

SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON 2022 NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTIONS



ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY


HIGHLANDS EASTERN END DIVISION (HEED)



WHP



Jiwaka



Simbu

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VENUE: HIGHLANDER HOTEL - MT HAGEN

DATES: Thur 27th & Fri 28th April 2023


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Presentation Outline

1. HEED Command Overview & Demographics
2. Success Stories
3. Challenges
4. Recommendations



① Voting line up
 ② Decentralise funding.

HEED Command Overview & Demographics

Province	Landmass km2	Population	Police stations	Police Strength (Regulars)	Reserve Police Officers	CAP Officers	Ratio (Reg) Police vs Pop'n
1.WHP:	4,299	362,580	4	186 (excluding MS)	26	125	1: 1,949
2. Jiwaka:	4,789	341,579	6	82	82	373	1:4,165
3. Simbu	6,112	376, 473	6	149 (-MS)	149	280	1: 2,562

UN Ratio: 1:450 (police vs Population) HEED Division: 1: 1,688

The geographical terrain – HEED – Centre of the Highlands.... Point of transition / economic hub of the Highlands = PNG

1. Mountainous, fertile valleys for farming, big rivers, accessible by road & air, tribal warring tribes,

SUCCESS STORIES – areas where we had success

- Support from JSTF, QRF (assist Polling teams) & RRF (standby)
- Collaborations & working with Candidates and Returning Officers
- Fast responses from QRF & RRF to incidences reported
- Collaborations & working with Provincial & District Administrations,
- Collaborations & working with Provincial Election Steering Committees (PESCs)
- Police Natel Office support (POM) – availability of funds & payment of allowances and logistical support on time.
- No outstanding bills with service providers
- Collaborations & working with Other stakeholders' support.
- Refurbished Offices & Highlands Training Centre
- No casualties / fatalities from JSTF Units.

SUCCESS STORIES – areas where we had success

- Community awareness programs implementation with key stakeholders / partners
- Vehicle fuel was always readily available via arrangement with an outsourced supplier after depletion of stock at the station,
- New vehicles received for the command
- Hired vehicles and new firearms were delivered to ensure shortfalls were met while accommodation for foreign troops were paid on time with no outstanding,
- Aircrafts were well coordinated in moving ballot boxes with a high level of commitment in responding to calls,
- Hosting of counting for Enga seats in Jiwaka & strategic deployment on road blocks.
- Most counting completed on time despite last Division to go into polling (except Simbu Provincial seat)

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CHALLENGES – areas that tested us..

- PNGEC Indecisiveness – changes in ROs constantly which affected subsequent appointments,
- By – passing of the PESC's and communicating directly with the Returning Officers by PNGEC.
- PNGEC – not listening to addressing issues raised to them in timely manners
- PNGEC – issues 11th hour directions and instructions

- Inadequate supply of appropriate resources for personnel (police & JSTF) – ill prepared and ill equipped -raincoats / uniforms etc...
- Inadequate manpower to be deployed to all polling booths (2 – 5).
- Lack of early awareness campaigns & intelligence driven operations by QRF.

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* Corrupt
* Bribery.

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- Interference from candidates and scrutineers especially in counting venues & Social Media
- Effective communication between Police HQ & DHQ / PPHQ in addressing pressing issues.
- Political affiliation / alignments of police personnel to candidates.
- Limited air support & bad weather which caused delays in insertion & extraction
- Common Rolls not being updated in advance for verification processes
- Limited Post Natel response capabilities for quick response to election related violence in the Highlands even till now.

RECOMMENDATIONS

– to improve our performances in the future

****** Early preparations for NGE 2027 from now going forward.**

- 1) GoPNG – to increase annual budget allocations to JSTF /Police for recruitment, training, and all logistical supports – **forces building up.**
- 2) GoPNG – to **synchronize and complete** the NID Cards, National Census & Common Roll Update Projects annually. (**one stop shopping**).
- 3) **NID Cards to be made mandatory for access to all government services including election processes.**
- 4) GoPNG to build and improve road and transport infrastructures in the Districts to enable **effective & efficient service delivery** including elections.
- 5) GoPNG to allocate adequate funding to be made available for post natel elections related violence.
- 6) PNGEC to introduce, test & trial out and use the **Bio Metric Voting systems** in 2027.
- 7) PNGEC – to formalize & legislate PESC to become part and partial of the formal Election Process for PNGEC to facilitate and manage the elections through these committees only and not to listen to any ROs / PROs and human beings regardless of status and prominence.
- 8) Legislations to control social media and its negative impacts – a lot of misleading information
- 9) Early community awareness and intelligence driven police operations before any major police operations including elections to neutralize any threats.