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	Connectivity @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	digital connectivity energy transport health education and research	YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Migration @ (methodology for tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduction of Inequalities @ (methodology for marker and tagging under development)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2022-14.020132-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 5 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 5 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing¹	The Action will be implement in direct management through: 1) Grants and 2) Procurement			

1.2 Summary of the Action

As PNG's main development partner in the sector, and given the impact of poor water supply and sanitation on human development, the EU identified Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) for Human Development as Priority area 2 in the EU-PNG MIP 2021-2027. PNG's low WaSH coverage increases the vulnerability of the population to water-borne and other diseases, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Improved hygiene practices and access to clean water are therefore of utmost importance in this global emergency context. The proposed action reflects this focus, contributing to the objectives of the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and the EU's response to Covid-19.

Supporting the goals of PNG's National WaSH Policy 2015-2030 and the Bougainville Strategic Development Plan 2018-2022, the Overall Objective (Impact) of this action is to improve gender-responsive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) policies, services and practices in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB). The Specific Objectives are:

¹ Art. 27 NDICI