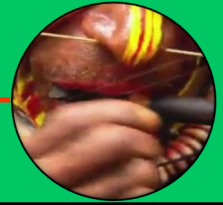




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"Leaving no one behind is every body's business."



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## CEO's Message



Dr James Kintwa AFCHSM  
Chief Executive Officer

This is our first newsletter and we acknowledge the efforts of the Media Committee for this achievements. I will use this column to talk about EQUITY in service delivery

Hela Provincial Health Authority has eleven (11) Values and Principles in its Corporate Plan 2022-

2025 which ranges from "People – Centered" to "Accountability". Amongst these is "EQUITY" which the senior management is passionate about. We must make every effort and endeavor to get the same level of service to all the people of Hela Province so that fairness is actually practiced.

This means that it will cost us more to reach the hard-to-reach population like reaching Wanikipa area and be more acutely conscious of the needs of the disabled and socially excluded population through the Gender Equity and Social Inclusion programs. Moreover, it aligns with the vision set forth by our Prime Minister, Hon. James Marabe, to enable our population to access health services within a one-hour of travel, as envisioned in the Hela PHA Aid Post Reopening Project.

We have a resilient team that will not turn our back when we are faced with a challenge but to confront the challenges with God given Wisdom and Strength so that we are fair and our marginalized and hard to reach population get the basic health services that they deserve. To ensure that EQUITY transcends mere words and print but is reflected in our unwavering actions within Hela Provincial Health Authority.

We ask the Public and staff to contribute to this bi monthly newsletter so that the population is informed and can also participate in health service delivery.

## Responding to the cries of Wanikipa people

Despite logistical hurdles like material transportation from Mt Hagen, loss and theft, Hela PHA's vision to extend healthcare to remote areas has materialized. Specialist doctors and medical teams visited Wanikipa from November 17th to 24th, 2023, opening the renovated Maternity Wing. Dr. James Kintwa affirmed, "Equity in service delivery has been our stand, and Wanikipa is proof of our vision." Dr. Tana Kiak, Director of Medical Services, thanked the specialists for their dedication, noting historic surgical operations onsite. This facility's opening signifies hope and healing for Wanikipa, showcasing resilience and commitment to serve underprivileged communities.



Maternity Ward



Doctors posing with patients after successful surgery.

Trip to Wanikipa Pic Courtesy: Dr Tana Kiak

## New Health Post: Tade community as the beneficiary of the Health Post reopening program

Under the auspices of the Hela Provincial Health Authority (Hela PHA) Aidpost reopening Initiative, Tade Health Post was one of the five health posts (Munima, Itipu, Hambuali, Linapini) in Tari Pori District to be funded and constructed.

Tade Health Post is strategically located between Pori CHP and Hungu CHP. The former Tari District Health Manager and the current Deputy Public Health Director, Mr Nicholas Tumbiago said, "the intention of selection was to invite peace and harmony into the community."

Additionally, the health post aims to support the local school, demonstrating Hela PHA's commitment to holistic community development.

An officer employed by the Hela PHA has been appointed to manage and operate the health post. The reopening of Tade Health Post represents more than just the availability of healthcare services; it symbolizes a collective effort to transform the community's narrative.



Newly Constructed Tade Health Post Pic Courtesy: Mr Nicholas Tumbiago

Successful WASH Advocacy Workshop Catalyzes Provincial Commitment

In a proactive move towards enhancing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) standards across healthcare facilities, schools, and communities, the Hela Provincial Health Authority (HPHA) spearheaded a three-day WASH Advocacy Workshop from April 15th to 17th, 2024. The workshop, hosted with collaborative efforts from National Planning and Monitoring, National WATER AID, National Department of Health, and WASH experts from Wewak District, aimed to sensitize stakeholders on the pivotal role of WASH, as underscored in the National WASH Policy and Medium Term Development Plan IV (MTDP IV). Key achievements of the workshop include heightened WASH awareness among diverse participants, drafting of a Provincial WASH Committee, and successful registration of District Health Managers and Officer-in-Charges (OICs) into the WASH Management Information System (MIS). Dr. James Kintwa, CEO of HPHA, em-

phasized the cross-cutting significance of WASH, echoing sentiments echoed by Mr. Thomas Hengepe, CEO of Provincial Administration. Moreover, commitments were made to establish a robust Provincial WASH Committee, ensuring multi-sectoral collaboration for effective WASH implementation. Moving forward, activities such as WASH baseline surveys, training of MIS enumerators, and inclusion of WASH in District Development Plans are slated to solidify the workshop's outcomes. The success of the workshop underscores a collective commitment to elevate WASH standards, a vital stride towards healthier communities and sustainable development in Hela Province. Key achievements of the workshop include heightened WASH awareness among diverse participants, drafting of a Provincial WASH Committee, and successful registration of District Health Managers and Officer-in-Charges (OICs) into the WASH Management Information System (MIS).



Participants during the workshop

Pathology Department Advancement: Expert Guidance and Infrastructure Development in Hela Province

**“We are means to the other end and not an end to a mean .”Mr Piel**

The Hela Provincial Health Authority (HPHA) went through an intensive three days’ refresher training with Mr. John PIEL, a Finance Advisor with Oil Search Foundation now Santos and they (OSF/Santos) have been a major developing partner with HPHA in the healthcare service delivery in Hela for the last six (6) years.

The Meeting was primarily focusing on reviewing ‘how operations of the current finance system and procurement procedures’ were administered. The finance and procurement system were set up by Mr. Piel in 2016 and conduct audits to measure effectiveness. Invitations has been extended to all the district health managers, line managers, supervisors, admin officers in each of the three directorates including finance officers, that attracted a good number of staff on the first day although it was short notice. It was a pleasure to have the Chief Executive Officer of HPHA, Dr. James KINTWA giving opening remarks for the morning session.



Basically, items covered in these three days’ meetings includes identifying issues/problems encountered and associated costs involved in the process of delivering the basic health care services, the usage of the request forms and the procurement procedures that follows before a request is approved for payment.

“We are means to the other end and not an end to a mean ” as stressed by Mr. Piel and highlighted the importance of the existence and the functions of the Corporate Services Division towards achieving its set targets or outcomes.



**Major Accommodation Expansion Underway for Hela Provincial Health Authority Staff at Tari Provincial Hospital**



**A) Proposed 8 x 2 Bedroom Duplex Units**



**B) Proposed 28 Men Male Quarters**

The Hela Provincial Health Authority (HPHA) staff will soon have additional accommodations at the Tari Provincial Hospital. HPHA has invested on major Capital Works Projects to provide accommodation for its staff within the Hospital. HPHA believes that its staff are critical to providing health services therefore their well-being and safety is priority. Providing accommodation to its staffs in a safer environment will not only boost the staff moral but will also improve their performance in their respective work areas.

The capital projects being implemented and under construction are the:  
 A) K1.874 million 28 Men Male Quarters; scheduled to be completed by August 2024,  
 B) K2.5 million 8x2 Bedroom Duplex Units; scheduled to be completed by August 2024,  
 C) K0.847million 20 Bed room Staff Transit Accommodation; To be completed and ready for occupancy by May 2024,  
 D) 8 X 3 Bedroom duplex house constructed by Moha Limited and funded by the Hela Provincial Government; Three completed and fourth one is soon to be completed.  
 E) 10 X 3 Bedroom house to be implemented in partnership with the Hela Provincial Government.

The Provincial Government is supplying the full kit building materials and HPHA is funding the construction. HPHA has already awarded the labor contract at the value of K0.998 million for the construction of the 10x 3 Bedroom staff house and work will commence as soon as materials are delivered to HPHA by the Provincial Government.

HPHA appreciates the support and commitment of the provincial government and looks forward to maintain the partnership in the service delivery.

*By Kenneth Nabuga  
 Project Manager*



**C) 20 Bedroom Staff Transit Accommodation**



**D) 8 X 3 Bedroom Duplex under construction by Moha Limited**

**Bringing Comfort: A Waiting House for mothers travelling long distances to bring new life into the world.**

The Fugwa Health Center in Hela Province sets a precedent in maternal care by introducing a waiting house alongside its maternity wing.

Recognizing the challenges faced by mothers residing in rural villages, far from health facilities, the Hela Provincial Health Authority, led by CEO Dr. James Kintwa, vows to address this issue. With support from the Santos Foundation, waiting houses will be established to accommodate expectant mothers during their

delivery process. The addition of a waiting house at Fugwa Health Center not only complements the existing maternity wing but also ensures that mothers from distant communities receive the care and support they need during the delivery process.



**Front view of Waiting house and Maternity Wing**

**“A waiting house is a solution to aid distance mothers during the delivery process.”  
 Dr Kintwa**



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**Meet Our Deputy Directors**



**Dr. Sylvester Tati, Director Curative Health Services**



**HEO Rebecca Puruma  
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**Mr Andrew Mclymbbee Tipi Peke, MPS  
Director Corporate Services**

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**Updates from: Family Support Center**

In an effort to confront the complex challenges confronting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and sorcery-related violence (SARV), Hela Province is ramping up its support through the Family Support Centre (FSC). Grounded in a survivor-centric, holistic approach, the FSC provides crucial medical and psychological care.

With a bold vision outlined in their 2024-2026 plan, the FSC aims to integrate mental health services into every health post across the province. Already, several health facilities have taken significant strides in this endeavour, with some successfully incorporating FSCs alongside mental health services. Notably, eight facilities joined this initiative in 2023,

marking a substantial leap forward in healthcare delivery.

Looking ahead to 2024, plans are in place to equip an additional twelve centers with these vital services, ensuring widespread access for the province’s residents. This expansion drive has been made possible through partnerships with Santos, underlining the commitment to making mental healthcare readily available to all in Hela Province.

Recognizing the paramount importance of promoting mental well-being, the FSC has also launched various programs aimed at fostering good mental health among individuals and communities alike. Sr Claire states that these initiatives underscore Hela Province's dedication to supporting survivors and cultivating a culture of mental health awareness within its communities.



Male Advocacy Participants 2022  
Pic Courtesy: Mr Robert Pokaya

Mr Robert Pokaya  
a/Manager GEDSI

GEDSI Concept training for Focal Point In Port Moresby in 2023

**Participants during the training at Hela PHA Conference room**