



Participant Evaluation of the PNGEC Fifth National Election Workshop



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I. INTRODUCTION

The following report is a summary of comments and ratings made by participants, specifically Provincial Election Managers, during the PNG Electoral Commission (PNGEC) Fifth National Election Workshop in Port Moresby on 3 and 4 May 2017.

A total of 22 election managers, who oversee the elections in their respective provinces, participated in the two-day workshop to finalize their operational plans ahead of the 2017 National Election.

At the end of the workshop, participants were given the opportunity to complete a pre-election evaluation form to assess the PNGEC's performance in meeting workshop objectives and preparing for the election. Notably, 98% of the responses either "Agreed or Strongly Agreed" the workshop objectives had been achieved. In particular, logistical preparations were rated the highest with 77% indicating that "Quality has Improved", with training and operational plan a close second with 72% of responses.

II. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The national election workshop had two main objectives as identified by the Election Operations Branch:

- ◆ To manage and execute operational plans within the legal framework and
- ◆ To effectively coordinate, monitor and manage the election implementation plans with efficiency.

The workshop presentations aligned with these objectives and provided opportunities for the participants to capture information on the National Election Implementation Plan 2017 and receive status updates on specific activities. The workshop topics included the following sessions: candidate nomination, temporary election worker (TEW) application process, polling staff recruitment, training program progress, logistical preparations, materials procurement, electoral roll update progress, voter awareness strategies and products, financial management and budgeting, and electoral security preparations.

III. WORKSHOP EVALUATION

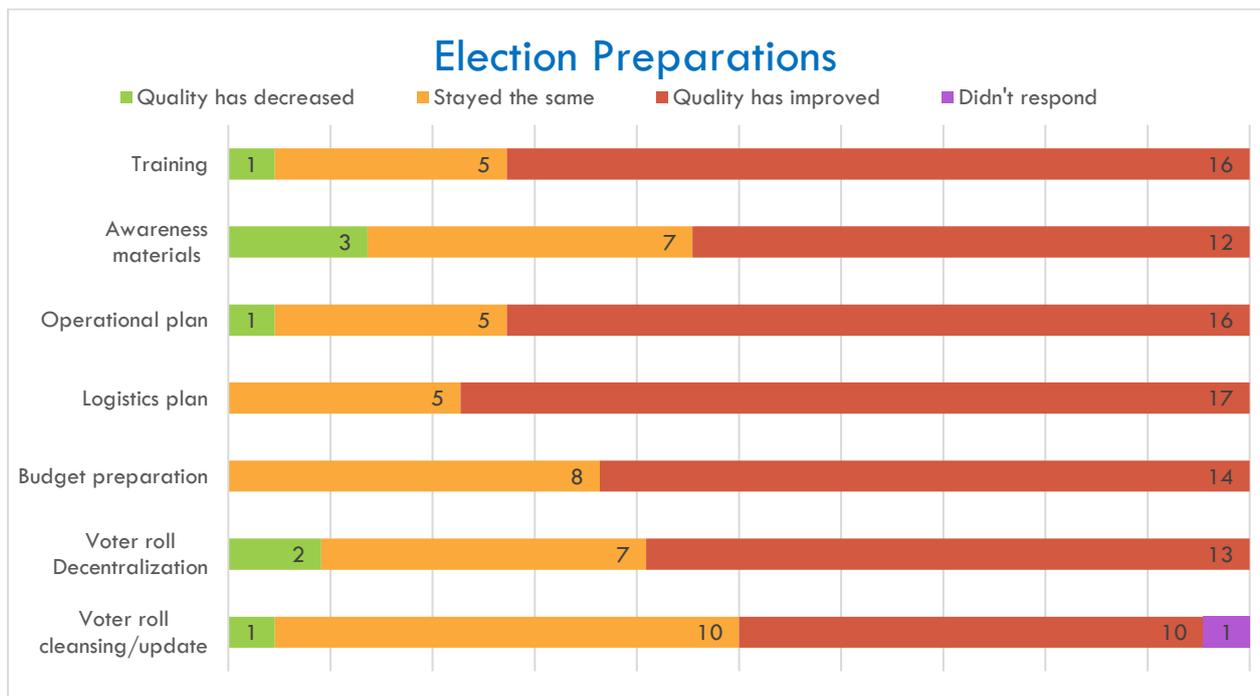
a. Ratings

In this section, 22 participants responded to questions in one set of Objectives and one set of Activities to rate. The evaluation criteria were built on a scale of 1 to 4 and 1 to 3, respectively, with the lowest number representing minimum satisfaction and the highest number representing maximum satisfaction. The table below collates data from participant scores.



Based on the participants’ ratings on Workshop Objectives, more than a third “Strongly Agreed” to the questions (38% or 58 responses) and nearly two-thirds “Agreed” (60% or 92 responses). Generally, more than half “Agreed” and “Strongly Agreed” on the usefulness of the presentation contents. Two people “Disagreed” on the question about adequate time provided for questions and answers and one person “Disagreed” on whether the workshop was well-organized.

For the seven questions related to Election Preparations, most participants (64%) indicated that “Quality has Improved” (98 responses). Other participants indicated preparations had either “Stayed the Same” (31% or 47 responses) or “Quality has Decreased” (5% or 8 responses). Notably, the logistical preparations were rated the highest with 77% indicating that “Quality has Improved”, with training and operational plan a close second with 72% of responses.



b. Open Question Feedback

In this section, the main comments and feedback were given in writing by the participants through the evaluation form. The feedback is presented in summary from comments in the evaluation forms.

i. Needed improvements prior to the election – At two months before polling, indicate your top three priorities for the PNGEC to successfully accomplish the elections

- ◆ Communication between Headquarters and Provincial offices needs to improve
- ◆ Funding and Budget Allocation for Elections should be disbursed two weeks prior to polling
- ◆ Voter Roll Printing and Dispatching should take place two weeks prior to polling
- ◆ Temporary Elections Workers applications, selections and training should be completed in a timely manner
- ◆ Logistics for Training, Polling and Counting materials to provinces in a timely manner
- ◆ Logistics Contracting of Service Providers to be finalized in a timely manner
- ◆ Counting Venues to be secured and payments made in a timely manner
- ◆ Transparency and Accountability in all Election Processes
- ◆ Awareness Campaign and materials vital in provinces

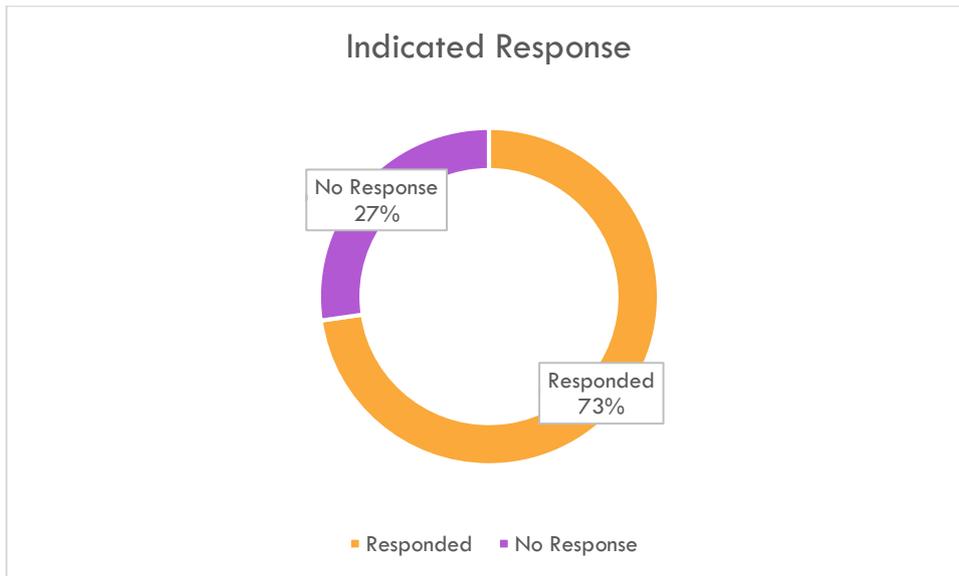
ii. Future Work – Thinking ahead, 2018 and 2022, what are the main areas that need significant changes or improvements for the PNGEC to be more efficient?

- ◆ Improving the Voter Roll preparation for 2018 and 2022
- ◆ Decentralizing Voter Roll updates to the provincial level
- ◆ Introduce continuous update of the Voter Roll
- ◆ Voter Roll system to be made more user friendly
- ◆ PNGEC to consider steps on increasing number of Enrolment forms
- ◆ Preparation work for 2018 and 2022 should commence as early as possible
- ◆ Preparations for 2018 LLG Election, in particular, should commence as early as possible
- ◆ Provincial offices need to be more involved and work well with Headquarters
- ◆ Avoid delay tactics
- ◆ Election funds should be managed from the Headquarters
- ◆ Improve coordination between Department of Finance and PNGEC
- ◆ Ward Boundaries need to be clearly defined
- ◆ Provincial Administrations should take serious responsibility for the LLG Elections and especially on the Financial aspect with more support from Provincial Treasurers
- ◆ PNGEC should consider annual update of the Polling Schedules
- ◆ Continuous Awareness campaign especially to the District levels for Election preparations
- ◆ Recruitment of Election Officer should not be biased but based on merit
- ◆ PNGEC should utilize and improve process and systems with Communication and Technology
- ◆ PNGEC restructure should commence immediately

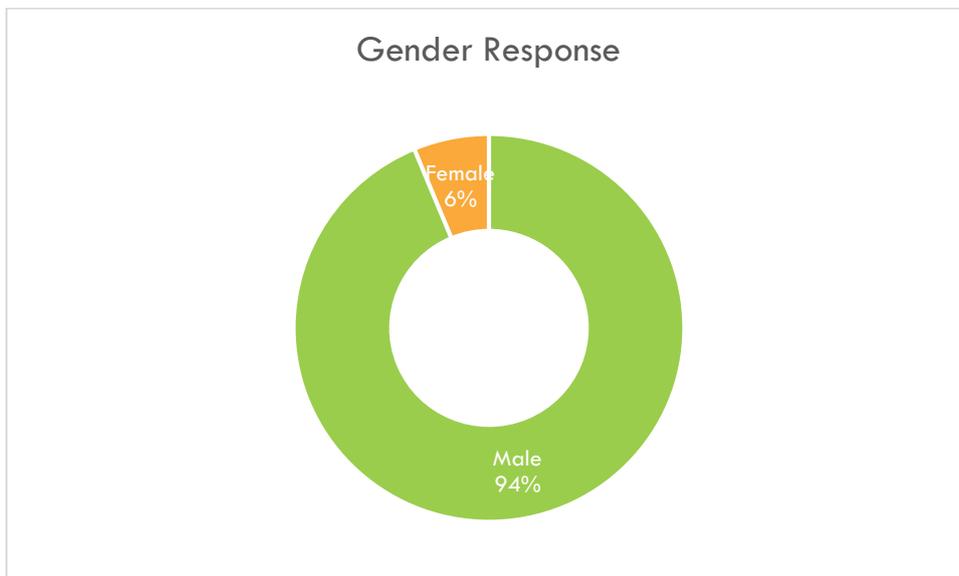
- ◆ Improve financial reporting and submission of acquittals
- ◆ Introduce Polling Schedule database to be managed under the Policy Branch

IV. GENDER and PROVINCE OF THE GROUP

At the end of the survey form, the participants were required to indicate “Gender and Province”. Out of the twenty-two provincial election managers (EM) that attended, a total of 16 (73%) filled in this section, indicating both gender and province with the remaining 6 (27%) leaving it blank.



From this 16 which indicated gender by province, 1 (6%) indicated as female while the remaining 15 (94%) indicated they were male.



It must be noted that this group is not balanced in terms of Gender with only two (2) out of the twenty-two (22) EM's being female.