PARK UPGRADES



A new grandstand and car park was installed to complement the KDDA's new office complex and to cater for events and occasions of importance for the socioeconomic development of the district.





# NDB SUPPORTING THE SME SECTOR IN THE DISTRICT



*KDDA deposited a K1 Million with NDB to be administered for SME programs in the district.*

The National Development Bank (NDB) is supporting the small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector in Kerowagi District, as part of its commitment to fostering economic growth and development in the region. The Kerowagi Member of Parliament (MP), Francis Siune, has allocated K1 million to establish the Kerowagi District Small Medium Enterprise (SME) loan facility, which will provide financial support to local entrepreneurs and businesses.

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This initiative is expected to create new job opportunities, promote entrepreneurship, and contribute to the overall development of the district's economy.

The NDB's support for the SME sector in Kerowagi District reflects its commitment to empowering local communities and fostering sustainable progress and growth in the region.





# KEROWAGI TOWN'S OLD MARKET UPGRADE IN PROGRESS

Old Market



*The much anticipated Kerowagi Market is drastically taking shape after Kerowagi MP intervened after numerous delays.*



New Market





# BARAWAGI MARKET STILL AWAITING KKDA'S INTERVENTION



*Barawagi Market still awaiting KDDA's intervention for its completion after been left incomplete by the previous Contractor.*



Neglected projects, such as the Barawagi Market, can have severe consequences for local communities. When the contractor fails to complete the project, it results in wasted resources and financial losses for



stakeholders. The community may experience increased unemployment, as vendors and workers lose anticipated income from the market's operation.

Additionally, the absence of a functional market limits access to essential goods and services, negatively impacting local livelihoods. This situation can lead to diminished trust in local authorities and hinder future development efforts, as residents become disillusioned with promises of progress.

The neglect of the Barawagi Market project clearly displays the importance of effective project management and accountability, as its failure affects not only economic opportunities but also the social fabric of the surrounding communities.



# DISTRICT'S COURT HOUSE RENOVATED



Newly renovated District Court House



New Court House

The newly renovated District Court House is ready plus a request from the contractor to further upgrade the old court house at the back.



New Court room



Old Court House



New Court Room



Old Court room



Old Court House



# COMMUNITY POLICING CENTER AT KENDENE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



A Community Policing Building was constructed at Kendene by the Member for Kerowagi to address Law & Order issues in the local communities.





# CIS BARAWAGI SOLAR LIGHTING



*CIS Officers at Barawagi commended Hon. Kikin for the installation solar lights but expressed their frustration towards Simbu & Jiwaka Provincial Governments for not providing such help at the provincial levels.*

Kerowagi MP Francis Kikin Siune has provided new lighting for Baragi Prison to improve security and conditions within the facility.

This initiative aims to enhance safety for both inmates and staff by ensuring better visibility at night. MP-Siune emphasized that upgrading prison facilities is crucial for rehabilitation efforts and maintaining law and order in the district and province as whole.

The installation of these lights reflects the government's commitment to improving correctional services in Papua New Guinea.





## MP'S EARLY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES



KDDA Admin Vehicles



Kondiu Secondary-New Truck



VSAT-System



E-Library System



Treasury Building Maintenance





## DIRD RECEIVES DSIP ACQUITTALS FROM KEROWAGI DDA



*DIRD Secretary, Aih Vaki posing after the KKD Aquittals was presented by KDDA CEO and MP.*

On April 22, 2024, the Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) presented its District Services Improvement Program (DSIP) acquittals to the Department of Internal Revenue and Development (DIRD). Local MP Francis Kikin Siune officially delivered the reports to DIRD Secretary, Mr Aih Vaki, who commended the district for its performance in managing public funds.

Siune acknowledged that although the acquittals took longer than anticipated, they were finally completed and submitted. The acquittals covered the financial years 2020, 2021, and 2022. He expressed a commitment to improving future reporting practices by ensuring that such presentations occur annually at the beginning of each year.





## K2.5 MILLION SCHOOL FEE ASSISTANCE FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS



*Students posing with their local MP after his first visit to UPNG to announce that KDDA will provide school fee assistance.*

On May 18, 2024, the Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) announced a K2.5 million school fee assistance program for tertiary students. This initiative, led by MP Francis Kikin Siune, benefited more than 957 students from the district in Chimbu Province. Each student had received K2,500 to help them cover their educational expenses.

KDDA CEO, Philip Bomal stated that most of the applicants attending various tertiary institutions in the country have been considered for assistance. He emphasized that education is a key priority for the district and that this funding aims to develop skilled professionals in Kerowagi. Bomal also reminded parents that supporting their children's education is a shared responsibility and confirmed that the assistance program will continue in next future years.





## MAMA BANK PARTNERS WITH KDDA



Kerowagi MP and Mama Bank's senior Executives displaying MoU documents after the signing.



\* From Post Courier Publication



The Kerowagi District Development Authority (DDA) has committed K1 million to establish a Mama Bank access point in the district, aimed at supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This initiative was formalized through a Memorandum of Un-

derstanding (MoU) signed by local MP Francis Kikin Siune and Mama Bank officials.

Siune emphasized that the K1 million will serve as a guarantee for residents to access banking services, facilitating the growth of local businesses. He noted that this partnership is a significant step towards financial inclusion, particularly for marginalized communities.

Mama Bank's Acting CEO Rex Nonga highlighted the bank's mission to provide services to the 80% of Papua New Guineans currently without access to financial institutions.

The collaboration will also include training in financial literacy and capacity building, fostering a culture of savings among the local population.



## HEALTH PROBING TEAM VISIT RURAL HEALTH CENTRES



Neragaima Rural Health Center

Kerowagi Health Probing team posing during a site trip: Neragaima (Dom-grass)



Demagl Rural Health Center



Nogar Rural Health Center



A health probing team recently visited rural health centers in Kerowagi District to assess their current conditions and identify necessary improvements. Engaged by local MP Francis Siune, the team included representatives from the Health Department, AusAID, and rural infrastructure experts. They evaluated five key centers: Nogar, Kendine, Neregaima, Demagl, and Kup.

The primary goal was to determine infrastructure upgrades needed to enhance service delivery. The assessments will inform funding requirements and help develop a comprehensive improvement plan tailored to community needs, ultimately aiming to strengthen healthcare accessibility and quality in the region.





## NERAGAIMA RURAL HEALTH CENTER RECIEVES A NEW AMBULANCE FROM HON. FRANCIS KIKIN SIUNE, MP



Kerowagi MP addressing the crowd during the presentation of new Abulance to Neragaima Health Center.





# CPL GROUP PARTNERS WITH KDDA TO HELP FARMERS IN KEROWAGI



CPL Group's staff being welcomed by KKDA and MP's administrative staff to present their partnership program to help local Farmers in Kerowagi.



The partnership between City Pharmacy Limited (CPL) and the Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) aims to support local farmers in selling their garden produce. This collaboration focuses on enhancing market access and providing farmers with essential resources and training to improve their agricultural practices.

The partnership seeks to boost the income of farmers while ensuring that fresh produce reaches consumers efficiently.





# KDDA & SIPHA SIGNS AN MOU TO UPGRADE HEALTH CENTERS



*Hon. Francis Kikin being guided by the Advisor Partnership PHA Compliance Board of Health Dept.; Mr Kepilin Ekaram to finally sign off the MOU between KDDA & SiPHA.*

The Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) and the Simbu Provincial Health Authority (SiPHA) have signed an MoU to enhance health services in Kerowagi District.

The signing at the Hilton Hotel marks a significant collaboration to upgrade infrastructure and improve service delivery.

Local MP Francis Siune highlighted the partnership's importance in addressing healthcare needs for the district's population of approximately 130,000.





## MP RECEIVES A CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATION FROM NCC



Kerowagi District MP, Francis Kikin receiving the Certification of Recognition from National Cultural Commission's Executive Director, Mr Steven E Kilanda.



Consultant, Mr Gibson Siune with MP for Kerowagi; Hon. Francis Kikin.



The Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) is pleased to announce the successful signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Cultural Commission (NCC), granting the district certification to hold cultural events both locally and abroad.

This partnership aims to promote and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Kerowagi, providing a platform for local artists and communities to showcase their talents.

The KDDA is committed to enhancing cultural exchange and tourism, which will contribute to the district's economic development.



## MP'S LEADERSHIP DRIVES SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS IN KEROWAGI



A MoU has already been signed by Kerowagi MP with Police, CIS & Defence to strengthen Law & Order issues in the district. It was witnessed by Kunidawa Gembogl MP, Muguwa Dilu & Deputy DA, Mr Joe Awi.



Recent developments in Kerowagi have led to a significant partnership aimed at enhancing community safety and law enforcement. Under MP Francis Siune's leadership, a collaboration has been established between the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC), the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF), CIS and local authorities.

Siune is working to strengthen ties with these forces, including granting Special Constable status to PNGDF personnel for emergency duties.

This initiative seeks to improve operational efficiency and foster community trust, ultimately aiming to reduce crime rates and create a safer environment for residents in Kerowagi.





# KEROWAGI CELEBRATES PNG'S 49TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY



Kerowagi District celebrated Papua New Guinea's 49th Independence Day with a vibrant three-day event from September 16 to 18, 2024. Organized by local MP Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, the festivities included traditional dances, live music, and theatrical performances,

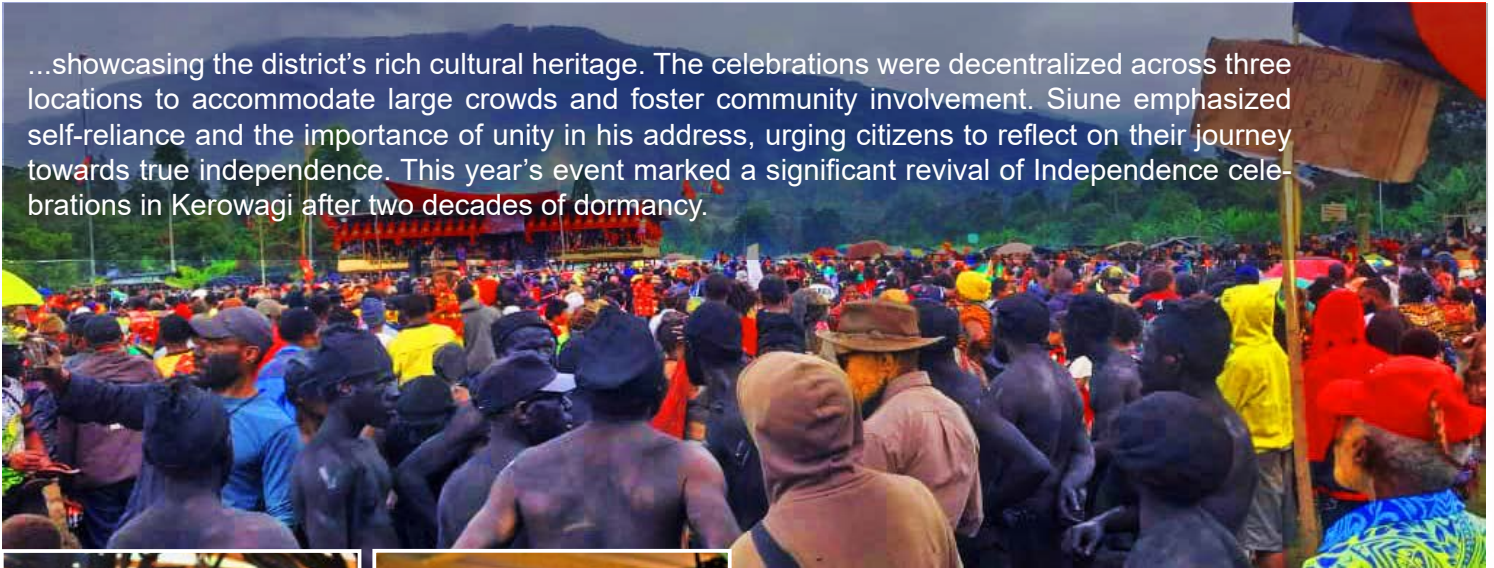






# One People, One District, One Province, One Country..... God Bless PNG!

...showcasing the district's rich cultural heritage. The celebrations were decentralized across three locations to accommodate large crowds and foster community involvement. Siune emphasized self-reliance and the importance of unity in his address, urging citizens to reflect on their journey towards true independence. This year's event marked a significant revival of Independence celebrations in Kerowagi after two decades of dormancy.







# Acknowledgment

I am delighted to reflect on the remarkable progress we have made in Kerowagi District as we celebrate Papua New Guinea's 49th Independence Anniversary. Since my election as your MP in 2022, I have been honored to work alongside a dedicated team committed to driving our district's development.

Firstly, I express my sincere gratitude to the Marape-Rosso Government for their unwavering financial support, which has been instrumental in our initiatives. I am equally thankful to the Kerowagi District Development Authority (KDDA) for their strategic guidance in tailoring our projects to meet community needs.

The Kerowagi District Administration has been a true partner in this journey, and I commend their hard work and dedication in implementing these projects. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I am proud to work alongside such a committed team.

The procurement committees have also played a crucial role in selecting high-quality projects that meet the needs of our district. Your diligence and expertise have been instrumental in the success of these initiatives.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Simbu Provincial Government for their unwavering support, partnership, and collaboration. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I am grateful for your commitment to the development of our province.

Finally, I would like to thank all other stakeholders, development partners, and contractors for their invaluable support and execution of these projects. Your contributions have been essential in the progress we have achieved.

As we look ahead to this year and forward, I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can build on the momentum we have gained and achieve even greater success. I call upon all members of the Kerowagi community to join us in this endeavor, as your participation and cooperation are crucial to the realization of our shared vision for a prosperous and thriving district.

Together, we can create a brighter future for Kerowagi District, one that is marked by progress, unity, and a steadfast commitment to the well-being of all our citizens.

Happy 49th Birthday to all you Papua New Guineans.

**Hon. Francis Kikin Siune, MP**  
Member for Kerowagi District  
Chairman - Kerowagi District Development Authority

*Leave No Kerowagian Behind!*



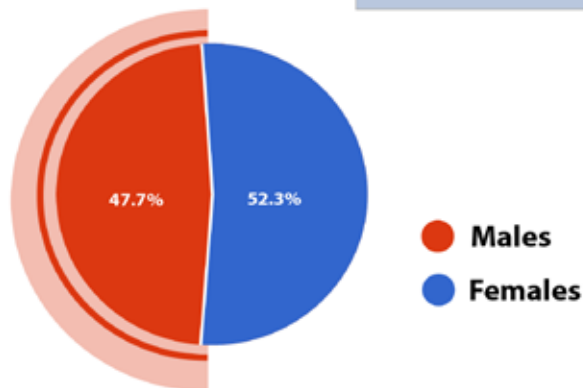


**KEROWAGI DISTRICT**  
SIMBU PROVINCE, PNG



**LOCATION COORDINATES**

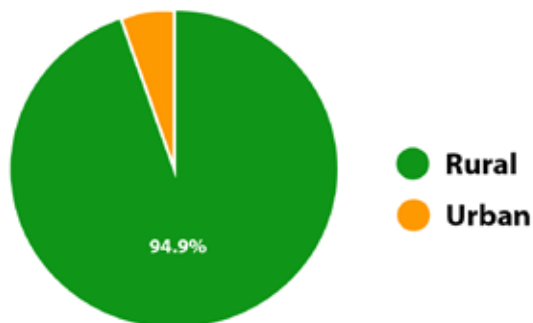
**93,107** Population [2011] - Census  
**608,0 km<sup>2</sup>** Area  
**153.1/km<sup>2</sup>** Population Density [2011]  
**4.9%** Annual Population Change [2000-2011]



**Population Structure**

**GENDER (C 2011)**

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Males</b>   | <b>48,798</b> |
| <b>Females</b> | <b>44,379</b> |



**URBANIZATION (C 2011)**

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Rural</b> | <b>58,393</b> |
| <b>Urban</b> | <b>4,714</b>  |

**Population (C 2011)**

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



# The Papua New Guinea

## Vision 2050

"We will be a  
Smart, Wise, Fair  
and  
Happy Society  
by 2050"

"We will be ranked in the top 50 in the United Nations Human Development Index by 2050, creating opportunities for personal and national advancement through economic growth, smartinnovative ideas, quality service and ensuring fair and equitable distribution of benefits in a safe and secure environment for all citizens."

Where are we going?

Strategic Vision  
2050

Mission

What will we do to get there?

Key Pillars

Human Capital Development,  
Gender, Youth, and People  
Empowerment

Wealth Creation, Natural  
Resources, and Growth Nodes

Institutional Development  
and Service Delivery

Security and International  
Relations

Environmental Sustainability  
and Climate Change

Spiritual, Cultural and  
Community Development

Strategic Planning,  
Integration and Control

What will make  
things work?

Critical Enablers

Effective  
Leadership  
& Good  
Governance

Healthy,  
Educated &  
Skilled  
Citizens

Enabling  
legislation  
and Policies

Enabling  
Basic  
Infrastructure

Financial  
Capacity

Effective  
Service  
Delivery

Enabling  
Citizen  
Values &  
Participation

Performance &  
Accountability

How will we know  
if we get there?

Development  
Indicators and  
trackers

Human Development Index, Gross Domestic Product, Population Statistics, Poverty Index, Crime & Corruption Index, Economic Indicators, (balance of trade, inflation rate, foreign reserves, debt profile), Basic Education Gross Enrolment, Police to Population Ratio, HIV & Aids Prevalence, Tuberculosis Prevalence, Kilometres of Total Road Network, Wharves and Jetties, Communication Access, Banking Access, Electricity Access.



# 2024 CALENDER



## JANUARY

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## FEBRUARY

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## APRIL

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KEROWAGIAN BEHIND!







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