



# KIKORI-KEREMA INVESTIGATION TRIP REPORT



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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Southern Region Investigative Team, consisting of Senior Investigator Grace Warie and Investigator Theresa Pondros visited Kikori on May 19, 2023, to inspect specific locations within the district. Later, on May 24, 2023, the team journeyed to Kerema Town to follow up on unresolved cases. Their investigative trip concluded when they returned to Port Moresby on May 27, 2023.

This report documents the crucial activities carried out during the trip to Kikori District, Southern Region. It sheds light on the issues identified during inspection in Parts of Kikori District, providing an updated view compared to our last year's visit in April 2022. The report also discusses the challenges encountered and provides recommendations. Additionally, the report includes a recent status update on outstanding cases in the Gulf Province.

#### **KIKORI STATION**

Saturday, May 20, 2023

**9:00 am - 9:30 am -** We were honored to receive a visit from Kikori Police Station Commander, Sergeant Della Macklay at the MRDC Guesthouse. She provided crucial assistance in confirming our travel arrangements within the Kikori District. As part of her support, Sergeant Macklay assigned two capable police officers to accompany and escort us to Faia Logging Camp. We agreed to utilize one of the dinghies from Kikori Police Station, manned by experienced skippers who were well-versed in the routes for our upcoming journey.

**9:30 am - 10:00 am -** During our stay in Kikori, we took photographs of notable locations, including the Kikori District Administrator's house and the Kikori District Finance staff houses (*refer to appendix 1*).

**10:15 am - 11:00 am -** Our team visited Delta Kikori Ltd to secure two fuel drums essential for our upcoming trip to Faia Logging Camp.

**1:00 pm - 7:00 pm -** We embarked on our journey from Kikori Station to Faia Logging Camp. The route took us through the Kikori River, out into the open sea, and up the Turama River.

# 2. FAIA LOGGING CAMP, WEST KIKORI LLG

#### Sunday, May 21, 2023

**6:30 am** - An incident occurred where the Police dinghy sank into the river, adjacent to the river bank. This incident resulted in the loss of one full fuel drum, eight empty fuel containers, and a bag containing life jackets belonging to the Kikori Police. In response to this incident, the Kikori Police Station Commander, Sergeant Della Macklay, engaged with the villagers and requested their assistance in locating and promptly returning the missing items. The villagers, along with the two police escorts, initiated a search operation to recover the lost items.

**7:30 am** - The missing items were successfully located and returned, thanks to the efforts of one of the village elders and his son.



Figure 1. Missing items recovered and returned

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm** - A public awareness session was conducted by Senior Investigator, Grace Warie, for the residents of Faia Logging Camp and neighboring villages. During this session, the villagers were encouraged to share their experiences regarding the impact of logging operations within their community, in accordance with a complaint lodged with the Commission in 2019 (2019-AC-36098). Representatives from twelve affected clans voiced their concerns and grievances during the awareness session. A separate report detailing the events will be compiled by the case officer, Grace Warie.

#### 2.1. Faia Village – Issues Identified

During our visit to Faia village, we identified several critical issues affecting the community:

- 1. **Absence of an Aid Post:** Faia village lacks an aid post, leading to continuous deaths resulting from crocodile attacks, snakebites from the poisonous death adder, and treatable diseases. The absence of basic healthcare facilities poses a significant threat to the well-being of the community.
- 2. Closure of Sinanaran Papua Ltd Clinic: The clinic operated by the logging company, Sinanaran Papua Ltd, used to serve both the company's workers and the community. However, it ceased

operations when the company halted its activities in 2019. This closure has left the community without access to essential medical services (*Refer to appendix 2 Fig 6*).

- 3. Limited Access to Medical Assistance: Those who can afford it pay K200 to travel by dinghy to Kikori Station for medical assistance. Those who cannot afford this journey undertake a one-week canoe trip to Kikori Station, which presents significant challenges, especially for urgent medical cases.
- 4. **Limited Government Services**: The only operational government service in Faia village is education, with a single primary school serving students from Elementary to Grade 7.
- 5. Lack of Mobile Network Coverage: Faia village, located in the upper Turama area, is extremely remote and lacks mobile network coverage, limiting communication and connectivity for the community.
- 6. **Dependence on Logging Company**: The community's livelihood was heavily dependent on the logging company during its operations. Since the company ceased its activities, the community has encountered numerous difficulties due to the absence of basic government services (*Refer to appendix 2 Fig 7*).
- 7. **Inaccessible Road Link:** Although a road link between Faia village and Kikori Station was constructed by Sinaran Papua Ltd during the logging operations, the bridge connecting the road has collapsed. Consequently, the road link is currently severed, leaving river and sea travel as the only accessible means for villagers to reach the District headquarters and access government services.

These identified issues highlight the urgent need for intervention and support within Faia village to address healthcare, infrastructure, and livelihood challenges that the community faces.

# **3. KIKORI STATION**

#### Monday, May 22, 2023

**9:30 am - 10:20 am** - We visited the Kikori District Administration Office and had the privilege of meeting with the Clerk of Court, Mr. Simon Karava (Fig 2). During our visit, Mr. Karava was the only government officer present at work. Additionally, we took photographs of the vacant office spaces within the building (Fig 3), including the District Administrator's office, which was locked.



Figure 2. Senior Investigator, Grace Warie with Kikori District Clerk of Court, Mr. Simon Karava



Figure 3. Empty office spaces within the Kikori District Administration Office

**10:40 am - 12:00 pm** - We had a meeting with Mr. Larry Kaipu, the Administrator of the Kikori District Hospital. Our primary purpose was to request specific information concerning case no. 2019-AC-35862. During the meeting, we also provided Mr. Kaipu with an update on case no. 2019-AC-35906. Mr. Kaipu informed us that all the staff previously employed under Gulf Christian Services are now on the government payroll, including those attached to the Kikori District Hospital.

**12:05 pm - 12:37 pm** - Our team met with Mr. Matrika, the Manager for Delta Kikori Ltd, to make arrangements for the remaining fuel required for our upcoming trip to Baimuru, Orokolo, and Kerema Town.

**2:00 pm - 3:09 pm -** We were visited by four complainants at the MRDC Guesthouse. These complainants raised concerns related to IDG (Infrastructure Development Grant) funds and the perceived lack of development in the District. They collected five complaint forms to fill and lodge their grievances officially.

**3:10 pm - 4:40 pm** - Our team conducted an inspection of the road link that connects Kikori Station to the Faia Logging Camp. This road is an integral part of the Gulf-Southern Highlands Highway.



Figure 4. Road link from Kikori Station connecting Kikori Station and Faia Logging Camp

#### **3.1. Update from Last Visit (Since April 2022)**

Since our last visit in April 2022, the following notable developments and challenges have been observed in the Kikori District:

- 1. **Former District Administrator Inactivity**: The former Kikori District Administrator, Mr. Tars Sauka, had not actively operated in the District during his six-year tenure until his suspension earlier this year.
- 2. **District Administration and Finance Staff Absence**: To date, the Kikori District Administration Staff, including the Acting District Administrator, Mr. Jerry Hape, and the District Finance Staff, are not operating within the District. The District Office is virtually unstaffed, with the exception of the Court Clerk, Mr. Simon Karava.
- 3. Accommodation Issues: Accommodation challenges previously affected both the Administration and District Finance staff, rendering them unable to work at the District headquarters. Interestingly, staff houses designated for these roles are now occupied by local residents. (*Refer to Appendix 1 Fig 1 and Fig 2.*)
- 4. Lack of Power Supply: The Kikori District Administration Office still lacks a power supply.
- 5. **Infrastructure Development Grant (IDG) Projects**: Road sealing within the District headquarters has been ongoing, financed by the Infrastructure Development Grant (IDG) funds. This includes the sealing of roads up to the New Century Supermarket and between the Kikori District Hospital and the airstrip. (*Refer to Appendix 1 Fig 4 and Fig 5*)

- 6. **Upcoming Domestic Airport:** An upcoming project from the IDG is the construction of a new Domestic Airport at the District headquarters, expected to commence after the road sealing.
- 7. Absence of DSIP and DSG Projects: There are no projects directly funded by District Services Improvement Program (DSIP) and District Support Grant (DSG). Operational funds for Law & Justice, Education, and Health services within the District under DSIP have not been provided by the Kikori District Development Authority over the years, as confirmed by those responsible for each sector.
- 8. **Funding Assistance for Kikori Police**: Due to a lack of operational funding, the Kikori Police receive financial assistance from various local business houses within Kikori Station to support their operations within the District.
- 9. **Oil and Gas Pipeline Impact**: Kikori Station lies between the oil and gas pipeline, with substantial IDG funds amounting to approximately K20, 616.96 million paid to the Gulf Provincial Government between 2013 and 2021. However, there is little evidence of major infrastructure development in the resource area of West Kikori Local-level Government, aside from the above-mentioned major projects.



Figure 5. Signboards indicating the oil pipeline pathway

- 11. **Challenges for Kikori District Police**: The Kikori District Police continue to face challenges with only four regular Police Officers and around thirty committed Reservists who are not officially recognized by the Government in terms of allowances and further training.
- 12. **Reservists' Contribution**: The Reservists, predominantly from the Kikori area, voluntarily support the regular police officers in carrying out policing duties within the Kikori District, yet they do not receive any allowances.
- 13. Unchanged Facilities: The facilities of the Kikori Police Station and Cells, the Kikori District Hospital, and the Kikori District Administration Office have shown no signs of improvement (*Refer appendix 3 Fig 12 and Fig 14*).

These updates reflect the evolving situation in the Kikori District since our previous visit in April 2022 and highlight the ongoing challenges faced by the community and local government institutions.

## 4. BAIMURU STATION

#### *Tuesday, May 23, 2023*

**7:22 am** - We departed from Kikori Station and embarked on our journey to Baimuru, through the river channels as a means of travel due to rough seas.

**10:00 am - 11:45 am** - Upon our arrival at Baimuru Station, we conducted thorough inspections of key locations within the station. These inspections included assessments of the Baimuru Health Centre (Case No. 2023-AC-45188), the incomplete District Office (Case No. 2020-AC-36849), and the run-down LLG Chamber.



Figure 6. Meeting with staff of the Baimuru Health Centre

**12:00 pm - 12:45 pm** - Senior Investigator, Grace Warie, led a public awareness session held at the Baimuru Market. During this session, important information was shared with the local community.



Figure 7. Senior Investigator, Grace Warie conducting public awareness at the

#### 4.1. Baimuru Station – Issues Identified

During our investigative trip to the Southern Region, we identified several critical issues within the Kikori District, which are as follows:

- 1. **Baimuru Health Centre Ward**: The new building at the Baimuru Health Centre is yet to be opened due to a delay in the supply of furniture. As a result, the center is currently being used for outpatient and emergency services. A separate report on this matter will be compiled by the case officer, Grace Warie (2023-AC-45188) (*Refer to appendix 3 Fig 11*).
- 2. Lack of Water Supply and Power Connection: The Baimuru Health Centre faces challenges related to essential utilities. There is no water supply and power connection at the facility. Nursing officers resort to using torches at night to attend to emergencies and labor cases.
- 3. **Shortage of Dinghies**: The Baimuru Health Centre lacks the necessary transportation means to transfer patients with serious illnesses to Kapuna Health Centre or Kerema General Hospital. The Health Centre possesses only one dinghy, which was purchased three decades ago.
- 4. **Shortage of Medical Drugs**: The clinic is currently experiencing a shortage of medical drugs due to delays in the shipment of essential pharmaceuticals.
- 5. Lack of Routine Doctor Visits: There are no routine visitations by doctors from the Department of Health and Gulf Provincial Health Authority, impacting the availability of healthcare services.
- 6. **Absence of Health Extension Officer**: Baimuru Health Centre does not have a Health Extension Officer, which may limit its capacity to provide comprehensive healthcare services.
- 7. **Dependence on External Assistance**: Currently, the Baimuru Health Centre relies on assistance from local business houses within Baimuru Station for its operations. This is because there is no operational funding provided by the Gulf Provincial Health Authority and the Kikori District Development Authority under DSIP (District Services Improvement Program).
- 8. **Incomplete District Office Construction:** The construction of the District Office, which commenced in 2014, has come to a standstill, and the building remains incomplete to this day. This situation not only represents an incomplete infrastructure project but also raises concerns about the potential impacts on local governance and administrative functions. A separate report on this matter will be compiled by the case officer, Theresa Pondros (2020-AC-36849), (*Refer to Appendix 3 Fig 12*).
- 9. **Incomplete Baimuru Market Construction:** Another project that began concurrently with the District Office building in 2014 was the construction of the new Baimuru Market. It has come to our attention that both projects were allegedly contracted to the company of the former Kikori District Finance Manager, Mr. Rex Koivi. Unfortunately, as of our investigative trip, the construction of the Baimuru Market remains incomplete, raising concerns about the utilization of public funds and the delay in providing a vital facility for the community (*Refer to appendix 3 Fig 13*).

- 10. **Absence of LLG Chamber in Baimuru**: Presently, there is no functioning Local Level Government (LLG) Chamber in Baimuru. The old LLG Chamber has deteriorated over time, rendering it unfit for use. This situation raises concerns about the community's access to local government services, public meetings, and governance facilities.
- 11. Lack of Police Station and Regular Police Officers: Baimuru currently lacks a dedicated Police Station and regular Police Officers. Instead, the community relies on Reservists who operate out of a small section of the Baimuru Trading store, which is owned by a Chinese entity. This setup poses potential challenges in terms of law enforcement and public safety within the area (*Refer to appendix 3 Fig 15 and Fig 16*).

These identified issues pose significant challenges to the delivery of healthcare services within the Kikori District. Addressing these concerns is vital to ensuring the well-being and health of the local population. In addition, the absence of a functioning LLG Chamber and the reliance on Reservists for law enforcement highlight the need for urgent attention to ensure the service delivery of essential government services and the maintenance of law and order within the community.

#### Feedback from Public Awareness Session

During our public awareness session at the Market, several community members expressed concerns regarding the Ombudsman Commission's visit. One individual raised the issue that in 2019, officers from the Commission visited Baimuru. However, as per the community's perspective, they have not witnessed any tangible changes or improvements resulting from that visit up to the present time. It was emphasized that this time, the people of Baimuru have high expectations and a strong desire to witness substantive changes following the Ombudsman Commission's visit.

This feedback highlight the significance of not only conducting investigations but also ensuring that the outcomes of such inquiries lead to meaningful improvements and positive impacts within the community. The expectations of the Baimuru community are rooted in a genuine desire for positive change and a plea for improved governance and services.

# **5. OROKOLO BAY, IHU LLG**

#### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

**6:00 am** - We commenced our day by walking to the Orokolo Health Centre to start our inspection of the facility.

**8:29 am** - Upon our arrival at the Orokolo Health Centre, we engaged with several nursing staff members and proceeded to conduct comprehensive inspections of both the old and new facilities. This inspection is associated with Case No. 2022-AC-42684, and a dedicated report will be prepared by the case officer, Grace Warie.



Fig 8. Meeting with two nursing officers in the newly constructed Orokolo Health Centre

#### 5.1. Orokolo Bay - Issues Identified

During our inspection of the Orokolo Health Centre, several critical issues were identified (*refer to appendix 3 Fig 19*)

- 1. Lack of Medical Drug Stock: At the time of our visit, the Health Centre had no stock of medical drugs, which hindered its regular operations. The facility could only attend to emergency cases. A notice was prominently displayed outside the old building, informing villagers of the shortage of medical drugs and advising them to take necessary precautions for their health.
- 2. **Delayed New Building Construction**: A new building for the Health Centre was constructed in 2020 with support from the Kikori District Development Authority. However, the construction has faced significant delays due to funding constraints. Consequently, the old and run-down building is still in use.
- 3. **Unsafe Old Health Centre Building**: The old Health Centre building is in a hazardous condition, posing safety risks to both patients and staff. The structure suffers from leaking roofs, broken floors, and unstable foundations, raising concerns that it may collapse in the near future.

- 4. Lack of Operational Funding: The area surrounding the Health Centre is overgrown with bush due to the absence of operational funding. The Health Centre lacks the necessary resources to cover operational expenses. Specifically, there is no operational funding from the Kikori District Development Authority allocated to the Health sector component of the District Services Improvement Program (DSIP).
- 5. **Inadequate Staff Housing**: There are only three staff houses available, and all of them are in a state of disrepair. Two of these houses are currently occupied by a nursing officer and the Health Extension Officer. The rest of the staff, who are local residents, live in their own accommodations within the village and commute to work.

These identified issues highlight the urgent need for intervention and support to address the challenges faced by the Orokolo Health Centre and to ensure the service delivery of essential healthcare services to the community.

#### **5.2.** Public Awareness Session at Bay Watch Market

#### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

**9:40 am - 10:15 am** - Senior Investigator, Grace Warie, led a public awareness session at the Bay Watch Market. During this session, critical information and updates were shared with the local community. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to collect complaint forms and informative brochures. Several individuals expressed their interest and took home these materials.

This session served as an important platform for engaging with the community, raising awareness and collecting valuable feedback and complaints.

#### 6. KEREMA TOWN

#### Thursday, May 25, 2023

**10:00 am** - Our team met with the new Acting CEO for the Gulf Provincial Health Authority, Mr. Alexander Maha, and issued a copy of the Section 18(1) Notice (2019-AC-35862). Remarkably, this marks the third issuance of the Section 18(1) Notice to the Gulf Provincial Health Authority, each time to a different Acting CEO. The first notice (original copy) was issued to Dr. Paul Kilaware, and the second notice (a copy) was issued to Dr. Thomas Tatua.

**11:30 am** - We visited the Provincial Technical Advisor's office to inquire about documents requested for cases no. 2020-AC-36849 and 2021-AC-39276. However, we were informed that Mr. Tamasi Ive had been suspended and that Mr. Ian Kavua was the Acting Advisor and was currently out of the Province. We were advised to contact Mr. Kavua at 70192426.

**1:00 pm** - Our team proceeded to the Human Resource office of the Gulf Provincial Administration to follow up with Mr. Peter Nabira regarding documents requested for cases no. 2019-AC-35742 and 2021-AC-39876. Regrettably, Mr. Nabira was not present at work during our visit.

**1:25 pm** - We met with the new Acting Provincial Administrator for Gulf, Mr. Navai Kevari, and provided him with copies of Section 17(1) and 18(1) Notices for cases no. 2020-AC-37455, 2022-

AC-40724, 2020-AC-39708, 2021-AC-39276, and 2019-AC-35864. Mr. Kevari expressed his intention to review the letters and respond accordingly.

**2:00 pm** - Our team visited the Provincial Finance Manager's office to follow up with Ms. Ruth Gorua on the documents requested for cases no. 2020-AC-37455 and 2022-AC-40724. Regrettably, we were informed that Ms. Gorua had left for Port Moresby.

**4:36 pm - 5:22 pm** - We held a meeting with Kikori landowners at the Kerema Airport lodge to discuss case no. 2020-AC-37455 and 2021-AC-39708.

Friday, May 26, 2023

**11:00 am** - We made preparations to return to Port Moresby via Tropicair. However, our flight was cancelled due to rainy weather in Port Moresby.

**1:00 pm** - We met with Mr. Peter Nabira at the Gulf Provincial Administration Office. Mr. Nabira explained that he had been unwell during this period, which had prevented him from sending the required documents to the Commission.

### 6.1. Kerema Town - Issues Identified

During our visit to Kerema Town, the following critical issues were identified:

- 1. Non-Provision of Requested Documents: All documents requested for several cases, including case no. 2019-AC-35862, 2019-AC-35742, 2019-AC-36343, 2020-AC-36849, 2020-AC-37455, 2020-AC-37890, 2021-AC-39276, 2021-AC-39631, 2021-AC-39708, and 2021-AC-39876, during our previous two trips have not been provided as of our latest visit. The absence of these documents hampers our ability to proceed with investigations.
- 2. **Improper Appointment of Acting Provincial Administrator**: It was observed that the appointment of Mr. Navai Kevari as the Acting Provincial Administrator was not executed in accordance with proper procedure. Rather, it was a decision made by the Gulf Provincial Executive Council (PEC) rather than the National Executive Council (NEC).
- 3. **Absence of Board for Gulf Provincial Health Authority**: The Gulf Provincial Health Authority remains without a Board since December 2022. This absence of governance oversight impacts the management and decision-making processes within the health authority.
- 4. **Extended Power Outages:** The Kerema Town area has been grappling with prolonged power outages for nearly four months. These outages stem from issues with the main power source supplied by PNG Power. As a result, the Kerema Hospital's generator has become defective, depriving the hospital of a power supply. Additionally, Kerema Town itself has also endured an extended period without power due to the defective generator supplied by PNG Power, which is yet to be replaced.

These identified issues highlight the urgency of addressing administrative, governance, and infrastructure challenges in Kerema Town, particularly in the context of healthcare and power supply.

## 7. DISTRIBUTION OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

During our visit to various locations, we distributed a total of 100 complaint forms and 50 brochures each of the following informational materials: Roles and Functions of the Ombudsman Commission, Duties and Responsibilities of Leadership, and How to Make a Complaint. At each of the locations visited, we engaged with the community and provided them with these materials.

A total of eight (8) complaints were received during the course of our visit.

#### 7.1. Issues Identified

**Outdated Address on Brochures**: It was observed that the address of the Ombudsman Commission's Head Office on each of the brochures is outdated. This discrepancy should be rectified to ensure accurate contact information for the Commission.

#### 8. RISK (S)

During our meeting with the Kikori Police Station Commander, Sergeant Della Macklay, on May 19, 2023, we were forewarned about the adverse weather and sea conditions prevailing within the Kikori District towards Kerema Town from April to July each year. This period typically witnesses inclement weather characterized by rain, strong winds, and rough seas with sizable waves. Tragically, this weather pattern results in numerous maritime incidents and the loss of many lives.

#### 9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on our observations and the issues identified, we recommend the following actions:

- 1. **Invitation to Hon. Soroi Ece**: Extend an invitation to the Member for Kikori Open, Hon. Soroi Ece, to meet with the Members of the Commission. The discussion should address concerns related to:
  - a) The lack of health and communication services within the Turama area of West Kikori LLG.
  - b) Negligence in maintaining and upgrading the existing road link from Kikori Station to Faia Village.
  - c) The absence of the Kikori District Administrator and the administration staff at the District headquarters.
  - d) The absence of DSIP funding for Health Services, Education Services, and Law & Justice Services within the District.
  - e) The delay in completing the construction of Baimuru and Orokolo Health Centers.
  - f) The absence of a Police Station in Baimuru LLG.

- 2. **Meeting with Acting Secretary for Department of Finance**: Extend an invitation to the Acting Secretary for the Department of Finance, Mr. Samson Penias, to meet with the Members of the Commission. This meeting should address the absence of the Kikori District Finance Staff at the District headquarters.
- 3. **Meeting with Police Commissioner**: Invite the Police Commissioner to meet with the Members of the Commission to address the issues related to allowances and training for Reservists in Kikori District.
- 4. **Meeting with Acting CEO for Gulf Provincial Health Authority**: Extend an invitation to the Acting CEO for Gulf Provincial Health Authority, Dr. Alexander Maha, to meet with the Members of the Commission. The discussion should focus on the shortage of medical drugs at Baimuru Health Centre and Orokolo Health Centre.
- 5. **Meeting with Minister for Health**: Invite the Minister for Health to meet with the Members of the Commission to discuss the absence of a Board for the Gulf Provincial Health Authority.
- 6. **Initiate an Own Initiative Case:** Register an own initiative case regarding the improper appointment process of the new Acting Provincial Administrator, Mr. Navai Kevari, for further inquiries.
- 7. **Service of Summonses**: Initiate the process of serving summonses to the relevant individuals for each of the cases where responses have not been provided to date.
- 8. **Update Address on Brochures**: Instruct the Media Unit to update the address on each of the brochures immediately to ensure accurate contact information for the Commission.
- 9. **Consideration of Risk Allowances**: The Commission should consider providing risk allowances to officers undertaking investigation and PEP trips, especially in case of emergencies that may arise during such trips.

## **10. CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, this investigation trip report provides a comprehensive account of our activities, findings, and recommendations during our visit to the Southern Region. We remain committed to fulfilling our mandate to uphold transparency, accountability, and good governance. Our efforts are dedicated to improving the lives of the citizens we serve and ensuring that government services are delivered.

# **APPENDIX 1 – KIKORI STATION**









Fig 5. Sealed road between the Kikori District Hospital and airstrip



# APPENDIX 2 – FAIA LOGGING CAMP, WEST KIKORI LLG



Fig 7. Machines sitting idle after cease of logging operations in 2019





# **APPENDIX 3 – BAIMURU STATION**

# Fig 9. Patients waiting outside the Ward to be served







# Fig 12.The incomplete District Office







Fig 15 Baimuru Reservists in front of the Police complaints counter





Fig 16. Baimuru Trading Store be opened



# APPENDIX 4 - OROKOLO BAY, IHU LLG

















Fig 21. One of the staff houses which is not occupied



