

Digital Bank ID Card Pilot — Village-Chief-Vouched Biometric Identity for Unbanked Farmers in Papua New Guinea

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Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

In Wewak and Maprik, East Sepik Province, a tablet-based biometric ID pilot let village chiefs vouch for undocumented residents, enrolling 2,548 people — 47% women — and opening bank accounts on the spot without internet or electricity.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	0/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

[Bank of Papua New Guinea \(BPNG\), with Digizen, MiBank and Mama Bank, supported by the Asian Development Bank](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

[Business Advantage PNG coverage](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

[The National \(PNG\) coverage](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

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