

COVID-19

Funding Timeline

Feb 27



K10 million made available by GoPNG
National Government made available K10 million (initial NDoH submission was for K45 million).

Mar 18



World Bank Talks USD\$20 million offer
World Bank issues willingness to give government US\$20 million (K68.3 million).

Mar 21



KPHL gives K5 million
National State Agency supports COVID-19 response.

Mar 23



PNG requests K860 million from dev partners

GoPNG approaches World Bank, IMF and Asian Dev Banks for funding support following first confirmed case.

Mar 30



TIPNG issues statement on procurement

TIPNG urges government to establish transparent procurement protocols open to external scrutiny.

Mar 31



GoPNG disburses K38 million for awareness

The department of Implementation and Rural Development (DIRD) released K38,750,000 for an awareness campaign to fight and contain COVID-19.

Apr 02



GoPNG seeks 2 month extension on SoE

PM Marape reveals in Parliament GoPNG plans to extend SoE plus added commitment of K43.33 million for SoE and K150 million for risk mitigation.

Apr 03



Newcrest sets up K20 million support fund

Newcrest sets up support fund for essential goods and services to communities in which they operate.

Apr 03



Australian High Com donates K1.9 million to Morobe

Australian High Commission donates funds to Morobe Provincial Authority following first confirmed case.

Apr 13



Media Council of PNG calls on GoPNG to publish spending

Media council calls of all state agencies involved to regularly publish all spending of emergency funds to maintain transparency of emergency funding processes.

Apr 17



World Bank approves K70 million project

The World Bank has approved an emergency K70 million project to provide rapid support to PNG COVID-19 response.



Feb 28

Australian High Com gives equipment

A/Secretary of Health Dr Paison Dakulala received 15 personal protective equipment items worth AUD\$66,244.25



Mar 19

NPC calls for inexpediency certificate

NPC calls for certificate of inexpediency in face of COVID-19 threat.



Mar 23

Australia gives K1.7 million

Australian government funds boost national preparedness commitments.



Mar 26

NEC approves release of K23 million

Police Minister Bryan Kramer reported saying that K10 million is yet to be drawn down, but K23 million kina of the initial allocation was approved by the NEC and ready for release to the NDoH trust account.



Mar 31

KCH donates K1 million

State owned enterprise donated K1 million worth of petrol to Police, paid directly to Puma Energy Limited.



Mar 31

Madang Governor donates K250,000

Peter Yama personally donates K250,000 from Yama Group of Companies to support Madang response.



Apr 03

Korean Association donates K71,000

Korean owned businesses in PNG show solidarity by donating to COVID response operations.



Apr 03

China donates K970,000

China donates to response operations also promises to deliver personal protections kits.



Apr 10

Bryan Kramer reports 26.75% of core funding has been spent

Kramer reports that K6,151,951.80 of the initial K23 million core funding has been spent.



Apr 14

US Government commits USD\$1.2 million

US Government commits funding to be split between W.H.O and UNICEF for COVID-19 response operations in PNG.

EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS DONATIONS AND PLEDGES (so far):

TOTAL CORE SoE FUNDING RELEASED:

K23 million

K105 million
(K105,052,907.20 approx.)

***Notes:**

- Despite the influx of information over the past three months, the National Treasury has yet to produce any **verifiable reports** on;
 - The exact sum of funding currently at the PNG governments' disposal or
 - Exactly how much of that funding has been spent so far and how it has been spent.

- The only sources of information on expenditure so far have been a verbal statement by the Prime Minister and a Facebook post by the Police Minister: <https://www.facebook.com/kramerreportpng/posts/1946609375475359>

- This timeline is a digest of reports on the public record relating to the funding of COVID-19 response operations in PNG, as of April 22, 2020.