



UN calls for Emergency Response on HIV AIDS in PNG



A Regional Directors Mission on HIV AIDS in Asia and Pacific visited the country from 18-21 November to assess the status of the epidemic and the response from various stakeholders and to recommend specific measures to scale up the response.

The team met with a broad range of stakeholders from the government, civil society, development partners and affected communities.

The team noted good progress in many areas of the HIV response, in particular the expansion of testing and treatment services. However, the team expressed concern that epidemic is now spreading to rural and hard to reach areas

and the prevention efforts are not keeping pace with the epidemic. The team was advised that some of the districts are reporting unusually high prevalence of HIV. Of particular concern to the team were reports of discrimination against people living with HIV. The team calls on the government to ensure that the HIV AIDS Management and Prevention (HAMP) Act is fully operational and be able to protect the rights of people living with HIV. "The Government should be a model employer", said Prasada Rao, Director UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific.

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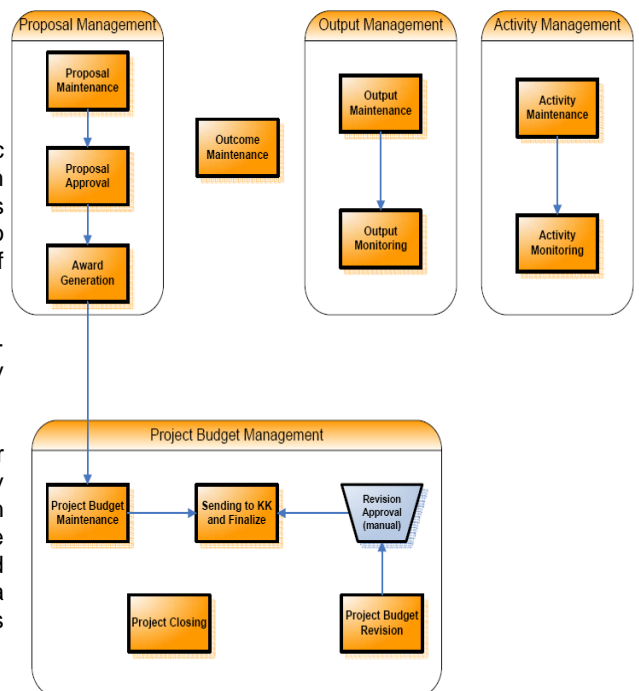
Workshop on Atlas Upgrade and Programme Management

UNFPA Dr. Gilbert Hiawalyer and Finance Associate Erea Zobec attended a Atlas Upgrade and Programme Management workshop from the 10-14 November 2008 in Bankok. The purpose of the workshop was for participants to learn new features that were added to Atlas to align to the new global UNFPA Strategic Plan, which is already in the UNCP of PNG.

The new UNFPA Strategic Plan has been developed to serve as the centerpiece for organizational programming, management and accountability for the period 2008-2011, for UNFPA and all its country officers.

The plan sets the strategic direction and provides the overall framework for guiding UNFPA support to programme countries to achieve their nationally owned development objectives over the next four years. The strategic plan consists of the (a) a development results framework, which outlines the goals and outcomes for UNFPA in the three focus areas of population and development, reproductive health and rights and gender equality; (b) a management results framework and (c) an integrated financial resources framework.

The following are the critical areas that were taken during the training for realignment process:



1. Link country programme (CPD) outputs with the outcomes in the development results framework of the Strategic Plan and record them in Atlas in relation to Annual Work plans in the Country Programme
2. In the process of realignment such complex CP outputs must be reformulated and/or split accordingly to ensure that each CP output statement defines a contribution to one SP outcome
3. Refine and rationalize the output indicators
4. Every indicator should have baseline information and a target.
5. Rationalize the number of Annual Work Plans (AWP)
6. Code the CP outputs and AWP Activities in Atlas.
7. Record AWP Activities in Atlas

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