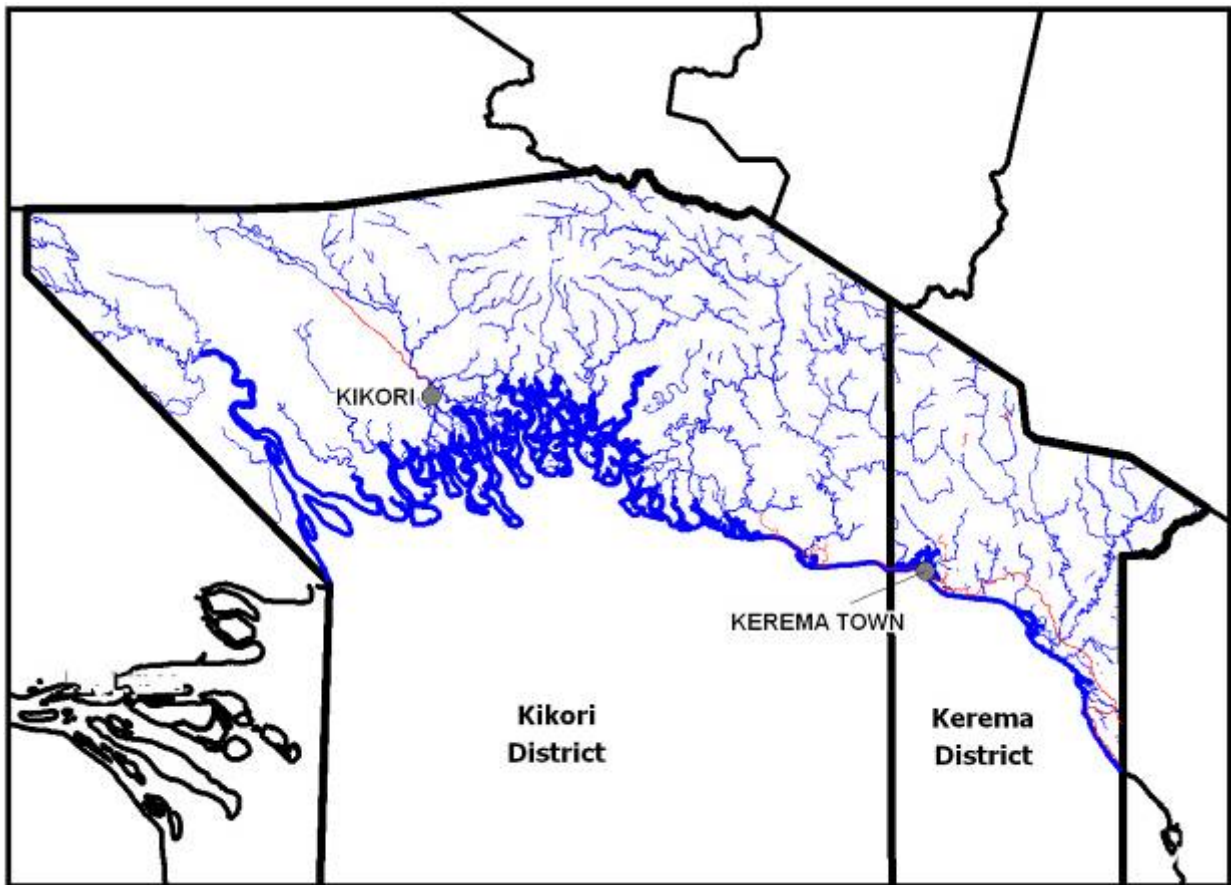


Gulf Province



Gulf Province

General Information

Administration

Provincial headquarters: Kerema
Number of districts: 2 - Kerema, Kikori
Number of LLGs: 10
Number of wards: 150

Population

		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	106898	51.9	48.1
< 15 years	47268	52.5	47.5
15-64 years	57602	51.5	48.5
> 65 years	2028	51.9	48.1
Citizen households	17043		

Area and population density

Area (km ²)	34472
Occupied area (km ²)	5688
Population per km ²	3.1
Population per km ² of occupied area	18.8

Average annual population growth rate (1980-2000): 2.6

About Gulf

The Gulf of Papua dominates the centre of Gulf Province, which stretches along the southern coast of the mainland. The Great Papuan Plateau lies in the west of the province while a number of rivers including the Turama, Kikori and Purari all converge in a large delta area on the coast. The Albert and Stanithorp Ranges are in the east of the province.

The provincial member is Mr. Havila Kave, a member of the People's National Congress Party. The three-term member before 2007 was Chris Haiveta.

Some high incomes can be made from selling food and betel nut in the markets in Port Moresby, otherwise most incomes in the province are low to moderate. Some forestry operations and the Kikori-Kutubu Oil pipeline provide limited wages. Income-earning opportunities could increase with the Liquefied Natural Gas Project.

A road runs from Kerema to Port Moresby, but the quality is poor between Kerema and Malalaua. Instead, many people use sea transport, often in dangerous conditions. New road developments around Kikori and leading up to Lake Kutubu in Southern Highlands will serve the planned Liquefied Natural Gas Project, which may increase transport infrastructure in the area.

Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	52333
Number of votes cast (2002)	47545
2002 Electoral Roll	105912
Number of votes cast (2007)	49474
2007 Electoral Roll	68509

Education

Type and number of schools

Elementary	154
Community	54
Primary	58
Provincial high	4
Secondary	2
Vocational	4

Universal basic education indicators (%)

Net admission rate	5.5%
Gross enrolment rate	57.6%
Net enrolment rate	41.8%

Literacy rate (%)

Total	Male	Female
56.9	62.5	50.9

Health

Number and population per facility

Health centres	23	4648
Aid posts	57	1875

Number and population per officer

Medical officers	4	26725
Nursing officers	87	1229

Mortality rates (per 1000)

Under 5 mortality rate	160
Infant mortality rate (under 1 year)	103
Child mortality rate (1-4 years of age)	57

Life expectancy (years)

Total	Male	Female
46.4	46.3	46.6

Economic Activity

Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Food crops	73.7	11.7
Betel nut	70.0	35.2
Coconut	53.1	12.3
Fishing	44.8	11.5
Poultry	23.0	4.2

*of total citizen households

Infrastructure

Electricity customers	411
Percent of population within 5km of a national road	23.8

Kerema District

General Information

Administration

District headquarters: Malalaua/Kerema
Number of LLGs: 6 - Central Kerema Rural, East Kerema Rural, Kaintiba Rural, Kerema Urban, Kotidanga Rural, Lakekamu-Tauri Rural
Number of wards: 74

Population

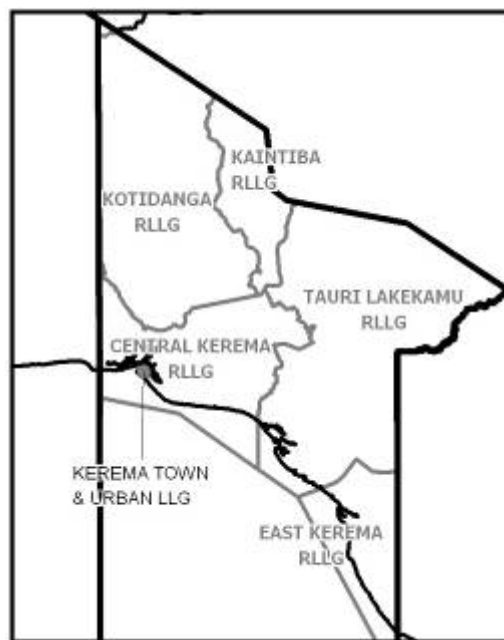
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	65498	52.0	48.0
< 15 years	29307	52.6	47.4
15-64 years	34912	51.5	48.5
> 65 years	1279	51.8	48.2
Citizen households	11075		

Area and population density

Area (km ²)	7318
Occupied area (km ²)	3095
Population per km ²	9.0
Population per km ² of occupied area	21.2

Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	31818
Number of votes cast (2002)	29200
Number of votes cast (2007)	31057



About Kerema

Kerema District borders Central Province in the east and Morobe Province in the north. It stretches across the Albert and Stanithorp ranges and the Tauri and Lakekamu rivers.

The district member is Mr. Titus Bombom, who ran for elections as an independent candidate but is now a member of the National Alliance Party. The member between 2002 and 2007 was Mr. Ekis Ropenu.

The river plains and valleys of the district have a moderate to high potential for agriculture, but are subject to flooding. Some incomes are derived from the sale of food and betel nut locally and in markets in Port Moresby, and some wage employment and royalties are available from forestry.

Education

Type and number of schools

Elementary	84
Community	26
Primary	30
Provincial high school	3
Vocational	2

Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	5.6%
Gross enrolment rate	51.7%
Net enrolment rate	39.7%

Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
55.3	59.8	50.6

Health

Number and population per officer

Medical officers	2	32749
Nursing officers	63	1040

Number and population per facility

Health centres	16	4094
Aid posts	27	2426

Infrastructure

Road access

A road runs from Kerema to Port Moresby, however, very poor conditions from Malalaua onwards see many prefer to travel the distance by water, in dangerous seas. There is no road linking the north of the district.

Economic Activity

Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Food crops	76.5	8.6
Betel nut	71.0	34.6
Coconut	41.2	5.6
Fishing	35.4	7.6
Coffee	29.2	27.7

*of total citizen households

Kikori District

General Information

Administration

District headquarters: Kikori
Number of LLGs: 4 - Baimuru Rural, East Kikori Rural, Ihu Rural, West Kikori Rural
Number of wards: 76

Population

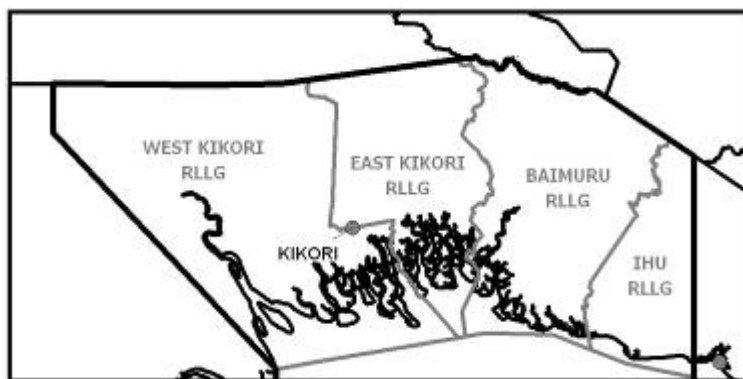
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Total	41400	51.9	48.1
< 15 years	17961	52.3	47.7
15-64 years	22690	51.6	48.4
> 65 years	749	51.9	48.1
Citizen households	5968		

Area and population density

Area (km ²)	27154
Occupied area (km ²)	2593
Population per km ²	1.5
Population per km ² of occupied area	16.0

Electoral statistics

Eligible voters (2000 Census)	20515
Number of votes cast (2002)	17800
Number of votes cast (2007)	18479



About Kikori

Kikori District encompasses the Great Papuan Plateau and the valleys of the Turama, Kikori and Purari Rivers, which all form a large, common delta on the coast.

The district member is Mr. Mark Maipakai, a member of the National Alliance Party. He is the current Minister for Labour and Industrial Relations. This is his second term.

Moderate potential for agriculture in some of the district's valleys is still constrained by flooding, while the delta area has very low potential for agricultural activity. Income opportunities exist for food production for markets in Port Moresby.

Education

Type and number of schools

Elementary	70
Community	28
Primary	28
Provincial high school	1
Vocational	2

Universal basic education indicators

Net admission rate	5.2%
Gross enrolment rate	66.9%
Net enrolment rate	45.2%

Literacy rate

Total	Male (%)	Female (%)
59.5	67.0	51.5

Health

Number and population per officer

Medical officers	2	20700
Nursing officers	24	1725

Number and population per facility

Health centres	7	5914
Aid posts	30	1380

Infrastructure

Road access

A privately built road runs between Lake Kutubu and Kikori and more is anticipated to support the Liquefied Natural Gas Project. At present, there are no roads linking the valleys in the district. Water transport throughout the delta is common.

Economic Activity

Top agricultural activities of citizen households

	% engaged	%* engaged for cash
Coconut	75.2	24.9
Food crops	68.5	17.4
Betel nut	68.2	36.3
Fishing	62.3	18.8
Poultry	32.9	6.6

*of total citizen households