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UN Staff took part in Promoting Good Health—PNG Health Week



The National Department of Health organized a National Health Week from the 25–29 August with the objective of having every health facility provide a week of health activities and health promotion, increasing community knowledge of major health issues in communities and healthy behaviors, mobilizing communities, leaders and health staff to prioritize health as a major development issue and increase appropriate utilization of health services after the intervention.

Part of the Health Week was free medical check-ups for communities which the UN Staff took part in to support this initiative to secure good health for the country. Most staff who took time out to have their medical check done expressed satisfaction and were grateful that the initiative was a ‘wake up call’ to take care of their health, thanks to the UN Staff Association for organizing the check-ups.

The PNG Health Week is in line with the Medium Term Development Strategy focusing on: maternal and child, antenatal care and supervised deliveries, family planning services, Immunization, and malaria diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

UN UP COMING EVENTS

In September

- 1-2—PNG’s Second National Communication to UNFCCC Inception Workshop
- 3-4—PNG’s Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management Inception Workshop
- 5—Programme of Work for Protected Areas Inception Workshop
- 8-10—National Green House Gas Inventory Training
- 1-12—National MDG7 Scoping Mission
- 1-3—Visit from Mr Cecilio Adorna Senior Advisor, ‘Delivering as One’

COMMON ADVOCACY CORNER

MDG BLOG FOR THE OCCASION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON MDGs—www.mdg-gateway.org/MDG-Blog

The UN Secretary-General and the President of the UN General Assembly will convene a High-level Event on the Millennium Development Goals at UN Headquarters in New York on 25 September 2008. As part of preparatory work for the upcoming High-Level Event, UNDESA and UNDP, with the support from the MDG Network and the UNDG MDG Policy Network, are launching a Blog on MDGs to promote participation and inclusiveness, foster partnerships among stakeholders – across all sectors – for the achievement of MDGs; and promote awareness on the status and trends of the development goals and inspire concrete action to achieve the MDGs by 2015.

It is intended that the Blog will break the barrier of physical distance and hierarchy, accommodating active participation and drawing various insights from all over the world. Your opinions and advice are critical to enrich the upcoming discussions. Upon the conclusion of the Blog, a brief summary of the discussions will be put forward to be considered by the Co-Chairs and Thematic Experts of the round tables at the High-Level Event on MDGs. The themes covered by this Blog include: (1) poverty and hunger; (2) health and education; (3) environmental sustainability; (4) gender equality and empowerment of women; and (5) global partnership for development.

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