

Joint UN Programme for the HIV/AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Enhancement Support Project



Background

With the threat of HIV/AIDS undermining efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and National Development targets, the Government of Papua New Guinea endorsed the National Strategic Plan on HIV /AIDS 2006-2010. Because a comprehensive epidemiological database and a systematic mechanism for tracking the epidemic was lacking, it was agreed at the first ever consensus workshop of major stakeholders in Port Moresby in 2004 that epidemiological surveillance and monitoring of the epidemic was critically inadequate and lacking within the national response.

Purpose of project

This UNDP initiated UN Joint Project aims to support the national commitment to develop a strong epidemiological database that is supported by a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system as well as the Country Response Information System (CRIS) in order to ensure sustainability of the national response. The purpose of the project is to build the national capacity of the National Aids Council Secretariat (NACS) through a monitoring and evaluation unit, acting as the national coordinating entity to effectively monitor the rate of increase at the provincial and district levels and the efficacy of all programmes within the national response.

Through the project, contributing UN Agencies are also supporting the National Aids Council Secretariat to undertake a needs assessment of all provinces to assess their capacity level for introducing basic M&E skills, and for the establishing M&E working groups, including NGOs, for collecting data based on national and provincial indicators.

Key results

1. Memorandum of understanding established among key UN agencies on monetary and in kind support in early 2005.
2. Emergence of AusAID as major contributing partner in terms of participation in Project Steering Committee meetings and in kind support with technical expertise.
3. Introduction of basic M&E principles in eight provinces in 2005 and 2006. (The remaining 12 provinces are set for their training in 2007.)

Main activities

- Establishment of M&E Unit within the National Aids Council Secretariat with staff recruited by Secretariat
- Basic training in M&E carried out in 2005/2006 in eight provinces with 12 provinces set for training in 2007
- Holding of consultative workshops on quarterly data collection framework in 2007
- Production of M&E training manuals in 2007
- Conduct of needs assessment in 2007
- Conduct of CRIS training for NACS and other national level stakeholders
- International training of M&E staff
- M&E training for NGOs
- Preparation of AIDS indicator survey
- Holding of national consensus workshop in collaboration with the Surveillance Unit of Department of Health
- Behavioral research on sex workers in collaboration with research institutions.

Contributing donor(s)

UNDP; WHO; UNICEF; UNFPA; UNAIDS

Duration

January 2005 to December 2006 (first phase)
January 2007 and beyond (second phase)

Total budget

USD 216,000 (2005/2006)

Executing Agency

National Aids Council Secretariat

Cooperating agency(ies)

UN Country Team, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, other Government Departments

Location

Nationwide

Sector(s)

HIV/AIDS, Health, Governance

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 6

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