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| NZAID making a difference in Papua New Guinea

NEW ZEALAND'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

NZAID snapshot

- NZAID is the Government's international aid and development agency
- In 2008/09 NZAID will spend \$471.3 million on overseas development assistance
- Over half of NZAID's expenditure is spent in the Pacific
- NZAID's total bilateral assistance to Papua New Guinea (PNG) in 2008/09 is \$22.5 million and is expected to rise to \$30 million by 2009/10.



NZAID is committed to supporting mothers and babies - women wait outside a health clinic

The issues

- Poverty is pervasive and income disparity is growing, despite several years of macro-economic improvement
- Gender inequality and violence constrain the ability of women to participate in economic, social and political life
- The recognised need to achieve broad based economic growth is restricted by deteriorating infrastructure and poor service delivery to rural areas
- Ten years after the ceasefire, the peace and security in Bougainville remains delicate, and lack of infrastructure and services hamper development
- Widespread law and order problems pose a threat to locals, constrain investment and inhibit the growth of the private sector
- The generalised HIV and AIDS epidemic has serious implications for the society and on economic performance.

The facts

- PNG is the largest Pacific Island country but has the lowest living standards
- Of the population of 6.1 million, 40 percent are under the age of 15
- 85 percent of the population live in rural areas
- Over 800 language and ethnic groups
- Average life expectancy is 57 years.



"To contribute to a just society, free of poverty, through equitable and sustainable social and economic development of PNG and all its people"

Goal of PNG Country Programme Strategy

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New Zealand's assistance

NZAID signed a joint strategy with the Government of Papua New Guinea in July 2008. This strategy will guide NZAID's programme in PNG for the next 10 years, and addresses some of the key development priorities of the country. The strategy is aimed at:

- improving social services in education and health
- improving livelihood opportunities for rural people

NZAID will focus on gender equality and the empowerment of women throughout the programme, and incorporate ways of raising awareness of HIV and AIDS.

Improving social services

NZAID will continue its long-term commitment to the Health Sector Improvement Programme (HSIP), a joint approach between the Government and a number of development partners to build the capacity of the Department of Health, and improve delivery of health services. Specific support is provided through a number of partners targeting reproductive health, HIV and AIDS prevention, and community health.



Billboard to promote HIV and AIDS awareness

NZAID supports PNG as it works towards a sector-wide approach to improve access to basic primary education. NZAID is also developing a comprehensive approach to human resource development in PNG that expands its existing NZAID tertiary and technical scholarship schemes and will better links training to improving rural livelihoods. NZAID currently offers around 250 scholarships per year for study in New Zealand and PNG.

Improving livelihoods opportunities

NZAID's contribution in this area is a growing aspect of the PNG programme. In 2008/09, NZAID will continue to provide organisational support for the Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) and Bris Kanda Rural Enterprise

Development Programme. FPDA is a Government extension agency linking farmers and consumers of fresh fruit and vegetables. Bris Kanda aims to build commercially productive partnerships between rural communities and service providers in Morobe province.

Working closely with the Department of Agriculture and Livestock, NZAID will explore ways to improve rural people's income from the agricultural sector by supporting government and civil society groups who can improve small-holder farmer productivity and access to markets.

Bougainville

NZAID's engagement in Bougainville focuses on supporting the governance of the Autonomous Region and strengthening its law and justice system. This includes the Governance and Implementation Fund which is a joint initiative of Government of PNG, the Autonomous Bougainville Government, AusAID and NZAID to improve government administration and service delivery. The Bougainville Community Policing Project provides training and support to the Bougainville Police Service and Community Auxiliary Police who help local communities deal with law and order and social problems in consultation with chiefs and traditional leaders.

Civil society

NZAID recognises the role and potential of civil society organisations in addressing poverty and promoting sustainable development in PNG. Support is provided for organisations that deliver key services, empower communities to address their development needs, and take a strategic approach to advocating for improved services and greater economic prosperity for rural communities.

Gender equality and the empowerment of women

During 2008/09, NZAID will assess and strengthen the extent to which its work advances gender equality and empowers the women of PNG. Opportunities for supporting initiatives that focus specifically on gender issues will be explored.

New Zealand Government