



WHPHA REDEVELOPMENT



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An update on the redevelopment of health facilities in Western Highlands Province

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Alkena Community Health Post Officially Opened

The new state-of-the-art Alkena Community Health Post in the Lower Kagul area of Tambul District in Western Highlands was officially opened on Thursday, 1st December 2016.

The new health facility would significantly boost primary health services to more than 15,000 people from nine council wards in the Tambul area including staff and students of nearby Tambul Secondary School.

The facility was built under the Rural Primary Health Services Delivery Project and funded jointly by the Asian Development Bank, the Governments of Australia and PNG, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries fund for international development, Japanese International Corporation Agency and the World Health Organization.

The project is aimed at increasing the coverage and quality of essential primary health care in rural areas by upgrading existing health facilities and developing capacity to deliver services where they are most needed.

Representatives of donor agencies including Western Highlands Governor, Rt. Hon Paias Wingti were hosted by the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Paulus Ripa for the opening of the K4.7 million facility. Hundreds of people, some of them dressed in traditional costume braved continuous rain to witness the opening.



Pictured top - the front of the new Alkena CHP while the picture above shows dignitaries at the opening including Governor Wingti and pictured left is the back of the CHP.



An update on developments in other Community Health Posts

The new CHPs at Wagbel, Ogelbeng and Bonga were 95 percent complete in July 2016 and were scheduled to be completed in September.

The projects' progress have been interrupted whilst financial matters were resolved.



Work has since recommenced and it is anticipated that work on all these projects would be completed by the end of this year.



Pictured above - A staff house at one of the CHPs nearing completion and left, a clinical building also nearing completion.

Redevelopment of Tinsley District Hospital

Stage 1 construction of Tinsley District Hospital is gradually taking shape with the structure for the A&E and birthing building (right) completed and ready to take on the panels.

The carpark and walkways (below right) have also been completed with concrete and the covered walkways are now ready for the panels to be built.

Delivery of the Bondor panels which had been ordered by the WHPHA for the various sites including Tinsley had been delayed due to a delay in clearance by Customs at the Lae wharf.

Tambul District Hospital

Work on the construction of the new Tambul District Hospital is progressing well.

Demolition of existing buildings at the health centre has been completed and earthworks at the new site have also been completed for construction of buildings to begin.

Stage 1 buildings which include the A&E and Dental will soon take shape with the pouring of concrete slab now under way. Pouring of concrete in the carpark area has also been completed.



Kotna District Hospital

Work on the demolition of the old Kotna Health Centre and the construction of the new District Hospital has been delayed for some time due to a number of reasons.

The main reasons are as follows:-

- A delay by the Health Centre Management in handing over the existing buildings to the contractor for demolition;
- A delay in the swift relocation of existing services to a new location;
- Bad weather conditions preventing contractor from moving onto site and
- High water level encountered during excavation work resulting in redesigning of structural footings to suit soil conditions.

Some further delays have occurred over recent months but these have now been resolved and work has recommenced.



Pictured above are structural footings constructed during the early stages of the construction phase at the new Kotna District Hospital.