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Theme: “DFIs and the Pandemic: Situationer and Way Forward”
A Conversation among Members

Papua New Guinea Experience



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- Early border closure worked well. Incidence of COVID19 infection in Papua New Guinea is significantly low in contrast to Asia.
- Widespread disruption of the supply chain, and displacement of activities of MSMEs led to temporary or permanent closure.
- Loss of employment, business downsizing and staff retrenchment.
- Abnormally high incidence of loans in-arrears (hardest hit: tourism, office rentals, building contractors and public transport).
- Demand for viable loan applications reduced by 50%. Over 70% of PMB loan book affected by economic crisis.
- 3 months Loan Repayment Holiday (Apr – June) and easing of interest rates, a “palliative remedy” for SMEs struggling with disastrous and lingering impact of the Pandemic.
- High uncertainty in the economy. Survival is key.