

# EMPOWERING PAPUA: BUILDING A FUTURE OF WELL-BEING

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## ABSTRACT

Papua, a region rich in culture and biodiversity, faces challenges that hinder its people's well-being. This paper explores a path towards a brighter future by prioritizing community empowerment. The abstract acknowledges Papua's strengths while recognizing existing obstacles. It emphasizes the importance of empowering Papuans to drive positive change. We delve into key areas for intervention, focusing on 1) Strengthening Local Governance: Encouraging Papuan leadership and participation in decision-making processes that directly impact their communities. 2) Investing in Education and Healthcare: Equipping Papuans with the tools and knowledge to improve their health outcomes and access quality education. 3) Preserving Cultural Identity: Recognizing and celebrating Papua's unique cultural heritage while fostering its integration into sustainable development strategies. 4) Promoting Economic Opportunity: Creating a diversified and inclusive economy that empowers Papuans to participate meaningfully and benefit from economic growth. By addressing these areas through a community-driven approach, "Empowering Papua" aims to unlock the region's full potential and create a future where well-being flourishes.

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