



## INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

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#### **SEVISWALLET ROLLOUT OF DIGITAL BANKING SERVICES UNDER DICT-MIBANK PARTNERSHIP**

Today, I am pleased to announce that Papua New Guineans can now open a MiBank account, send and receive money, and top up mobile credit within the MiBank ecosystem, all from a smartphone using their SevisWallet App.

This rollout is being delivered within the MiBank ecosystem under the formal partnership between the Department of ICT and MiBank.

We know that financial access has been a long-standing challenge in our country. It is estimated that over 60–70% of our population remains unbanked, particularly in rural and remote areas. At the same time, mobile penetration exceeds 70%, giving us a clear pathway to deliver services digitally and at scale.

Through this integration, we are now enabling:

- Digital account opening using SevisPass biometric identity
- Person-to-person transfers using verified digital identities
- Receiving funds into MiBank accounts
- Airtime top-up via SevisWallet

This initiative is part of our broader Digital Government agenda to deliver fast, simple, and accessible services to our citizens. At the same time, it directly supports our national financial inclusion objectives by removing barriers to participation in the formal economy.

We are actively engaging with other banks to onboard their services onto SevisWallet and to integrate SevisPass across their digital ecosystems.

In parallel, we are progressing the digitisation of key credentials into SevisWallet, including university student IDs, the national identification (eNID), driver's licences, and other functional IDs. This will strengthen SevisPass as a trusted and reusable verifiable credential across government and private sector services.

I encourage all citizens to download SevisWallet, now available on the Google Play Store, and to register for SevisPass to begin accessing these services.

*Approved for Release*



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