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UNIFEM's New Five –year Regional Programme Launched in PNG

UNIFEM's new Five-year Regional Programme to advance Gender Equality in Pacific Governance was launched on 25 September in Port Moresby, Lamana Hotel.

UNIFEM in partnership with AusAid first launched the Programme in Fiji in June this year and now in PNG.

In launching the Programme, RC Jacqui Badcock said gender issues are widespread in PNG and that this new Programme will not only boost the developments in place to address gender issues but also bring into focus the gender dimensions in the country. She added that the Programme will also pave a new forward towards equality in government and parliament and in all decision making levels in PNG.

Apart from the Programme, UNIFEM is assisting the UN and development partners to set up a thematic group to have a coherent and coordinated approach to address gender issues and women empowerment programmes.



PNG Joins other Countries to Combat Climate Change through REDD

Papua New Guinea is one of the nine tropical forested countries who have expressed formal interest in receiving assistance to combat climate change from deforestation, through a new initiative called the UN-REDD Programme announced in New York this week .

Other countries include Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zambia

PNG along with Indonesia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania will quick start their efforts through developing national strategies, establishing robust systems for monitoring, assessment, reporting and verification of forest cover and carbon stocks, and building necessary capabilities.

Whilst announcing the UN-REDD Programme, SG Ban Ki-moon said: The battle against climate change cannot be won without the world's forests— this is now clear. This initiative will not only demonstrate how forests can have an important role as part of a post-2012 climate regime, expected from the December 2009 Copenhagen change conference. It will also help build much needed confidence that the world community is ready to support ... ”,

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Joint Country Support for Accelerated Implementation of Maternal and Newborn Continuum of Care

UN Agencies—WHO, UNFPA , UNICEF and World Bank UN held a high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals this week to harmonize approaches by UN agencies towards improving maternal and newborn health (MNH) at country level and jointly raise the necessary resources.

In a joint statement, the UN Agencies said while there has been some progress in the health-related MDGs, MDG 5 is the one with the least progress. It represents the greatest inequality in health and one that affects women, with a life-time risk of maternal death of one thousand times greater in parts of sub-Saharan Africa and Asia (as high as 1 in 7) than in some industrialized countries. Complications of pregnancy and childbirth leave 10-20 million women with physical and mental disabilities every year.

The agencies will coordinate their support at country level guided by the national health plan and according to each agency's respective country-specific strengths and capacities. Support to these activities will be embedded within the strengthening of national health systems. The agencies will jointly contribute to national capacity strengthening, building of sustainable national health systems and costing and financing of MNH national plans whilst ensuring national and global advocacy.

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