

# Bougainville Planning and Community Support Project (BPCS)



## Background

Elections to fill the office of the President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) and membership of the House of Representatives of Bougainville, along with the inauguration of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) in its full capacity all took place in mid-2005. In April 2007, the Administrator of ABG passed away. However, ABG has been able to effectively cope with this major loss of leadership, and a new Acting Administrator has been appointed. The key challenges facing Bougainville are: (i) to restore the trust of people in the institutions of governance, both within Bougainville and between Bougainville and the Papua New Guinea Government system; (ii) to continue to find ways to address the longer-term psychological impact that the civil unrest has had on the people through disrupted education, loss of public services and disrupted access to livelihood and income generation opportunities; (iii) successful completion of the Weapons Disposal Plan; (iv) implementation of a number of practical peace building Bougainville Peace Agreement; (v) strengthening of the social capital in Bougainville; and (vi) the restoration of social services.

## Purpose of project

The project intends to:

1. Build the capacity of the Bougainville Provincial Government to:
  - a. Assess the 'state of Bougainville' through a Bougainville Human Development Report (BHDR)
  - b. Collect, manage and analyze statistical information
  - c. Provide training and support to the local governance through the Council of Elders
2. Provide support to the consolidation of the peace process by:
  - a. Assisting the development of stronger youth networks
  - b. Human rights advocacy and conflict resolution training
  - c. Aiding sports and cultural activities
3. Strengthen economic development and livelihood opportunities through:
  - a. Efforts to build a network of business trainers
  - b. Help to isolated areas with special needs

## Key results and Reports

1. Assist in capacity building through effective planning and management skills
2. Support to the consolidation of the peace process through leadership, human rights advocacy and other social activities. A new Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund-funded project – Bougainville Community Leadership Project implemented in 2007 to complement the work done in this area. By focusing on human rights and on women and youth. Through this fund the Project has initiated Peace Fairs and pre-reconciliation activities in 10 COEs to facilitate reconciliation and unity-building. As well it has provided training in Conflict Resolution, Leadership, Governance, Life Skills, Economic Skills, Start-up Businesses and Human Rights. Its focus has been women, youth, ex-combatants and COEs.
3. Strengthen economic development and livelihood opportunities

## Main activities

- Establishment of a database system for ongoing and planned development activities being supported. To date the Project has developed data bases for the following: Local Level Government, Youth, Life skill needs, CSOs, economic-skill trainer/providers, human rights training materials and women.
- Assist the respective Governmental divisions in the crunching of data and the development of work plans, strategies and policies.
- Production of a Bougainville Human Development Report (BHDR) on community-based education.
- Building of capacities of Councils of Elders (COEs), particularly their women and youth representatives in leadership, planning and management of recovery activities.
- Promotion of human rights awareness and enhancement of conflicts resolution skills through training in areas such as

- civic education, human rights, conflict resolution, trauma healing and key challenges to development
- Support to Bougainville Administration and District Administrations to promote peace and confidence building through sports and cultural activities.
- Programs implemented to assist in reconciliation and the promotion of unity at the COE level.

Capacity strengthening of various Government Divisions through direct hands-on training and cooperation, but focused support with the Planning Division with the placement of a Senior Planner and IT Specialist and the development of the Strategic Action Plan and its up-dating.

## Contributing donor(s)

UNDP

## Duration

Jan 2004 to December 2007

Status of the project: ongoing

## Total budget

2007:

UNDP: 775.000 dollars, including 220.000 from Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund (DGTF)

## Project Partners

- Autonomous Bougainville Government;
- NCOBA
- Government of Papua New Guinea
- NGOs & other CSOs;
- Local Level Government

## Project delivery

Expenditure by years

2004: USD 147.233

2005: USD 341.411

2006: USD 823.982

## Location

Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARB)

## Thematic Area

Democratic Governance, Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Corporate Thematic Area: Democratic Governance, CPR

Cross-cutting themes: ICT 4 Development, Gender

UN Country Programme intermediate outcomes: CPR, decentralization

## Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty: This goal is not being met any longer through the Project as the Economic component has been dropped.

Goal 2: Universal Primary Education: The Project's HDR and HR work both promote Universal Primary Education.

Goal 3: Gender equality and Women Empowerment: The Project hosted a Women Leadership in Development workshop and is engaged through HR work as well as helping with a questionnaire and policy women's policy development.

Goal 8: Global development partnership: The Project supports the ABG in strengthening its donor coordination capacity and its planning activities.

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