

# Annual Report

## 2013-2014





Churches coming together to share in planning, resources and people skills.

An innovative initiative of the Australian Government and the seven mainline churches of PNG to focus on church institutional strengthening, improving the services they deliver and governance they provide.



**Australian Aid**



Photo to the left: Elders ready for church in the village in Tari, Hela Province



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# Introduction

This report presents some of the key highlights achieved through the Church Partnership Program during the Financial Year 1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014.

The report reflects the priority areas of improved service delivery, improved institutional capacity for development and engaged public sector governance through the key sectors of Education, Health, HIV and AIDS and Community Development.

The choice of sectors by the seven mainline Churches who are partners in the Church Partnership Program is based on the respective Churches priority areas in contributing to the improved wellbeing of women, men, girls and boys particularly in rural and remote areas of PNG.

Churches are guided by the vision and mission statements of the program.

## Our Vision

To enhance the capacity of the PNG Churches to contribute to PNG development and social stability.

Partnerships of mutual accountability and learning between Churches, NGOs and the governments of PNG and Australia that improve their individual and collective effectiveness in contributing to the "Improved well-being of women and men, girls and boys, particularly in remote rural areas.

## Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower our individual and collective Church networks to contribute to the improvement of wellbeing among men, women, girls and boys in PNG and especially those in the marginalised rural sectors as we help to build a more robust and vibrant civil society in PNG.



Photo to the right: Rabaul



## Letter from the CPPCO

The 2013-2014 Financial Year marked a time of review, reflection, and evaluation for the Church Partnership Program in PNG.

Highlights of the Year were as follows:-

The Governance Review, which followed soon after the Mid-Term Review, resulted in eight key recommendations being made. One of these recommendations was to employ an additional staff member to the CPP Coordination Office. The Executive Officer position was identified for recruitment early in the new financial year.

Another recommendation was to consolidate CPP Program monitoring, reporting and communication to be given more priority and attention. This led to the engagement of the Management Information System (MIS) consultant who established the MIS system for CPP.

Other key recommendations were to strengthen linkages in the Governance Structures and Program areas, especially the Sector Group performances, strengthen linkages with DFAT and the Government of PNG's implementing agencies.

A milestone for the Church Leaders Council was the establishment of the Churches Development Council spearheaded by its former Chair, Bishop Peter Ramsden of the Anglican Church.

The establishment of the CDC was seen as a platform for discussions and dialogues between GoPNG and the PNG Church Leaders Council in strategic development areas. This would provide a transparent and accountable mechanism for the Churches with a viable and sustainable means for securing future domestic funding.

The CPP Church leaders participated in the PNG aid-assessment for the Australian Government that was led by Minister Counsellor Mr James Hall and First Secretary Democratic Governance Unit Ms Joanne Ronalds from the Australian High Commission in PNG. The church leaders highlighted success stories achieved over the past 10 years.

Most Church partners have been working very hard in their respective Churches and communities. We know in your own way you have encountered hardships and challenges while implementing your activities. However, we also know that you feel satisfied when you see the smiles on the faces of our people in the most remote and rural parts of our country for the services that you deliver.

We at the CPP Coordination Office, join the Church Leaders, the PNG Program Group and the people of PNG, express our gratitude to the People of Australia and the Government of Australia in supporting the work of the churches through the Church Partnership Program.

May God Bless us all as we continue the Church Partnership Program journey in 2014-2015.



**Margaret Sete**  
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# Education

Improved governance and coordination, improved quality and sustainability, increased enrolments in elementary, primary and secondary institutions, improved performances through teacher trainings and in-service, improved and upgrading of education infrastructure to name a few, is what the CPP churches have highlighted in their reports through the capacity development activities implemented across the program. The Churches will continue to be a key partner in providing education services to the rural and remote areas of PNG.

## A Guidebook For Teachers and Students.

A student workbook (for grades 5-8) for personal development entitled Dare to love which addresses HIV issues was developed by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and was piloted and launched in January 2014.

A total of 53 teachers (15 male and 38 female) throughout the country were trained on how to use the workbook. Gabriel Tonnaku one of the teachers from Mabiri High School in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville speaks of the guidebook that was recently launched;

“As a teacher, I have benefitted from the Dare to Love manuals and have used these resources teaching Personality and Development subjects. The Dare to Love manuals complement the government issued Personality and Development textbook.

“Topics that draw most students’ interest include drugs, the reproductive system and abortions. The workbook helps the students to relate better to the topics discussed and encourages their participation and discussions during the sessions.”

“Marijuana is grown in Bougainville and schools encounter drug related problems involving students and surrounding communities. Topics on drugs covered in the manual are a positive step in combating drug related issues providing awareness on its effects amongst the school a ged population.

“To improve the Dare to Love manuals, topics on Masculinity could be included

so we educate students when they are young. They can relate to real life situations while they are still in their puberty. Other topics that can be included are types of violence and child rights.”

Mabiri High School is an all boys schools and Mr Tonnaku feels this is a good target group to teach when they are still young.



Photo above: Gabriel Tonnaku, a teacher from Mabiri High School

# 1971

The number of enrolments in 60 Anglican literacy schools.

# 34

The number of in-service trainees receiving phonics training by the Baptist Union in Sandaun and Western Highland Provinces.

# 73

The number of attendees to two conferences held by the National Catholic Education Commission in Port Moresby helping teachers from 21 provinces have greater consistency and standardisation of management practices across the Catholic education sector.

# 24

The number of Adult Literacy trainers trained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vanimo.

# 234

Literacy Teachers attended 16 curriculum development trainings for stages one to four in Gulf, Central or Eastern Highland Provinces provided by The Salvation Army.

# 102

The number of teachers completing the first phase of elementary teacher upgrading from diploma to degree at Pacific Adventist University in Port Moresby.

# 2

Elementary schools supported with teaching materials by the United Church in Dorobisoro and Elimbari.

# Health

CPP not only recognises the importance of quality and access to health service delivery but also has strived to improve the quality and access of health services to the rural communities. The Churches under the program have built infrastructures, conducted in-service for health workers and training for church leaders and Community Health Workers. At the community level, volunteers have been trained as Village Health Volunteers (VHV) promoting primary health care. The following section highlights some of the health programs supported under CPP.

## Cessation Program Impacts Schools

The Seventh-day Adventist Church under their Church Health Program conducted Smoking Cessation Training in three different Local Missions, Morobe, Sepik and Manus/Madang. The first training was conducted at Buhula village, Bukawa District, Morobe Province. The Training was attended by a total of 300 (120 males and 180 females) participants who gained knowledge on the negative effects of drugs and skills on how to quit drugs.

The training was the first step taken in addressing the drug issues in the communities and has increased people's interest towards cessation from not only smoking but also other drugs. Although the training has created a few challenges for some participants wanting to quit smoking, the training has given an opportunity for the participants to enquire about how to quit other drug addictions as well.

The highlight of the week was when the Health Assessment carried out. The assessment had a positive influence on those who were found to be overweight, having high blood pressure and high sugar level.

The remaining two trainings were conducted in Karkar, Madang Province

and Wewak, East Sepik Province mainly targeting the schools and surrounding communities. In Karkar, a total of 2,350 people (1,410 males and 940 females) attended the program and in Wewak a total of 1,297 (647 males and 650 females) participants attended the program.

The trainings conducted have impacted the schools and communities in that participants have expressed appreciation of the program saying it was the first ever health program on smoking and drug use conducted in their school and communities. A number of students have admitted to having problems with smoking and drug addiction and have shown interests towards quitting.

These trainings have also impacted the staffs greatly, especially those who were found to be overweight, having high blood pressure and high blood sugar levels. It has helped them to make decision to apply healthy lifestyle

by avoiding smoking and alcohol consumption.

Churches and schools are now seeing the need for a more specific intervention to address the smoking and drug problem on Karkar Island, for example, organizing anti-smoking/drug programs, identifying synergies between schools and churches to reach people addicted to any form of drugs, and the schools to immediately integrate anti-smoking/drug messages on the sports day during the week.

As a church, 130 church leaders in the three local missions are integrating the smoking cessation program with their evangelistic program in their communities. The SDA Church through its local mission health department has provided mentoring and routine health check-up services to more than 800 chronic smokers who seek support to break the habit of smoking in Madang (Madang/Manus Mission).



Photo above: Cessation Program at Miak Primary School, East Sepik Province

7

The number of Community Health Workers who will be able to service the community in the coming years after progressing through Baptist run training.

422

The number of young men and women attending an intensive 10 week course on Integral Human Development through SOCAY courtesy of the Catholic church.

50

The number of health workers and community members who attended 2 staff-in-service training workshops in the Highlands and Southern regions attached to The Salvation Army health facilities.

20

The number of communities now practicing and advocating for healthy lifestyle choices following Promoting Healthy Churches training run by the Seventh-day Adventist church.

4

The number of Community Health Workers trained by the United Church in Rabaul schedule for graduation after 3 years of study.

# HIV / AIDS

The Churches under CPP have addressed HIV and AIDS in different ways as part of its scaling up of response to HIV and AIDS. People in the communities have been reached with HIV prevention messages through awareness and radio programs. Church run VCT centres have seen men and women counselled and tested for HIV and AIDS. In line to the VCTs the churches will increase the number of ART medication prescribers for nationwide accessibility. They will also look into increasing capabilities of the sector coordinators, revise HIV/AIDS policy and promote partnerships for churches to do collaborative work.

## Kainantu's House of Hope

The House of Hope under the Salvation Army HIV/AIDS Program in Kainantu District, Eastern Highlands Province gives hope to those living with HIV. The Salvation Army through CPP provides programs such HIV/AIDS awareness, Volunteer Counselling and Testing facilities and other HIV/AIDS activities.

A 35-year-old Aiyura man living with HIV is now a changed man. Two years ago he was on his deathbed when the House of Hope came to his aid.

He was a Public Motor Vehicle (PMV) driver at the time, married and lived with

his first wife and four children. At the same time he took on another wife who has now three children.

He started feeling sick and after frequenting the health centres he was tested HIV positive. His two wives and their children walked out on him

Being left alone and no one to care for him was on the verge of death when House of Hope heard of his story and struggles.

They took him to Goroka Hospital for treatment and care, he recovered and was discharged returning to his home.

He has been reunited with his first wife and children. His wife was also tested HIV positive.

They both are beneficiary to the House of Hope in Kainantu. Through the House of Hope he has come to accept his condition and now lives with a positive life.

The couple both support The Salvation Army House of Hope by delivering HIV/AIDS awareness programs throughout Eastern Highlands Province.



Photo above: Rural Communities in the Western Highlands Province

# 1410

The number of people in attendance at an Anglican World AIDS Day event in Baiawa, Dogura Diocese.

# 6000

The number of estimated regular listeners to a BUPNG run a community radio network throughout Western Highlands, Enga and Sandaun provinces broadcasting and is supported by its HIV/AIDS department in producing relevant broadcast materials for its intended audience. BUPNG estimates that there are 3000 males and 3000 females' regular listeners.

# 29

People from 11 dioceses participated in 2 IMAI (prescribers) trainings courtesy of the Catholic Church giving the the capacity to prescribe ART to patients under the supervision of an approved doctor.

# 1221

The number of attendees including 550 women and 671 men from 15 villages who took part in an awareness raising campaign at The Salvation Army headquarters in Kwikila Station, Rigo District.

# 500

The number of locals to attend a HIV awareness event in Alotau, Milne Bay. Presented by 75 trainees at the culmination of their course provided by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

# 56

The number of nurses completing Provider Initiated Counselling and Testing training, and now providing services in Milne Bay and the New Guinea Islands courtesy of the United Church.



# Community Development

Churches continue to play a significant role in delivering community development programs. Programs are targeted at different levels and according to the community needs. CPP continues to support the Churches plan and implement programs targeting marginalised people in order to enhance their livelihood hence contributing towards self-reliance. Activities such as the Personal Viability, Youth Employment, Non-Violence programs and Adult Literacy programs are some of the key highlights of the program implemented by the respective Churches in the Church Partnership Program.

## Participants Happy About Training

Located in the remotest part of Sandaun Province, the only means of transport to Tekin is by plane.

The people in Tekin depend entirely on vegetable farming as their main source of income.

Situated close to the Ok Tedi Mine, the mining company buys most of the vegetables produced thus enabling the people to earn an income, adding to this The Baptist Union of Papua

New Guinea through its Community Development Department conducted rice farming training for the people of Tekin.

The training is seen as an income generating activity that empowers the disadvantage people living in remote areas to be self-reliant.

A total of 50 (39 males and 11 females) attended the training, which was conducted in such a way that it included group discussion, group presentation and lecturing.

Using Tok Pisin as the language also enabled the training to be successful.

The participants were taught everything about rice from rice varieties, planting, management and harvesting, to milling for income or consumption.

The participants were all happy about the training and said they would implement what they learned. People who have received training are actively growing rice in the remote parts of Sandaun Province.



Photo above: Rice, Sandaun Province

25

Women from a remote Jimi Valley village, Tsendiap, who can now sew clothes for their own families after attending a life skills training conducted in Kerina college, Aipo Rongo Diocese, facilitated by the Anglican church.

73

Youths enrolled at SOCAY-Hohola Adult Literacy classes in Port Moresby courtesy of the Catholic Church, 10 of whom were illiterate and 63 were semi-illiterate. Some were eventually mainstreamed into formal primary education.

14

The number of remote people now able to build basic furniture after attending 4 weeks of carpentry training provided by the Baptist Church.

31

The number of volunteers trained in Community Based Rehabilitation, including 2 persons living with a disability.

58

Coffee farmers underwent capacity building training offered by The Salvation Army under the CARE Coffee project. Farmers learned book keeping skills and were offered supervision during coffee processing on their farms.

60

The percentage of local Seventh-day Adventist church pastors now providing counselling services on family and gender issues to their constituencies in rural areas of 6 missions.

700

The number of women who undertook United Church financial literacy training in New Ireland, New Britain, Hela and Port Moresby.

# CPP Collaboration

## Group of Churches Advocates for Health and Education

Following the report on “The Community Good: Examining the Influence of the PNG LNG Project” in the Hela Region of PNG, published in 2012, a Community Good Steering Committee was established primarily to advocate for Health and Education in the LNG impact communities in Hela.

The Catholic Church, United Church and the Seventh-day Adventist Church under the Church Partnership Program in close consultation with the Hela Council of Churches, Hela Education Department and the Hela Community Based Organisations (CBOs) have agreed to work in partnership with relevant stakeholders to address, health, education, livelihoods, advocacy and women empowerment.

The Education workshop was the first activity of the committee and was held in early June of 2014. Key stakeholders were brought together to discuss issues of concern and identify ways forward to improving education in the Hela Region.

Issues of poor attendance, low literacy levels, low engagement of teachers and limited resources in schools were among the key issues highlighted impacting negatively on education in Hela.

Governance of schools and education institutions was another key area of concern identified that required support. Follow on action plans were developed to help address issues outlined and include the following support; Formation

of an education committee or authority to help provide governance support to schools.

The Catholic, SDA and United Church support was acknowledged and will be maintained to support the committees and to help strengthen the delivery of educations in the Hela Region.



Photo to the right: Rising mist in Hela Province

# Efficiency

This financial year 2013-2014 has seen the seven churches improve their efficiency in the program delivery in many ways.

## Using of church run facilities and institutions

The use of existing church run facilities and resources by the seven churches has contributed to the cost effectiveness of the program. The churches are more supportive towards the program in that facilities and resources are made available at low cost. For instance the SDA church conducted the Elementary Teacher Upgrade Training Phase 2 at the Pacific Adventist University (PAU) and the final phase of the Installation of Software and Hardware at Kambubu Adventist High School (Rabaul). The cost effectiveness of these two activities was enhanced, as both venues were church institutions.

## Working with established networks

Efficiency of the program has been improved greatly by partners using existing networks in implementing projects. Partners have worked with NGOs and CBOs operating within the project area improving the reach and effectiveness of programs. Collaborating with these networks has enabled partners to achieve higher levels of efficiency. The use of church partner's expertise and resources have also contributed to high-level efficiencies. BUPNG in its effort to improve its reach and effectiveness of awareness programs, targeting the most at risk people (MARPs) have worked with

NGOs and CBOs. Similarly under the Catholic Church, the partnership pursued by SOCAV with the Don Bosco Technical Institute (DBTI) has allowed the former to gain immediate access to the high quality of technical education and training provided by DBTI and have these quality made available to the out of school youth clientele of SOCAV.

## Good finance and management practices

All partners ensure that there is a good value for money in place, good finance and management systems to ensure cost effectiveness and efficiency across the program. For instance the leaders of the Anglican Church have realised that all activities funded by CPP could be managed and implemented by Anglicare. The Anglican Church of PNG Provincial Council ratified this proposal. Anglicare, with its experience in managing grants from donors, will better support the Diocesan Officers to implement their activities. Administratively, Anglicare is also better able to provide necessary support services to Diocesan Officers when carrying out their activities. CPP's HIV and Literacy Programs can take advantage of Anglicare's experience and networks/partnerships to effectively deliver services into rural areas.

## Use of volunteers, church groups and communities

As partners implement projects at the community level, the use of volunteers, local church groups, local women's groups at the community level have improved efficiencies in the

implementing process. The involvement and support received from communities has also increased ownership by the communities. The Salvation Army in carrying out its Restorative Justice Program has used volunteers in running training and awareness to the communities.

## Program efficiency

As a program, the structures and systems in place enables efficiency across the program. The Church Partnership Program Council (CPPC) provides an avenue for mutual development of design and strategy for implementation. The Joint Program Group (JPG) serves as a program mechanism, whereby the Australian and PNG CPP Partners can formally consult and work together on program strategy, while the Management Committee (MC) is established to facilitate the operational work and responsibilities of the Church Program Partnership Council.

The Sector Groups, Gender and HIV/AIDS ensures all partners are addressing Gender and HIV/AIDS. PM&E issues of the program are taken on by the PM&E Sector group thus enabling M&E best practice among all partners.

The CPP Coordination Office (CPPCO) plays an essential role in the facilitation of cooperation and coordination between the partners, committees, sector groups and other key stakeholders eg: Government of PNG and the Australian Government.

# Sustainability

The partners have ensured there is sustainability in the project/activities implemented and the result obtained through proper planning thus improving overall sustainability of the program.

## Institutional strengthening

Building strong management and governance within the churches is crucial for sustainability of service delivery. Capacity building of leaders and staffs through trainings and mentoring contributes to continuity of programs. Cross learning between ANGO partners and the CPP partners in improving financial management systems and processes.

## Community support/ownership

As activities/projects are implemented at the community level, partners have seen the importance in getting the local community support at the very beginning of the activity/project. Communities have taken ownership of and have supported the activity/project with raw materials and unpaid labour.

BUPNG in conducting activities in rural areas identify individuals known as 'Community Facilitators' who with the approval of the village leaders or chief drives and organises the activity at the community level. This Community Facilitator will continue to replicate what was taught, or at least be a village resource person who can liaise with BUPNG for support. The community facilitators are trained in the basics of community development and management.

## Other funding sources

Church partners have also seen the importance of sourcing financial support to ensure there is continuity of the activities/projects implemented. Individual churches have taken this step in a number of different ways in establishing foundations to generate funds to support the ongoing activities/projects. With the recent launching of the Anglicare Foundation, Anglicare intends to decrease its dependence on donor funding by raising its own funds. This means that CPP funded activities, under Anglicare, have a better chance of continued funding beyond the life of the PNG CPP.



## Child Protection

The Seventh-day Adventist Church through its Family Life program conducted activities involving children and reported 40% of the children who attended the Child Camp were putting into practice the skills learnt in planting agricultural products. The church continues to advocate on child protection through its church programs. Children are included in the programs of the church resulting in at least 20% of children in the Church openly sharing their thoughts and emotions as compare to the past.

The SDA church further conducted two Counselling Trainings in Lae and Popondetta and trained 35 Children's Ministry leaders, school chaplains and deans to provide counselling services for children and to support victims of abuse and violence.

The Catholic Church trained a total of 36 Child Protection Officers from 15 dioceses (17 males and 19 females) by the Department for Community Development to raise awareness and assist in case management referrals to gazetted government Child Protection Officers in their respective provinces.

A Child Protection Policy for the Catholic Church was developed and approved by the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and Solomon Islands and has further led to the establishment of the Catholic Children Ministry – a program that will focus on advocating on rights of children ensuring child safe practices guided by Christian values.

Promotional materials on Child Protection have also been developed

and distributed to the 19 dioceses/ province and include wrist bands and posters. A newsletter providing useful information and updates on Child Protection has been developed, with a website being planned to boost the awareness on Child Protection.

United Church is working towards developing a policy to address abuse of children. This will be part of the Human Rights policy that will be developed.

The Salvation Army trained 217 leaders (149 male and 68 females) on Child Protection. Guided by the Child Protection Policy that was developed by the Salvation Army the training focused on key areas including how to protect children, and procedures for reporting of the suspects and on Child Protection Code of Conduct. A further 2,452 youth (1226 males and 1,226 females) attended a one-day awareness training on Child Protection.

# Disability

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG has gone a step further in demonstrating its commitment to its Disability Program and has since established a position within its human resource structure to be responsible for the Disability Programs.

Three disability awareness and carer support workshops were conducted in remote areas of Kela, Salamua and Yangkawan. The workshops covered types and causes of disability, disability barriers, disability and human rights and impacts of disability in society. The workshop was rated 99% successful as it has educated and equipped the participants to be strong advocates for People Living with Disability.

A baseline survey was conducted with the aim to better facilitate future services delivered by the Government and other non-government organisations including ELCPNG. Details of people living with disability were collected and will be used as baseline information for planning purposes.

A workshop was conducted with ELCPNG departmental heads, program coordinators, Pastors and volunteers reflecting on the ELCPNG Strategic Plan and considered how the plan should be for disability inclusiveness. There is an emphasis on education for girls living with disability. The ELCPNG further established

a Disabled Peoples Organisation providing capacity building through mentoring and support for its members.



Photo above: Youths taking a break after small business training

# Gender

The Gender Reference Group (GRG) met in March 2014 and discussed key achievements, challenges and identified strategies for the way forward.

Key achievements shared included development of gender policies by the respective churches. The following churches have gender policies in place guiding their approaches to gender in their programs, Anglican Church, the United Church, Seventh-day Adventist and Salvation Army.

Baptist Union Church has completed its draft policy and will be finalised in the new financial year. The Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran Church are yet to develop their policies.

A high turnover of group members representing the respective churches has contributed to the group not convening all its planned meetings for the year. Another challenge encountered impacting on the effectiveness of the group was that churches appointed officers or had volunteer members who have limited or no experience in gender related programs therefore contributed little to the discussions.

Limited knowledge and experience on gender by group members hindered effective discussions on development of gender policies and development of plans for the way forward. Communication amongst the members

was highlighted in the meeting to help improve flow of information on activities to be implemented and coordinated by the GRG.

The CPP churches have done work in their respective programs on Gender issues and as a result the GRG can share and learn from the churches during its coordination meetings.

It is hoped that the new financial year will bring with it new and creative ideas that will help enhance the coordination on Gender activities among the Church partners.



Photo above: Elders walking through their village in Tari, Hela Province

## HIV / AIDS

The HIV/AIDS Sector group members has representatives from the seven CPP partners churches except for the SDA church who's representative had resigned from the organisation vacating a representative from the SDA church.

The HSG continues to be challenged with convening its meetings due to work demands from the respective members work responsibilities.

In one of its meetings held in 2013 the group discussed the possibility of rotating meeting venues to encourage collaborative approaches on HIV/AIDS programs.

The group emphasised the importance of collaborative efforts creating a learning environment to achieve the HSG key objectives of sharing

information within the partnership, collaborative efforts in facilitating HIV services to the rural and in particular remote areas of PNG, and the possibility of becoming the HIV focal point for all the members all partners churches.

It was also discussed and suggested for the HSG to work towards developing a database to capture HIV Statistics and create a strong network to work closely with other civil society.

The group has initiated sharing of success stories during their meeting as part of its cross learning process.

A success story that was shared and noted as a most significant change story was from one of the Catholic HIV/AIDS Programs.

The story tells the life of a young woman from the New Guinea Island region who lost both parents to the HIV virus and whose life also testifies the Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART). At a mere age of 8 she was confirmed positive HIV and lives to be 21 years as a result of the ART.

Although the HSG has not met quarterly as planned in the reporting year, it has plans for better collaboration to strengthen the HSG in the New Year.



Photo to the right: UCPNG women singing hymns in Madang

# PM&E

The Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (PM&E WG) comprises of M&E Officers from the respective churches of both the PNG church and the partner Australian churches.

The PM&E sector group discusses & provides strategic direction for activities under the scope of planning, monitoring and evaluation in the churches and makes suggestions to management committee to improve the relevance and impact of its work.

The group has seen new members join in bringing in a wealth of knowledge in the field of M&E. Participation and cooperation amongst members has been at a high and the group has achieved a lot this year. This financial year has seen the PM&E sector group work with the different partners in the program. The productivity of the group is shown below in the key achievements.

## Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

A Monitoring and Evaluation workshop covering the Program Logic Model was organised by Economic and Public Sector Program (EPSP), a governance program under DFAT, at the Grand Papua Hotel from the 17th to 21st February 2014. A total of seven participants consisting of three CPP coordinators (ADRA, TSA and Caritas), three M&E Officers (ELCPNG, TSA and CPPCO) and a representative from UCPNG attend the workshop. The CPP participants attained certificates upon completion.

The PM&E WG was asked to review the Governance Sector Performance Review Report - Outline Structure. Members of the group had the chance to read and provide their comments on the proposed structure. The feedback was then compiled and the PM&E WG gave a collective response.

## Program

A committee made up of Dennis Uba and Stella Koiapura (Caritas), Kevin Bong (BUPNG), with Jimmy Jacob (ADRA) and Speer Tolavata (CPPCO PM&E) as the PM&E WG chairperson and secretary respectively, was set to come with ideas on how best the church partners could provide presentations to the wider CPP. The CPPCO PM&E desk provided the committee information on what was emerging from the MIS data. The churches were directed to consider presenting on Adult Literacy in the March forum.

A checklist was developed for the Partner Annual Plans (PAP) and the Annual Reports respectively. The checklists were developed to help partners in developing their Plans and writing their Annual Reports. The checklists also helped the church partners in the peer review process.

With a peer review process in place where churches review their PAPs and Annual Reports, the PM&E WG was tasked to develop specific checklists to help the review process. The respective checklists were developed and used in the peer review processes for the 2014-15 PAPs and the 2013-14 Annual Reports.

The Midterm Report was reviewed and suggestions on improving the template were made by the CPPCO PM&E desk and the PM&E WG.

## CPPCO PM&E Officer

The CPPCO PM&E Officer is a member of the PM&E WG and acts as the secretary for the group. Beside the responsibilities of the group the CPPCO PM&E Officer also has activities planned for the year. This financial year has seen a lot of key achievements as listed below.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

In January, the DFAT team while drafting the Quality at Implementation (QAI) Report for 2012-2013 for the CPP had sought information from the CPPCO PM&E desk. The information required was compiled and communicated with DFAT.

## Program

This year a lot of emphasis has been put to monitoring and evaluation of CPP and on the specific projects the Church Partners have implemented. Schedules of monitoring trips for each church have been communicated with CPP team. The PM&E Officer has undertaken two monitoring trips with TSA PNG and BUPNG.

## Restorative Justice Program – TSA

The activity was held at Kwikila Station, Rigo District, Central Province. The Restorative Justice Program of Salvation Army as an Awareness and

Outreach Program implemented the activity. The theme of the awareness was Skelim Pasin na Senisim Tintin. Inmates and partners in the Law and Justice Sector were also engaged in the Awareness.

## LEM phonics: LEM Consolidation and Facilitation – BUPNG

The BUPNG, under the CPP has implemented a couple of projects in the Financial Year (FY) 2013-2014. The projects undertaken were;

LEM Phonics: LEM Consolidation and Facilitation (Cluster 2 Telefomin)

## Education HR

Feedback from participants that were trained was obtained and an Education Officer was recruited under education HR Support.

The Monitoring trip to Telefomin coincided with the CPP team visit to Telefomin. The DFAT team visited Telefomin to mainly see the projects that were implemented with the support of the Australian Government and also gave the opportunity for the local member to share his electorate plans and where possible the churches and the Australian Government could assist.

The UCPNG held a-week training for their regional Project Officers implementing grassroots projects under CPP. CPPCO PM&E Officer participated in the training and help guide the project officers in developing a proposal and reporting templates that will help in reporting back to CPPCO. The project officer was able to understand the

reporting requirements and indicators of CPP.

## Church Partnership Program Coordination Office

An annual plan was developed by PM&E Officer to follow in carrying out activities. The plan was seen as something the PM&E Officer and the host church SDA-ADRA could measure how much has been done at the end of the financial year.

As part of its activities the PM&E Officer is tasked to collect impact stories from church partners. An Impact Story Template was developed to help the church as a guide to writing impact stories. The template was developed in such a way that it captured all information required by the PM&E Officer for reporting purposes and also considered the different audiences in the Church Partnership Program. The Impact Story Template was developed and distributed to all PNG Program Group (PPG) members and their respective PM&E Officers.

CPPCO had been without a Communications Officer for all most two months. The PM&E Officer had taken on the responsibility of collecting stories, writing articles for the second edition of newsletter - Garamut. All the articles written and stories collected were submitted for the new look format for the Garamut. Many lessons have been learnt from the opportunity in writing for the Garamut.

## Conclusion

The PM&E sector group has been able to meet on five occasions where forums have been the main avenues, other meetings have been done through Skype conference call. There is a good mix of knowledge within the group enabling the group as a whole to achieve a lot this financial year.

This year the PM&E Sector Group has learnt a lot and gained valuable lessons and critics from all partners involved in the program. With this in hand the PM&E Sector group plans to improve and do a better job in the next financial year.



## Acronyms

ABM – Anglican Board of Mission

ACPNG – Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

ALWS – Australian Lutheran World Service

ADRA – Adventist Development and Relief Agency

AHC – Australian High Commission

AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ANGO – Australian Non Governmental Organisation

ART – Anti-Retroviral

BAHA – Business Coalition Against HIV/AIDS

BUPNG – Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea

CBO – Church-based Organisations

CDC – Churches Development Council

CGSC – Community Good Steering Committee

CLC – Church Leaders Council

CPP – Church Partnership Program

CPPC – Church Partnership Program Council

CPPCO – Church Partnership Program Coordination Office

ECD – Early Childhood Development

ELCPNG – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea

GoPNG – Government of Papua New Guinea

GRG – Gender Reference Group

HCC – Hela Council of Churches

HIV/AIDS – Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

HSG – HIV Sector Group

IMAI – Integrated Management Adult Illness

LNG – Liquefied Natural Gas

MARP – Most at Risk Population

MC – Management Committee

MCS – Mother and Child Support

M&E – Monitoring and Evaluation

MIS – Management Information System

NACS – National AIDS Council Secretariat

NCD – National Capital District

NCEC – National Catholic Education Commission

NDOH – National Department of Health

NGO – Non Government Organisation

PAU – Pacific Adventist University

PICT – Provider Initiated Counselling and Testing

PLHIV – Person/People Living with HIV

PLWD – Person/People Living with Disability

PM&E – Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

PNG – Papua New Guinea

PPG – PNG Program Group

SDA – Seventh-day Adventist

SOCAY – Save our Children and Youth

TB – Tuberculosis

TSA – The Salvation Army

TOR – Terms of Reference

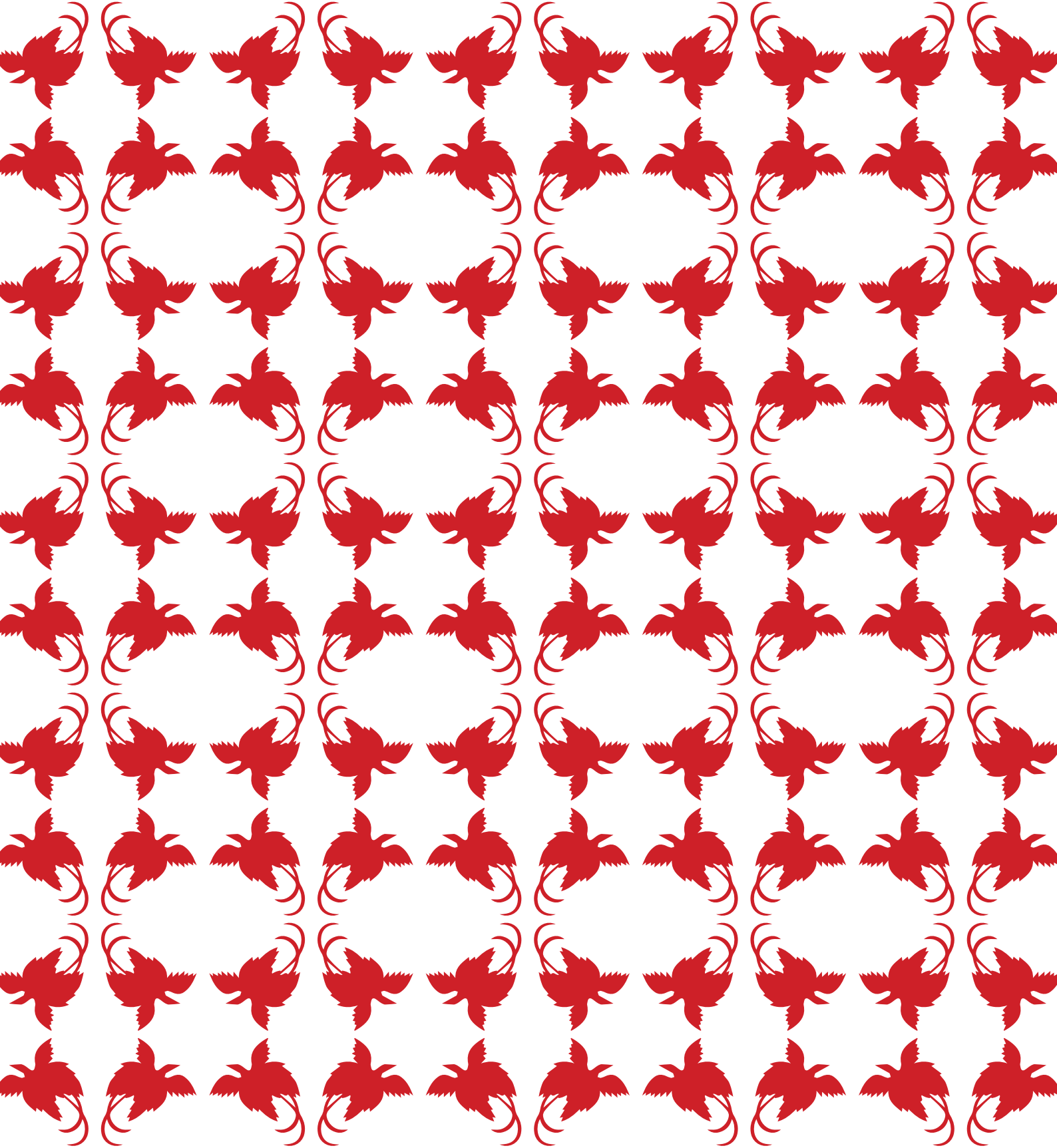
UCPNG – United Church of Papua New Guinea

VCT – Voluntary Counselling and Testing

WASH – Water and Sanitation Health

ZAC – Zambian Anglican Council





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