

# MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: BOUGAINVILLE YOUTH INITIATIVE – INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND DESIGN

## Summary of management response

The report provides a useful assessment of work conducted under the pilot phase of the Bougainville Youth Initiative (BYI). Many of the elements identified reflect the pilot nature of the intervention, which will be addressed in consideration of future programming. While outside the scope of the review, its recommendations provide useful guidance to DFAT's existing support to youth in Bougainville, specifically capacity building of the Bougainville Youth Federation and District Youth Associations, as well as engagement through the education sector and more broadly, activities funded under the Australian NGO Cooperation Program.

Our response addresses the two primary review recommendations. The programming recommendations, (B1-B16), will be considered in the context of potential future programming.

## Individual management response to the recommendations

Recommendation	Response	Explanation	Action plan	Timeframe [If practical, please specify timeframe here]
<b>Recommendation A1</b> <i>DFAT should continue its support to Bougainville's youth and invest in a 5-year programme that aims to improve the economic, social and political position of youth in the AROB and targets vulnerable and excluded youth by supporting NGOs working in partnership with key youth actors.</i>	Agree in part	DFAT will continue to support Bougainville's youth and will draw on the Review recommendations to guide future programming. The specifics of future support, particularly timeframe and modality, may vary from the recommendation.	Contingent on program resources and dependent on whether or not this continues to be a priority for both the Papua New Guinea and Autonomous Bougainville Governments.	Contingent on program resources.

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<b>Recommendation A2</b> <i>In undertaking the next stage of design, DFAT should consider the potential to integrate its support to Bougainville Youth Federation under the same programme management arrangements.</i>	Agree	DFAT supports closer integration and alignment of any additional support with its current capacity building of the Bougainville Youth Federation and other institutions.	Contingent on program resources and dependent on whether or not this continues to be a priority for both the Papua New Guinea and Autonomous Bougainville Governments.	Contingent on program resources.