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## Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT) At A Glance

### The main objectives of the new HACT approach

- Reduce transaction costs for partners and UN staff by minimizing procedures and making them simple and consistent
- Promote the use of national systems as a way of strengthening the self-reliance of countries in managing their development
- Focus more on building sustainable national & NGO/CSO capacities

### Four Cash Transfer Modalities

- Direct Cash Transfer
- Direct Payment
- Reimbursement
- Direct Agency Implementation

### Assurance Activities include

- Periodic on-site reviews (spot-checks, special audit)
- Programmatic assurance (field monitoring and annual review)
- Scheduled audits

### Where we are in terms of HACT roll-out

- Macro Assessment of the Public Financial Management System undertaken
- Sixteen (16) micro assessments were undertaken for 16 Implementing Partners
- Findings of the micro assessment reports and recommendations for a One UN approach on cash transfer modalities, assurance activities and UN strategic support to IP capacity development are being discussed at ExCom Heads level
- Consultation with Implementing Partners re the above-mentioned issues to take place in September
- HACT roll-out scheduled for 1 January 2009

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28 – 31, 2008

Avian Influenza/Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Planning Work shop—Port Moresby—UNICEF PNG and NAQIA

## 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 — **Julie Bukikun— National Programme Officer—UNIFEM**



### EC/UNIFEM Project - National Consultation on Gender Equality and Aid Effectiveness

UNIFEM held a high level consultation with representatives from PNG's six major aid donors, the government and key stakeholders from the national and provincial women's organizations on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in Port Moresby.

The purpose of the consultation was to present findings of a 6 month mapping study which was part of a joint global project by the European Commission EC and UNIFEM to ensure that gender equality and women's human rights are fully incorporated into national development processes.

PNG was the only Pacific country selected by the EC and UNIFEM to be included among the 12 pilot countries globally.

Some of the key questions raised in the study include:

- What is the macro context of aid and how/where does gender fit into the macro economy?
- What is the new aid architecture in PNG and what are the implications for ensuring effective gender mainstreaming?
- How is aid effectiveness being monitored and do the monitoring tools consider gender equality?
- How can women leaders participate and put gender and their strategic needs and priorities onto the aid effectiveness agenda?

The objectives of the consultation include:

- Use the findings and evidence provided by the study to identify entry points for engagement and ways in which the study can influence development partner programming at the national level and implementing the new aid effectiveness agenda from a gender perspective.
- Discuss development of a process for formulating nationally-relevant indicators for assessing the impact of aid effectiveness on gender equality and identify key mechanisms and stakeholders to participate in monitoring these indicators.
- Review the key messages from the mapping studies as input to an advocacy strategy for integrating a Pacific gender perspective in the Accra Agenda for Action at the Ghana 2008 High Level Forum.

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