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## Commitment to Make Aid Deliver Effectively in PNG



### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11  
World Population Day

An important milestone was set this week with the signing of the PNG Commitment on Aid Effectiveness, on Wednesday July 2nd, 2008. This document is the result of a yearlong effort from the Government of PNG and all its Development Partners to set principles, goals and indicators of progress to deliver aid more effectively within the country. The document follows the blueprint of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, which has become a globally-accepted standard for aid management.

The signing was witnessed by the Minister for Planning and Rural Development, Paul Tiensten. The Government was represented by Secretary of National Planning, Mr. Joseph Lelang. Both stressed the significance of the event and the commitment of the Government to strengthening the development aid partnership. Minister Tiensten also invited development partners to follow the pioneer effort of UNDP in supporting the capacity development of the Department of National Planning.

Co-Chair of the Development Partners Roundtable, Dr. Jacqui Badcock, in response stressed the importance of the event and the need to continue seeding the aid partnership. The U.N. has played a critical role in facilitating the process leading up to the signing of the PNG Commitment on Aid Effectiveness.



### COMMON ADVOCACY CORNER

*Each week a colleague from the UN family will talk to you on how the UN Country Team is contributing to Nation Building—Regina Kagl—HIV AIDS Officer—UNICEF*

#### “Our aim is total prevention of HIV AIDS”

Differentiating age and gender is essential in dealing with the HIV AIDS stigma and discrimination. And this is what our HIV AIDS section is working to address through our Primary Prevention activities.

The Prevention programme's aim is ‘total prevention’ and we are working to achieve this through two main projects – Prevention of Mother/Parent to Child Transmission and Youth Prevention. The process used to address the issues are: Community Mapping And Theatre Against AIDS, Life skills (Interpersonal Development/ understanding of self), and AIDS Competence,

These processes use the Rights Based Approach which involves identifying issues based on gender and age groups and imparting these issues to the community as a whole using theater skills. The rationale in grouping people in certain age groups and gender is that people are more comfortable and are able to speak freely on issues of HIV AIDS among their peers. Dramatization of these issues assist communities to draw up action plans to address their problems.

Life Skills deal with interpersonal development, empowering young people to make right decisions in personal relationships. So far 26 ToT National trainers have been trained in Life skills for six pilot provinces – Goroka, Chimbu, Wewak, Mt Hagen, Bougainville and Milne Bay. Five Youth Friendly Centers have also been established which is linked to the life skills programme for young people to access. The centers are also open to people in the community to share experiences and information.

### Training—Forest Carbon

Gwen Maru and Noriko Chatani attended a five-day training course on Asia-Pacific Carbon Forest Project organized by Conservation International from 23-27 June in Bali, Indonesia. The objective of this course is to provide guidance on how to develop innovative forest carbon projects to mitigate climate change, conserve biodiversity and sustain people's livelihoods.

The course included discussions on two types of forest carbon projects: 1) forest conservation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and degradation (‘REDD’ projects), and 2) reforestation or afforestation projects that mitigate climate change by sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. As for Papua New Guinea's national priority, it is very keen on developing REDD projects nationally to protect its forests as well as promote the livelihoods of people dependent on the forests. With the successful completion of the training course, Gwen and Noriko have enhanced their understanding of REDD and hope that this knowledge will be shared with their government counterpart responsible for REDD, the Office of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability under Department of Environment and Conservation as well as other stakeholders.

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