

# Gender Based Violence



## Background

Papua New Guinea's progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals has been slow. Uneven economic growth and distribution of wealth, high levels of violence, especially against women, deteriorating law and order, poor governance and diminishing public services have combined to undermine the nation's stability. Social cohesion in some provinces has deteriorated to the point that they have descended into civil war (such as in Bougainville) or where the situation is tense (such as the Southern Highlands), leading to social disillusionment and marginalization in the community. The worst affected have often been women and youth, who frequently face what are often socially acceptable levels of violence.

## Purpose of project

The project is supporting the Department for Community Development as it tries to implement a number of legal and social measures across a broad range of communities to protect women and children from violence of all kinds.

## Key results and Reports

1. Department for Community Development has the capacity to fight for better laws, policies and national and international commitments to fight gender based violence
2. Law and justice sector has the capacity to appropriately respond to gender based violence
3. Communities have access to a range of measures to protect themselves

## Main activities

1. Review of government policies and protocols
2. Training for police
3. Assessment of a range of IEC and advocacy materials directed at the public for reducing community violence

## Contributing donor(s)

UNDP, UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNICEF

## Duration

2009 - 2012

## Total budget

USD 1,239,000

## Project Partners

### Implementing Partner:

UNIFEM, UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR, UNAIDS

### Responsible Parties:

Department for Community Development

### Other Partners:

N/A

## Location

National

## Thematic Area

Corporate Thematic Area: Crisis Prevention and Recovery

## Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1: Reduce poverty by one half

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