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# What makes a successful decentralisation policy? Assessing DDA in PNG.

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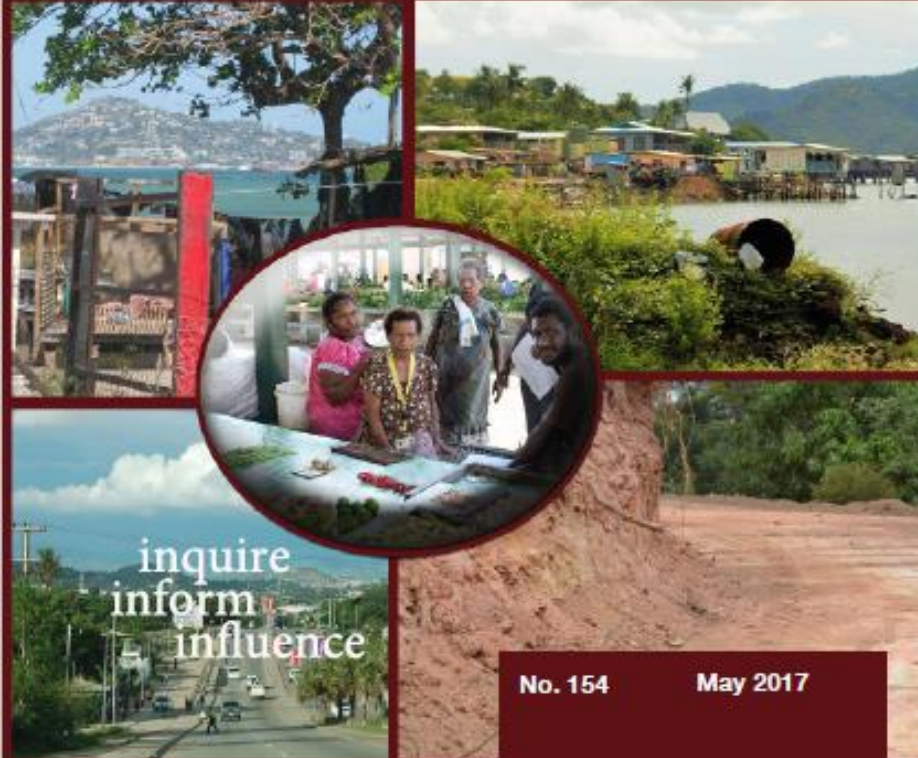
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# DISCUSSION PAPER

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY FRAMEWORK AT SUBNATIONAL LEVELS

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# Decentralisation

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**“Decentralisation is not a panacea. It has advantages and disadvantages. The overall impact of decentralisation on service delivery depends critically on its design and prevailing institutional arrangements.”**

- Omar Azfar et. al., 1999, p. 28

# Four conditions...

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- clearly established legal framework
- institutions with capacity
- system of accountability
- active civil society



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*assigning*  
**Service Delivery Functions**  
*and* **Responsibilities**  
TO PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENTS

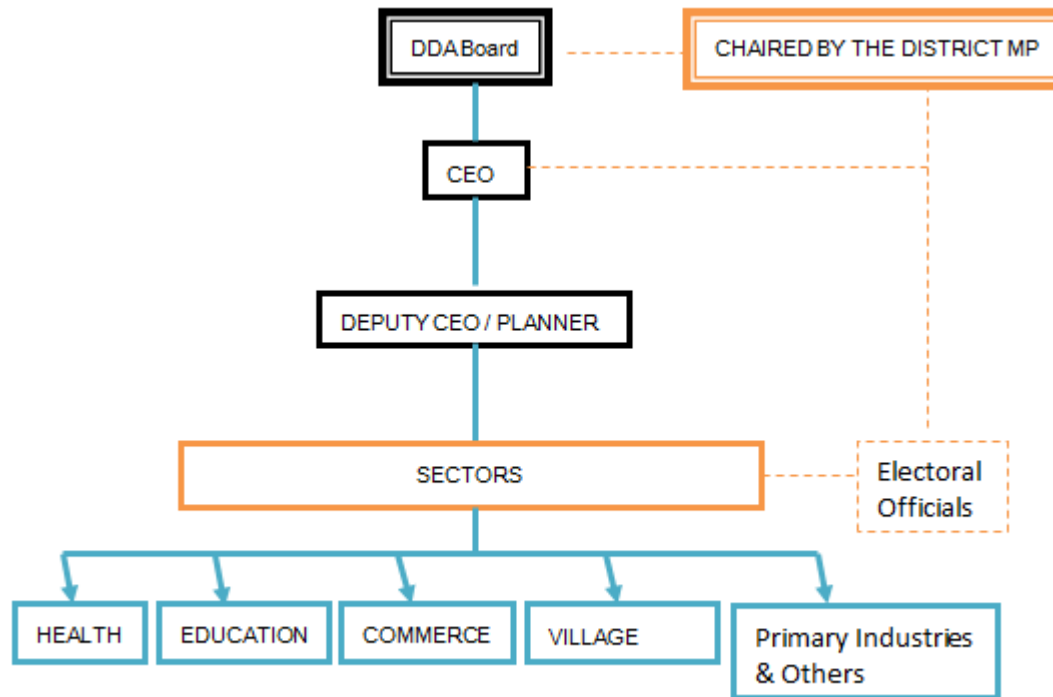
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# DDA Arrangement



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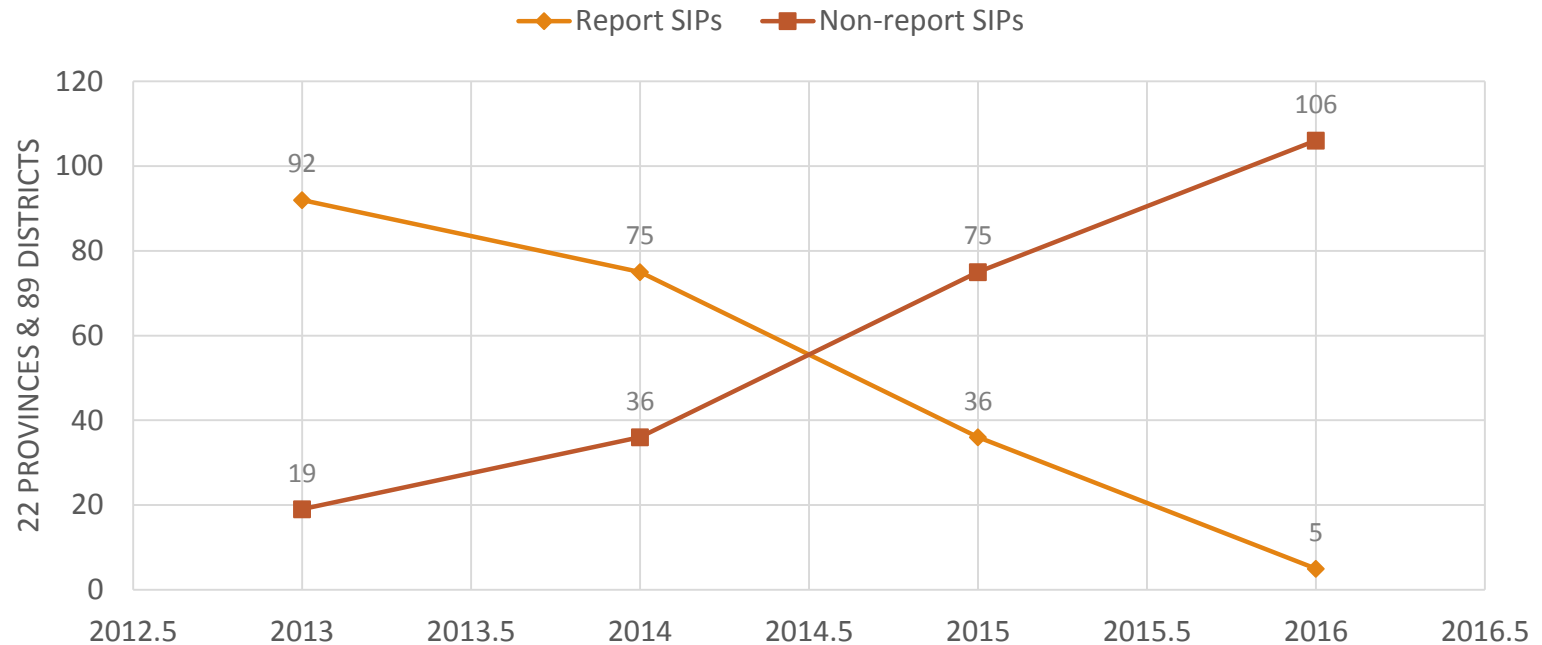
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... It weakens the LLGs role to have a politically constituted committee that neither belongs to, nor answers to any level of government, that makes decisions on budgeting and planning for LLGs (Public Sector Reform Advisory Group 2006:31).

# Lack of accountability...

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Source: DIRD, 2017. Post Courier, Wednesday, May 31, 2017. pp.1-2



# Active civil society...

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- DDA operations depends on the leadership and the relationship that is built with civil societies.
- DDA meetings (Quarterly)

# Conclusion

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- Roles of institutions must be clearly defined,
- Establish a strong legal framework, and
- More awareness and training to beef capacity and support accountability mechanism.

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# Thank you



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