

	education and research			
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	Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2024-14.020132-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 3 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 3 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	The action will be implemented in Direct management through procurement.			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

The Action will contribute to MIP Priority area 2: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) for Human Development. PNG is among the countries worldwide with the least access to WaSH, severely undermining human development, health and livelihoods. This action will contribute to improving health and livelihoods for people through improved access to water supply services in selected district towns in Papua New Guinea, including contributing to Non-Revenue Water (NRW) reduction in the capital city, Port Moresby.

The need to improve access to clean water and sanitation is recognised in the Papua New Guinea Vision 2050<sup>1</sup>, where Government seeks to increase access to clean water from 39 % to 100 % of the population by 2050. Similar targets, though with different time horizons, are foreseen in the Development Strategic Plan 2010-2030 and the Water PNG Strategic Master Plan 2012-2030. The National WaSH Policy 2015-2030 reaffirms the various targets in the long term. Most recent, the MTDP IV 2023-2027 states as targets for 2027: (i) 70% of urban population has access to improved drinking water source and (ii) 60% has access to improved sanitation.

The proposed action is part of a wider project including blending and will be implemented through two complementary components:

1. Component 1: Infrastructure - will be implemented via a blending action with the EIB and will focus on improving equitable access to safe, affordable and sustainable water supply services in five (5) district towns in PNG including contributing to the reduction of the high rate of NRW in Port Moresby. This component is not covered under this Action Document. The EIB is in charge of preparing the Application form for the blending component which will be treated separately.
2. Component 2: Technical Assistance - the subject of this action document will support the capacity building of the beneficiary agency, Water PNG (WPNG) to effectively implement and monitor the infrastructure component (component 1).

The **Overall Objective** of this action is to improve the quality of life and health of the populations of urban towns in PNG through increased access to safe, adequate and sustainable water supply services.

The **Specific Objective** of this action is improved capacity of Water PNG for water supply service delivery in selected urban towns in PNG.

<sup>1</sup> Within the strategic focus on Sustainability and climate change