National Health Plan
2011–2020

Transforming our health system towards Health Vision 2050

Back to Basics
Strengthened primary health care for all and improved service delivery for the rural majority and urban disadvantaged
Our Vision
A healthy and prosperous nation that upholds human rights and our Christian and traditional values, and ensures:
Affordable, accessible, equitable, and quality health services for all citizens.

Our Goal
Strengthened primary health care for all, and improved service delivery for the rural majority and urban disadvantaged.

Our Mission
Improve, transform, and provide quality health services through innovative approaches supporting primary health care and health system development, and good governance at all levels.

Our Values
We value Professionalism, Loyalty, Integrity, Courage, Innovation, and Teamwork.
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Strengthened Primary Health Care for All and Improved Service Delivery for the Rural Majority and Urban Disadvantaged

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Improve Service Delivery

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Strengthen Partnerships and Coordination with Stakeholders

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Reduce the Burden of Communicable Diseases

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Promote Healthy Lifestyles

KRA 8
Improve our Preparedness for Disease Outbreaks and Emerging Population Health Issues

Health is Everybody’s Business

A Healthy and Prosperous Nation For all, both Now and for Future Generations
Key Result Area 1: Improve Service Delivery

Objective 1.1
Increased access to quality health services for the rural majority and the urban disadvantaged.

Objective 1.2
Rehabilitated and strengthened primary health care infrastructure and equipment.

Objective 1.3
The right health professionals work in the right places, are motivated, and deliver right (quality) services.

Objective 1.4
Hospital infrastructure is rehabilitated.

Key Result Area 2: Strengthen Partnerships and Coordination with Stakeholders

Objective 2.1
The National Public Private Partnerships Policy is implemented, and innovative and cost-effective options for delivering services introduced.

Objective 2.2
Expanded partnerships with resource developers, private health care providers, churches, and NGOs in rural (remote) areas and urban settlements.

Objective 2.3
The health sector works collaboratively with all stakeholders to expand the reach of quality health services.

Objective 2.4
The health sector coordinates and monitors the implementation of the National Health Policy.
Key Result Area 3: Strengthen Health Systems and Governance

Objective 3.1
Improve financial resource management for health service delivery.

Objective 3.2
Quality workforce provided, capable of meeting the health needs into the future.

Objective 3.3
Medical supply procurement and distribution services are efficient and accountable.

Objective 3.4
The health sector proactively identifies and uses innovative and evolving ICT solutions and delivers accurate and timely information for planning and decision making.

Objective 3.5
Improved leadership, governance, and management at all levels of the health system.

Objective 3.6
Strengthen health sector management and system capacity across Papua New Guinea.

Key Result Area 4: Improve Child Survival

Objective 4.1
Increase coverage of childhood immunisation in all provinces.

Objective 4.2
Reduce case fatality rates for pneumonia in children through acceleration of roll-out of Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) to all provinces.

Objective 4.3
Decrease neonatal deaths.

Objective 4.4
Reduce malnutrition (moderate to high) in children under the age of five years.
Key Result Area 5: Improve Maternal Health

Objective 5.1
Increase family planning coverage.

Objective 5.2
Increase the capacity of the health sector to provide safe and supervised deliveries.

Objective 5.3
Improve access to emergency obstetric care (EOC).

Objective 5.4
Improve sexual and reproductive health for adolescents.

Key Result Area 6: Reduce the Burden of Communicable Diseases

Objective 6.1
Reduce malaria-related morbidity and mortality in Papua New Guinea.

Objective 6.2
Control tuberculosis (TB) incidence by 2020, with a decline in cases of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB).

Objective 6.3
Scale up prevention, treatment, care, and support for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV to meet universal access targets.

Objective 6.4
Strengthen communicable disease surveillance and monitoring.
Key Result Area 7: Promote Healthy Lifestyles

Objective 7.1
Increase health sector response to prevention of injuries, trauma, and violence with an impact on families and the community.

Objective 7.2
Reduce the number of outbreaks of food and water-borne diseases.

Objective 7.3
Increase individuals’ and communities’ involvement in their own health.

Objective 7.4
Reduce morbidity and mortality from non-communicable diseases.

Key Result Area 8: Improve Preparedness for Disease Outbreaks and Emerging Population Health Issues

Objective 8.1
Increase capacity of the health sector to identify, monitor, and report on urgent and emerging health threats.

Objective 8.2
Increase capacity of the Central Public Health Laboratory (CHPL) to provide services to meet urgent and emerging concerns.

Objective 8.3
Improve capacity and preparedness of the health sector to address the impacts of climate change.

Objective 8.4
Ensure the health sector works collaboratively to manage population health threats related to the growing resources boom.
It’s your responsibility...

1. Meet Vision 2050 and International Obligations
   • Achieve our MDG targets by 2020.
   • Help move PNG from 148 to 50 on the human development index by 2050.

2. Improve Service Delivery
   • Roll-out the new vehicle for improved service delivery — the Provincial Health Authority — to all provinces.
   • Build at least two Community Health Posts (including health workers skilled in midwifery) in each district.
   • Rehabilitate all current health centres and district hospital infrastructure.
   • Ensure every health centre and district hospital within PNG has running water and sanitation facilities.
   • Re-equip every facility within PNG with essential equipment.
   • Enhance four hospitals (Mount Hagen, Angau, Nonga, and Port Moresby General) to strengthen regional services and increase their recurrent resources by 20%.
   • Redevelop the following provincial hospitals — Angau, Kerema, Goroka, Nonga, Boram, Kavieng, Popendetta, Wabag, and Daru.
   • Enhance two district hospitals to provincial hospital standards, for Jiwaka and Hela Provinces.
   • Undertake emergency minor works in all other provincial hospitals.
   • Establish specialised national hospital functions in four provincial/regional hospitals for cancer, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, and trauma.
   • Undertake redevelopment works at Port Moresby General Hospital.

3. Strengthen Health Systems

   Workforce
   • Increase the numbers of skilled Medical Officers, Nurses, and other health workers in provincial and rural areas by at least 30% over the period of the Plan.
   • Implement workforce policies and training development strategies to increase Doctor, Health Extension Officer, Nurse, Community Health Worker, and Allied Health Worker employment and career path opportunities across the health sector.
   • Develop retention incentives for health workers, through initiatives such as the Home Ownership Scheme in metropolitan areas, and address the staff housing shortage in remote rural areas.

   Financing
   • Sponsor reviews during the life of this plan to evaluate the options for health insurance financing mechanisms, to improve the affordability of accessing specialised medical services or procedures.

   Information Communication Technology (ICT)
   • Invest in ICT infrastructure, both within our hospitals and across Provincial Health Authorities, to improve service delivery and the management of health resources.
   • Support investment in the Institute of Medical Research to improve capacity to conduct or support applied medical research of benefit to the people of PNG.

   Drugs and Medical Supplies
   • Roll-out an interim solution of 100% health centre and aid post kits until 2015.
   • Establish robust procurement, storage, and distribution systems to ensure every facility, every day, has adequate essential drugs and supplies.

   Leadership and Governance
   • Deliver in-service (front line support) courses to all 89 District Health Managers.

4. Address our Health Challenges

   • Save a mother from dying every 12 hours.
   • Deliver a safe and supervised delivery environment at all health centres and Community Health Posts.
   • Every facility every day will have the capacity to provide family planning services.
   • Save a child every two hours from dying from treatable or preventable causes.
   • Move our immunisation coverage rate from 63% to the ideal 95%.
   • Reduce the number of people dying from malaria, HIV, and TB.
   • Contain outbreaks of diseases, such as cholera, and prevent unnecessary deaths from diarrhoeal illnesses.
   • Turn around the trend in lifestyle-related illnesses, including cancer, heart disease, and renal disease, through enhanced health awareness campaigns and accelerated roll-out of Healthy Islands concepts.
   • Establish the National Institute for Public Health, incorporating Centres for Disease Control and Health Policy Management.