

Support to Legislation in PNG



Background

Papua New Guinea's Parliament and legislative system is a vibrant and effective part of the country's democratic government. However, some of the key services of the legislative system have, for a variety of reasons experienced a decline in effectiveness. There is a recognized need for a comprehensive institutional reform process, which has already been initiated with a restructuring of the parliament.

Purpose of project

The focus of the AWP is towards strengthening the legislative mechanisms in place in Papua New Guinea and ensuring bodies and activities related to legislative strengthening are harmonized. This will be done through capacity development initiatives aimed at those involved in legislative drafting; and facilitating dialogue and harmonization amongst the different bodies responsible for legislative drafting. Work will also be done to establish a website for the Office of Legislative Counsel.

UNDP will work with the Office of Legislative Counsel, which is the body within the Prime Minister's Department responsible for legislative drafting, to achieve the targets.

Key results and Reports

1. Improved legislative drafting process
2. Increased participation by provincial assemblies in national parliamentary workshops
3. Increased outreach through the website

Main activities

- OCL website established and staff trained on web design and maintenance
- Training on legislative drafting procedures

Contributing donor(s)

UNDP

Duration

2008 - 2012

Total budget

USD 100,000

Project Partners

Implementing Partner:

Implemented by the Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC). The OLC is located within the Department of Prime Minister, is the focal point between the executive and legislative arms of government in the overall legislative process. Almost all legislation introduced by the government and passed by the Parliament emanate from the OLC. Although located within the executive branch of government, the office performs a crucial function for the legislative arm of government through the provision of constitutional laws and bills which are passed for state governance.

Responsible Parties:

N/A

Other Partners:

N/A

Location

National

Thematic Area

Corporate Thematic Area: Democratic Governance

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1: Reduce poverty by one half

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