



# Papua New Guinea

## Summary of country engagement at SWA

Papua New Guinea joined SWA in late 2019. The Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM) is responsible for managing the implementation of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene programmes along with the allocation of resources through the budget. Given its importance, the government has prioritized Water, Sanitation and Hygiene as a sector of its own. The government formulated the first ever WASH policy (2015-2030) and subsequently established the WASH Programme Management Unit within DNPM in 2016. The policy aims to improve access to water and sanitation services and to change hygiene behaviors particularly for underserved rural areas where the vast majority of the population live

## Commitments by the government

No commitments

## Focal Points

### GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Martin Pomat**

Department of National Planning and Monitoring

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## **It's Time to Push for Water and Sanitation in Climate Policy**

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## **As Water Disasters Increase, How do We Impact Climate Policy?**

In 2024, water disasters claimed at least 8,700 lives, displaced 40 million people, and caused over \$550 billion in economic losses, according to The Guardian. These included catastrophic rainfall in Spain, and record-breaking droughts in Brazil...

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## **President Akufo-Addo of Ghana Signs Compact on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

The President of the Republic of Ghana, H. E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, today signed a historic Presidential Compact on Water Sanitation and Hygiene, as part of the government's commitment to improving public health, increasing climate resilience...

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## **Boosting Political Will and Accountability: Six Lessons from the Dushanbe Water Conference**

Last week, SWA's Head of Policy Lucinda O'Hanlon attended the Dushanbe Water Conference in Tajikistan, emphasizing the need for increased political prioritization on water and sanitation, as well as more accountability. Today, she's reflecting back...

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## **Documents**

2022 Country Overview: Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea - Collaborative Behaviour Country Profile 2020