

MDG Coordination and Implementation Project



Background

Papua New Guinea (PNG) launched its first Millennium Development Goal (MDG) Progress Report in 2005. The report captured and reported on a number of issues, including the country's preparations since the Millennium Declaration by heads of state and governments at the UN Millennium Assembly in 2000. It also reported the opportunities and challenges for achieving the MDGs by 2015. The Government, assisted by the United Nations, subsequently localised the global targets and indicators by identifying 15 targets and 67 indicators which apply in PNG's specific social and economic context.

The Progress Report also proposed the formulation of a United Nations joint MDG project to galvanize and coordinate preparations towards achieving the MDGs. The resulting joint project, later renamed the MDG Coordination and Implementation Project, was endorsed by the Government on 10 August 2006 and is serviced at the highest level by a Steering Committee consisting of representatives from the United Nations, line departments, provincial governments and civil society.

The Steering Committee is supported by a Technical Working Group which comprises specialists from all line departments. These two entities are assisted by a Core Working Group within the Department of National Planning and Monitoring. The Core Working Group serves as secretariat for both the Steering Committee and the Technical Working Group. The Core Working Group meets twice a month to exchange views on MDG progress and to implement proposals endorsed by the Steering Committee. On 20 November 2006, the MDG Steering Committee held its first meeting in Port Moresby.

Purpose of project

The MDG Coordination and Implementation Project serves as platform/organizing framework for deliberations on the MDGs in PNG. The four components of the project serve two main outcomes: (i) provide a basis and foundation for a massive national awareness of the MDGs at the national, provincial, and local government levels; and (ii) promote strong data collection, analysis and reporting on the 67 PNG-tailored MDG indicators.

The four Project components and outputs are:

1. Continuing MDG/Medium Term Development Strategy 2005-2010 (MTDS) campaign through advocacy, awareness creation and training
 - I. Shadow reporting of MDG Progress by CSOs, NGOs and youth groups
 - II. Media training on the MDGs and related development issues
 - III. Raising public awareness of the MDGs throughout the nation
 - IV. Increasing provincial dialogue on the MDGs
2. MDG /Medium Term Development Strategy 2005-2010 reporting
 - I. Preparation of the second MDG progress report
 - II. Support to PNG Report to the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on HIV/AIDS
3. Monitoring of the MDGs and Medium Term Development Strategy 2005-2010
 - I. United Nations support to the National Statistical Office in the 2006 demographic and health survey (DHS)
 - II. Improvement of service statistics in line government departments
 - III. DevInfo training and installation at National Statistics Office (parallel output)
 - IV. Ten-year monitoring plan (parallel output)
4. Support to the implementation of the Medium Term Development Strategy 2005-2010
 - I. Research grant funds to NGOs
 - II. Technical assistance to specific areas – sectors in need

Key results

1. National MDG Roadmap 2004-2015
2. National and global dissemination of localised MDG indicators

3. Collaboration with the World Bank, IMF and Asian Development Bank:
4. Establishment of national MDG decision organs
5. Invitation of United Nations Special MDG Ambassador to PNG:
6. Support to UN Country Team Development Assistance Framework:
7. Collaboration with MDG – 7 Project.

Main activities

- Verification of localised MDG data and completion of DHS. Preparation and finalization of statistical baseline report at the national, provincial and district levels
- Completion of MDG diagnostic assessment, covering the national, provincial and district levels, based on the 67 localised indicators
- Completion of MDG costing and their announcement, nationally and globally
- Convening of national civil society workshop on MDG implementation in PNG in Madang
- Formulation of an eight-year MDG programme, with complete costing, endorsed by the Government, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, AusAID, IMF, and EU.
- Convening of simultaneous PNG-MDG donor roundtable in Port Moresby, Geneva and Canberra, leading to pledging of financial assistance towards implementation of the MDG programme
- Signing of PNG-MDG Global Compact by pledging donors /partners.

Contributing donor(s)

UN Country Team in Papua New Guinea

Duration

February 2006 to January 2009

Total budget

USD 2,200,000 (USD 250,000 mobilized; USD 1,950,000 to be mobilized)

Executing Agency

Department of National Planning and Monitoring (National Execution)

Cooperating agency(ies)

Government of Papua New Guinea; Provincial Governments; AusAID

Location

Nationwide

Sector(s)

Governance

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1-8

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