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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

More civic participation needed in LLG Accountability

Tuesday 5th March 2019, Port Moresby – Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) conducted its second social accountability workshop with representatives from the Miminalo Local Level Government in Eastern Highlands Province last week.

Following an initial workshop on the roles and responsibilities of elected LLG officials, this follow-up workshop aimed at reinforcing social accountability methods and referral pathways for reporting corruption.

TIPNG also invited the Highlands regional office of the Ombudsman Commission to present to the participants the workshop. Presentations covered the following topics on corruption, corruption at the LLG level, reporting corruption to TIPNG and the Ombudsman Commission, civic participation in LLG accountability and drafting social accountability plans for wards.

Through these workshops, TIPNG is pushing for there is better Local Level Governance through participants putting into practice what learned during the workshops.

Those who participated in the workshop included four ward councilors from Miminalo, the LLG President Mr Kessy Maliwe and LLG Manager Mr Ishmael Sabak. The participants said they now have a better understanding of what corruption is, they are confident of what steps to take to report it and can now see the importance of having a social accountability plan to weed out corruption.

The initial workshop was held in March last year, with others in West New Britain with the Talasea LLG and in Madang Province with the Madang Urban LLG. This year, TIPNG will be conducting similar follow up workshops in these same provinces.

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Picture Captions:

Image 1 – Front row, Miminalo LLG President Kessy Maliwe (Second from left), Highlands Regional Ombudsman Manager Bill Kapen (Center) LLG Manager Ishmael Sabak (far right) with participants after the workshop.

Image 2 – Participants taking part in activities during the workshop.

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What is TIPNG?

TIPNG is a member of Transparency International a global anti corruption movement committed to fighting corruption. TIPNG is an independent organization in PNG known as a Chapter of the international movement. The PNG chapter advocates against corruption and promotes transparency, good governance, honesty and accountability both in private and public sector dealings. TIPNG tries to assist strengthen the integrity systems of our country such as the police, the parliament, the public services and the judiciary.