## Portion 939 Participatory Settlement Upgrading Project (PSUP)

## **Summary Information**

- 1. **Project Title:** Portion 939 Participatory Settlement Upgrading Project (PSUP)
- 2. Development Goal: To provide land and housing affordable to citizens inorder to alleviate urban poverty resulting from shortage of title land, shortage of houses and unplanned settlements. The price margin ranges from K50,000.00 low cost house to K350,000.00 high covenant house
- 3. Implementing Agency: Development Services International Inc. (DSI)
- 4. Address: P O Box 741, GORDONS, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea
- 5. **Contacts:** Mobile Number- (675)73662208; (675) 78853528 Email: <a href="mailto:dsinternational02@gmail.com">dsinternational02@gmail.com</a> Facebook Page: DS International Inc. & Portion 939 PSUP Bomana
- 6. Residential Address: Portion 939, BOMANA
- 7. **Contact Person:** SIMBAKUA Peter, Project Manager & Principal-Development Services International Inc.
- 8. **Partners:** Department of Lands & Physical Planning; Community Portion 939 Southern Zone Block Holders Association, Kerewaka and Kusambuk Associations representing Block-holders
- 9. **Project Description:** PSUP is being implemented in PNG by DSI under the National Urbanization & Sustainable Land Use Policies Framework in partnership with Department of Lands & Physical Planning. Work began on Portion 939 in 2014. Comprehensive research and project documentation fully costed were done in consultation with then Office of Urbanization and UN Habitat.

## 10. Mandate

- 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Minister of Lands directed Secretary to tender the Land for all citizens to apply including current residence of Portion 939
- 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Physical Planning Approval was granted for the Sub-Division Plan under delegated approval of National Physical Planning Board by the Chief Physical Planner
- 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Surveyor General approved the Survey for the Sub-Division and created Survey File
- Application for Title pending consultation with the Secretary of Lands

## 11. Policy Alignment

National Urbanization Policy 2010-2030; National Sustainable Land Use Policy; NEC Decision No.100/2015, Meeting No.7/2015, Dated 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 and State Partnership on PSUP Development Proposal for Portion 939 endorsed by Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Lands & Physical Planning, Hon. John Rosso, MP in implementing specific goals of Medium Term Development Plan III on increasing urban land markets, increase revenue, create wealth and reduce poverty amongst urban populace.

- 12. **Land Access**: Since September 2020 DSI has been in consultation and collaboration with Department of Lands & Physical Planning through the Office of the Minister to develop Portion 939 for the welfare and benefit of PNG citizens. A formal Letter of Advice was issued on 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 by Chief Physical Planner on the status of Portion 939 which is a clear State Land free from any encumbrances.
- 13. **Community Awareness:** Active community awareness, mobilization and participation program in placed
- 14. **Resource Mobilization:** Different approaches and models are being assessed. Cheap affordable domestic and local markets/initiatives are in the pipeline for trial for **capital expenditure (capex)**.
- 15. **Operational Expenditure (opex):** DSI will raise the funds for opex immediately to administer the Project and secure the land–Portion 939 for this **PSUP Project**
- 16. **Block Holders Commitment:** Participation of each Block-Holders and Citizen is governed by a Project Agreement signed individually. One hundred and ninety (190) block-holders have signed to date