SME Access to Finance Project — Papua New Guinea's Risk-Share Loan Guarantee Facility, and Its Overstated Results

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A World Bank facility guaranteed $32.6m in PNG SME loans (46% of target) via the country's largest bank, 2012-2017 — a sum the Bank's own review had overstated at $140.2m until an independent audit corrected it.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-25

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