



THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA



ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
CONSTABULARY

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

*BETWEEN*

**THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
TECHNOLOGY (DICT)**

*AND*

**THE ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY (RPNGC)**

**ON**

**SAFE AND SECURE USE OF BIOMETRIC DATA AND SEVISPASS FOR  
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, by and between:

1. The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) of PO Box 784, Vision City 121, Level 2, Tisa Ruma, Section 427, Allotment 3, Hohola, (Island Drive) National Capital District, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, hereinafter referred to as "DICT"; and
  2. The Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) of PO Box 85 Konedobu, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, hereinafter referred to as "RPNGC", and
- Collectively referred to as "the Participants."

## RECITALS

**WHEREAS** the DICT is mandated by the Digital Government Act 2022 (DG Act) to provide for digital government using information and communications technologies, and enabling the streamlining, planning, developing and implementation across the Whole of Government (WoG) through digital services, digital infrastructure, digital skills and all other aspects of digital government;

**WHEREAS** the RPNGC is a constitutional office established by virtue of Constitution of Independent State of Papua New Guinea and the *Police Act 1998*; and

**RECOGNISING** the Government of Papua New Guinea's (Government) commitment towards embracing digital transformation through the adoption of digital technologies and tools to build Papua New Guinea's digital security and better serve the people of Papua New Guinea through public service delivery as well as recognizing that the Government can successfully drive digital transformation through cooperation and collaboration with state entity;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the Government has a strong commitment to adopt new methods of service provision, utilizing advances in digital and open Government and in

doing so, change the way the Government provides services, combating law and order issues and building the robust cybercrime free digital society;

**SHARING** the vision for greater acceleration, integration and digital transformation of Papua New Guinea's society;

**CONSIDERING** the fundamental role of information and communication technologies as an enabler for socio-economic development;

**DESIRING** to establish new benchmarks for cooperation in digital transformation to enhance secured society;

**PURSUANT** to the prevailing laws, rules and regulations and national policies in force in Papua New Guinea; and

**HAVE REACHED** the following **UNDERSTANDING**:

#### **PARAGRAPH 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for collaboration between DICT and RPNGC in strengthening law enforcement, through the use digital ID verification and enabling system on safe and secure use of Biometric Data and SevisPNG. This partnership aims to enhance national security, streamline identity verification processes, and improve investigative capabilities in the fight against cyber-enabled crimes.

#### **PARAGRAPH 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Under this MoU, the Participants agree to collaborate in the following areas:

*a) Integration of SevisPass in Law Enforcement Operations*

RPNGC shall utilize SevisPass for identity verification during law enforcement investigations, including cybercrime cases.

DICT shall provide technical support and ensure the secure integration of SevisPass with RPNGC's law enforcement systems.

*b) Cybercrime Investigation and Digital Forensics*

DICT and RPNGC shall cooperate in investigating cyber-related offenses, including fraud, identity theft, hacking, and other cyber-enabled crimes.

RPNGC shall be provided with access to relevant digital identity verification data in accordance with applicable laws and policies.

*c) Capacity Building and Training*

DICT shall provide training and capacity-building programs to RPNGC personnel on the use of SevisPass and cybersecurity best practices.

Joint workshops, simulations, and awareness campaigns on digital safety and cybercrime prevention shall be organized.

*d) Data Protection and Compliance*

Both Participants shall ensure that all activities comply with the Data Protection laws, Cybercrime laws, and other relevant legal frameworks.

SevisPass data access shall be strictly regulated, ensuring privacy and security measures are adhered to.

*e) Information Sharing and Coordination*

DICT and RPNGC shall facilitate information-sharing mechanisms to enhance investigative efforts and response to cyber threats.

A dedicated liaison team shall be established to coordinate efforts related to digital identity verification and cybercrime response.



### **PARAGRAPH 3: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **3.1 DICT Shall;**

- Develop and maintain SevisPass as a secure and efficient digital ID verification system.
- Provide RPNGC with access to SevisPass for authorized law enforcement purposes.
- Ensure that SevisPass complies with national security and data protection laws.
- Support RPNGC in cybersecurity investigations and digital forensics.

#### **3.2 RPNGC Shall;**

- Utilize SevisPass for identity verification and cybercrime investigations.
- Ensure that the use of SevisPass aligns with national security protocols and legal frameworks.
- Coordinate with DICT on cybercrime investigations and information-sharing.
- Train law enforcement personnel on the effective use of SevisPass in policing operations.

### **PARAGRAPH 4: CONFIDENTIALITY**

Both Participants agree to maintain the confidentiality of any sensitive information exchanged under this MoU and ensure that such information is used strictly for the intended purposes outlined herein.

### **PARAGRAPH 5: TERM AND TERMINATION**

This MoU shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing, unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement.

Either Participant may terminate this MoU by providing a three (3) months' written notice to the other Participant.

### **PARAGRAPH 6: DATA PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Participants have resolved to ensure that any data or information shared under this MoU is protected in accordance with PNG law, and PNG's Data Governance and

Protection Policy. Both Participants undertake to maintain the confidentiality of shared information and prevent its unauthorized disclosure.

#### **PARAGRAPH 7: NATURE OF THE MoU**

This MOU serves only as a record of the Participants' intentions and is not intended to create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied. It constitutes an expression of mutual good faith by the Participants who intend to carry out their respective responsibilities to the best of their abilities.

#### **PARAGRAPH 8: DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any disputes arising under this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Participants. If unresolved, the matter may be referred to a relevant government authority for mediation.

#### **PARAGRAPH 9: AMENDMENTS**

This MoU may be amended in writing by mutual agreement of both Participants.

#### **PARAGRAPH 10: FUNDING**

1. Responsibilities outlined under PARAGRAPH 3 of this MoU will be subject to funds and other resources of the Participants.
2. The cost of cooperative activities under PARAPGRAH 2 of this MoU will be shared by the Participants in a manner to be mutually approved and agreed to in writing by both Participants

#### **PARAGRAPH 11: COMMUNICATION**

All communications regarding this MoU will be made between the heads of the respective Participants as follows.

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## PARAGRAPH 12: SIGNATURES



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Participants hereto have caused this MoU to be executed in triplicate by their duly authorised representatives respectively as of the date herein below indicated:

Signed for and on behalf of the and on behalf of the **Independent State of Papua New Guinea**:

For Department of Information  
And Communications Technology by

For Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary  
by

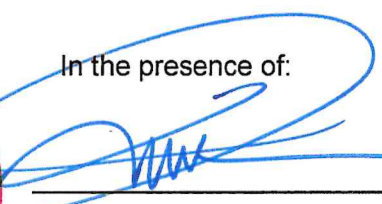
  
  
**STEVEN MATAINAHO**  
SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

  
  
**DAVID MANNING** MBE, O.St.J, QPM, DPS  
COMMISSIONER  
ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
CONSTABULARY

In the presence of:

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**HON. TIMOTHY MASIU**  
MP Minister for Information and Communications  
Technology  
Witness

  
**Hon. PETER TSIAMALILI JNR, MP**  
Minister for Internal Security  
Witness