Background
Daulo District is one of the eight (8) districts in the Eastern Highlands Province (EHP) that is located to the West of the Goroka township and shares borders with Goroka Open Electorate and Unggai-Bena Open Electorate in the province.
The District is divided into three Local Level Governments (LLGs) and have their own local councils which are Lower Asaro, Upper Asaro and Watabung. The headquarters of Daulo District is at Asaro Station.

Observations on Campaign Strategies
The campaign strategies used by candidates in Daulo included:
1. **Feasting:** Food and drinks were seen to be distributed at all the campaign gatherings.
2. **Merchandise:** Posters, banners, billboards, stickers on vehicles, T-shirts and caps were used by candidates and their parties.
3. **Social Media:** Social media platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp were actively used.
4. **Collaboration of candidates:** Candidates were collaborating with other candidates from other villages, tribes and areas to maximize their chances of winning, considering the Limited Preferential Voting (LPV) System that is being used.
5. **Alliances:** Professional and political party alliances and network were also common.
6. **Political Rallies:** Candidates distributed cooked food to other candidates and their supporters in appreciation.
7. **Invitations:** Invited candidates gave money to the coordinators of the host candidates’ (campaign houses) for the upkeep of their campaign houses.

Observations on Polling
Polling was observed in different locations in the electorate. The main observations were:
- Polling was generally slow in most areas and started late.
- Block voting for convenience and to settle tensions (cooperative voting) was evident.
- There was no major incident recorded, even though there were commotions and short fights at the polling sites.
- Disagreements over voting arrangements led to destruction of polling booths at several polling places.
- Polling officials had to flee for their safety, leaving the people to mark the ballot papers in their absence.
- 86 people were arrested and charged for tempering with the ballot papers by the Joint Security Forces.

Observations on Counting
Counting for the Electorate was done in Goroka, as were all the Electorates for EHP. Main observations for Daulo Electorate counting were:
- Counting for the primary votes for Daulo was separated into the three LLGs where they were controlled by three appointed Assistant Returning Officers (AROs).
- Lower and Upper Asaro areas commenced the counting on the Thursday 14th of August 2022.
- There was delay in the counting of the ballot boxes from Watabung LLG due to disputes over the status of the tempered boxes.

**Primary Count**
- The Lower Asaro candidates scored well in their LLG but not many votes from the two other LLGs.
- The Upper Asaro candidates also scored well in their LLG but not many votes from Lower Asaro and Watabung. Likewise, for the Watabung candidates.

**Second Preferences of votes**
- **Trend of block voting (BV):** When a candidate from a certain village/tribe got eliminated, his second preferences were distributed to a candidate from his area (vote by popularity).
- **Block voting (BV):** During the conclusion of the counting of primary votes, most candidates tend to do well. Block voting was the generalised pattern of voting in the election (Block Voting).
- **Swapping of preferences (SOP):** Where there were two candidates contesting from the same area, the villagers agreed on sharing of the initial primary votes and swap the second preference (Swapping Preference in Block Voting).

Recommendations
- The democratic rights of individual were taken away by the community totalitarianism which shifted individual rights to community power and decisions. Therefore, the following are recommended.
  - An independent audit be conducted that can be used as the basis for electoral reforms to the current electoral process in PNG.
  - A simple Identification Card system must be developed for eligible voters to use.