

# MANAGEMENT RESPONSE- MID TERM REVIEW OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA COUNTRY PLAN BOUGAINVILLE REPORT.

## Summary of management response

DFAT welcomes this evaluation, which we view as a constructive and well informed contribution to strengthening the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) program going forward. We generally agree with the proposed set of recommendations, with only one exception (to the nine). We will move to quickly implement most of the identified changes in early 2018.

Individual management response to the recommendations

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<b>Recommendation 1</b>  Ensure that stakeholders understand the role of the <i>Pacific Women</i> Support Unit and that <i>Pacific Women</i> is not a grants program.	Agree	DFAT will clarify the contractual role of the <i>Pacific Women</i> Support Unit in the course of engagement with the Autonomous Bougainville Government stakeholders, program partners and bilateral counterparts.	Post and desk will action this through ongoing engagement with partners and stakeholders.	Ongoing.

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<b>Recommendation 2</b>  Continue to build relationships with the Bougainville Department of Community Development. This could include providing Program reporting that clearly identifies <i>Pacific Women</i> contributions to the Autonomous Bougainville Government's strategic and policy commitments.	Agree	DFAT will continue to identify opportunities to engage with the Autonomous Bougainville Government on the role and place of the <i>Pacific Women</i> Program as a major bilateral investment vehicle while building relationships with key Autonomous Bougainville Government partners.	<p>Post will action this through direct engagement by staff from DFAT and the <i>Pacific Women</i> Support Unit with the Bougainville Department of Community Development and other Autonomous Bougainville Government stakeholders.</p> <p>Post and the <i>Pacific Women</i> Support Unit will offer Autonomous Bougainville Government stakeholders verbal updates on <i>Pacific Women</i> on a regular basis as well as provide copies of the Bougainville Performance Reports.</p>	Ongoing.  Performance reports will be shared in May 2018.

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<b>Recommendation 3</b> Leverage support for the roll out of the Autonomous Bougainville Government's Policy for Women's Empowerment, Gender Equality, Peace and Security	Agree	Agree it is important to support the Autonomous Bougainville Government as it rolls out this policy. Increased implementation of the policy will improve women's empowerment, gender equality, peace and security.	<p>Post and the <i>Pacific Women</i> Support Unit will work closely with the Autonomous Bougainville Government to identify where we can support its efforts to lead and coordinate the roll out of this policy.</p> <p>We will work with other international partners and other stakeholders to ensure they are aware of the policy and can support its implementation where appropriate.</p>	Ongoing

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<b>Recommendation 4</b>  Continue to facilitate networking and coalition building among implementing partners and between existing and potential partners by providing formal and informal opportunities and safe spaces. Use these opportunities to strategize and prioritise together, taking advantage of learning from within the program and from international experience.	Agree	DFAT supports this recommendation.	Post will use opportunities such as the <i>Pacific Women</i> Annual Learning Workshop to bring together stakeholders from across Bougainville and Papua New Guinea. We will continue to look for opportunities, including through events such as International Women's Day, National Women's Day and other forums on Bougainville, to share learning and international experience.	Ongoing

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<b>Recommendation 5</b>  Encourage and support projects in the Bougainville portfolio to create and/or strengthen links with the private sector.	Agree	DFAT supports this recommendation.	Post will support <i>Pacific Women</i> projects in Bougainville to meet and develop links with the private sector, including women's economic empowerment work funded by DFAT and others in Bougainville. Post will also encourage sharing with the projects lessons learned from <i>Pacific Women</i> programs in PNG such as the 'Family Teams' approach and the <i>Do No Harm</i> research recommendations.	Ongoing

<p><b>Recommendation 6</b></p> <p>Engage with the Department for Community Development, and the Bougainville Peace-Building Program (and other donors) to identify strategies for addressing urgent need for livelihoods options for family and sexual violence survivors and, in general, more economic opportunities for women. Look for opportunities to build on the community infrastructure work carried out by the Inclusive Development project and Community Grants Program.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>DFAT supports this recommendation.</p>	<p>Post and the <i>Pacific Women</i> Support Unit will liaise with the Department for Community Development and the Bougainville Peace-Building Program to share strategies and recommendations on livelihoods options for survivors of sexual violence. We will share lessons and evidence on the importance of linking programs that support women in leadership, women in economic empowerment, and preventing and reducing family and sexual violence.</p> <p>As outlined in Recommendation 4, we will look for opportunities to improve coordination and information-sharing, including looking for synergies with the Inclusive Development project and Community Grants Program.</p>	<p>First quarter in 2018</p>
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<b>Recommendation 7</b> Similarly, work with the Bougainville Women's Federation, and the appropriate Bougainville Government agencies and the Bougainville Peace-Building Program to develop a strategy for continuation for voter education program.	Agree	DFAT will continue to support women's inclusion and participation in electoral processes in Bougainville, including through support to the International Federation for Electoral Systems. This program will promote women's involvement in the electoral process in Bougainville as a key objective.	Post and the <i>Pacific Women</i> Support Unit will support Bougainville stakeholders to lead the development of a strategy to continue voter education. DFAT will share learnings from relevant <i>Pacific Women</i> programs to inform the strategy, including at the <i>Pacific Women</i> Annual Learning Workshop.	Ongoing
<b>Recommendation 8</b> Leverage support for mental health and counselling services for men with trauma.	Agree in part	DFAT supports this in-principle, noting the importance of working with men to achieve gender equality outcomes. However, efforts to leverage this support would need to be clearly linked to achieving the <i>Pacific Women</i> intended outcomes.	Post will continue to strengthen linkages between <i>Pacific Women</i> investments and other sectoral programs that address these areas, including through the support to the male advocacy network and the men's hub in Bougainville.	Ongoing

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<b>Recommendation 9</b> Use <i>Pacific Women</i> networking and coalition-building opportunities to disseminate approaches used successfully by international partners to support local partners.	Agree	DFAT supports this recommendation, noting the importance of <i>Pacific Women</i> supporting locally-led approaches and working closely with the Autonomous Bougainville Government in this area.	Post will encourage this through program and technical design process and reviews, and through the Annual Learning Workshop and engagement with the Bougainville Government, in particular the Department of Community Development.	Ongoing.