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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY-BASED IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK (CBIF)

We are pleased to submit this joint paper on behalf of Human Rights Inter-Pacific (HRIP) and Lyumbain Socio-economic Community Development Foundation Inc. following our participation in the CIMC Highlands Regional Development Forum in Mount Hagen.

This submission contributes to the national dialogue on the Reset@50 Agenda by focusing on a critical issue raised throughout the Forum-strengthening implementation systems at the community level.

Drawing from both policy analysis and field-based experience, our paper highlights the gap between national development frameworks and actual delivery at village level, particularly in the agriculture sector. It further proposes a practical Community-Based Implementation Framework (CBIF) designed to improve service delivery, strengthen accountability, and ensure that development outcomes reach rural households.

We believe this submission aligns strongly with CIMC's mandate to facilitate informed dialogue and actionable recommendations for national development. We also propose Lagaip District as a pilot site to demonstrate how community-level implementation systems can be structured and scaled under the Reset@50 Agenda.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important national discussion and remain available for further engagement.

Yours sincerely,



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Unpacking the Reset@50 Agenda: Strengthening Community-Level Implementation Systems in Papua New Guinea

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1. Executive Summary

Papua New Guinea's development challenge is not a lack of policy direction, but a persistent gap in implementation at the community level. While national frameworks provide clear guidance, delivery systems remain weak, particularly in rural and agricultural contexts.

This submission proposes a Community-Based Implementation Framework (CBIF) to bridge the gap between policy and outcomes. The model is grounded in field experience and is currently being piloted in Lagaip District.

2. Problem Statement

Key challenges include:

- Weak coordination between national, provincial, and local systems
- Limited accountability at implementation level
- Poor translation of funding into tangible outcomes
- Underdeveloped agriculture at village level
- High youth unemployment contributing to law and order issues

3. Agriculture at Village Level

Agriculture is widely recognized as a key pillar for economic development. However, current approaches are constrained by:

- Individual, unstructured farming systems
- Lack of organized production groups
- Limited access to financing
- Weak extension and monitoring support
- Low youth participation

To address this, agriculture must be approached as a **structured system**, not an isolated activity.

4. Field Evidence: Lagaip District

The Lyumbain Foundation is piloting a community-based model involving:

- Clan-based implementation units (6 sub-clans)
- Integrated livelihoods (rice, poultry, aquaculture)
- Community-managed microfinance
- Youth engagement in production

Early outcomes show improved participation, coordination, and accountability.

5. Policy Gap

There is currently no formal framework that:

- Recognizes community organizations as implementation partners
- Structures delivery at village level
- Integrates livelihoods, financing, and governance
- Ensures accountability at grassroots level

6. Proposed Solution: Community-Based Implementation Framework (CBIF)

Core components:

- Community Implementation Units (clan/ward-based)
- Integrated livelihood systems
- Community microfinance mechanisms
- Youth engagement structures
- Monitoring and accountability systems

7. Policy Recommendations

Government and partners should:

1. Adopt CBIF as a national implementation model

2. Pilot district-level systems (starting with Lagaip)
3. Reform funding flows to reach community structures
4. Strengthen partnerships with NGOs and community organizations
5. Shift agriculture policy toward structured production systems

8. Expected Outcomes

- Improved service delivery
- Increased agricultural productivity
- Reduced youth unemployment
- Stronger accountability systems
- Scalable national model

9. Conclusion

For the Reset@50 Agenda to succeed, Papua New Guinea must prioritize how development is delivered at the community level. The CBIF provides a practical pathway to achieve this.

10. Closing Statement

HRIPA and Lyumbain Foundation are ready to collaborate with government and partners to pilot and scale this model.