



# What Is Our Future ? National Libraries In 2040

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**Name of Library** : National Library Service  
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### 1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	840,000.00 (PGK) 0
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	7 (Master (1), 1 <sup>st</sup> degree (4), Diploma (2)) 25
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	70,600 titles 0
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	11,500 0
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	0

## **2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]**

May 31, 2018 – the Minister for Education delivered the Ministerial Statement to Parliament on National Library, Archives & Records Services 10-year Strategic Plan. The statement includes the issues on the following;

- Accessibility of the collections – purchase and install a suitable library management system to increase physical and online access of materials.
- Retrieval of library materials – improve retrieval of materials from the various collections with the installation of the library management system
  - Discussions held with Softlink (Australia) for a library management system, the information gathered were forward to the ICT and Budget divisions. National Library awaits their feedback.
- Develop and maintain a Digital Collection as well
  - No developments yet.
- Strengthen and support the development of public library services at all levels of the country
  - Discussions commenced in 2018. So far Authorities of 4 provinces (states) have confirmed their agreement to the partnership with the Library. The National Library Service’s funding support for these provinces is confirm for delivery this year.
- Development partnership
  - Specific corner on American literature and education programs is housed in the National Library Building and access by the public. This is the service point that provides the internet access.

## **3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]**

National Library Service liaises with academic libraries on training needs of the library services by way of attachments to bigger academic libraries as well as support the National Library Service with the in house training programs

Also work in partnership with the academic libraries to facilitate the collection of data for sharing and updating the country’s data with the IFLA’s Library Map of the World (IFLA LMW) program.

Conduct in house training of officers in partnership with the National Archives and Public Records Services to ensure knowledge of archival services procedures and skills are also gain by librarians since both the National Library Services and National Archives are in the same organization.

Attachment programs are provided for school librarians and teacher librarians of both public and school libraries.

**4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]**

In 2018 National Library Service of Papua New Guinea received donations of books and other publications 3 national libraries. They are;

- a) National Library of Singapore – Biblioasia
  - b) National Central Library, Taiwan – Annual report and Newsletter
  - c) National Library of Russia – various titles of interest
- Please note that National Library Services of Papua New Guinea (NLSPNG) has not made any commitments as yet to formalize the arrangement for cooperation. I do hope that NLSPNG can enter into this arrangement for cooperation soon.

Thank you.

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