

# PROJECT FACTS

## People-Centered Development : Strengthening Government and Civil Society Capacities to Achieve the MDGs in Papua



- Total budget : USD 23,870,202
- Available budget : USD 16,540,000
- Unfunded Budget : USD 7,330,202
- Project period : January 2006 – December 2010
- Implementing partners : National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas)  
Regional Planning and Development Board (Bappeda) in Papua and West Papua
- Donors : Netherlands, New Zealand's International Aid & Development Agency (NZAID)
- Location : Papua, West Papua

### Background

The Papua region (West Papua and Papua provinces) presents one of Indonesia's greatest development challenges. High incidence of poverty, poor performance against the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), limited access to basic health and education services, and geographical isolation combine to make human development both pressing and challenging.



*Involving community members in decision making processes helps to ensure long-term sustainable development.*

The United Nations Development Programme is committed to working alongside the government of Indonesia to reduce poverty and achieve the MDGs in Papua and West Papua. The People-centered Development Programme (PDP) aims to strengthen the capacity of local government and civil society to accelerate human development outcomes and reduce poverty. The programme works with national, provincial and local governments to improve service delivery to isolated and marginalized communities. It also aims to bolster civil society organizations (CSOs) that have a long history of providing assistance to communities in Papua. Further, the PDP provides a vehicle for Indonesia's international partners to contribute to development in Papua. In addition to UNDP's own funds, the

### PAPUA FACTS AND FIGURES

- Approximately 41.8% of Papuans live below the poverty line compared to the national average of 18 per cent
- Average schooling for men and women is 6.5 and 4.5 years respectively, and almost a quarter of the population is illiterate.
- In some areas of Papua, as much as 50 per cent of the population is malnourished.
- The maternal mortality rate is the highest in Indonesia with 1,161 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared to the national average of 307 per 100,000.
- The region has the highest proportion of HIV/AIDS of any part of Indonesia, with a prevalence rate of 2.4%.

*(Source: various)*

government of the Netherlands provides substantial financial support to the programme. The government of New Zealand is also a contributor.

### Objectives

**Strengthening policy development and operational planning** by helping village, district and provincial authorities to plan and implement effective development programs. Assistance includes technical support for budget and financial management, facilitation for participatory planning approaches, and technical assistance in numerous areas.

**Building effective local service delivery** through the provision of block grants to strengthen and extend the work of CSOs. A network of facilitators and United Nations Volunteers (UNVs) is supporting the efforts of CSOs and communities to develop sustainable services and livelihoods, and improve local planning processes.

### Donors:





Improving education is a critical component of the People-centred Development Programme in Papua.

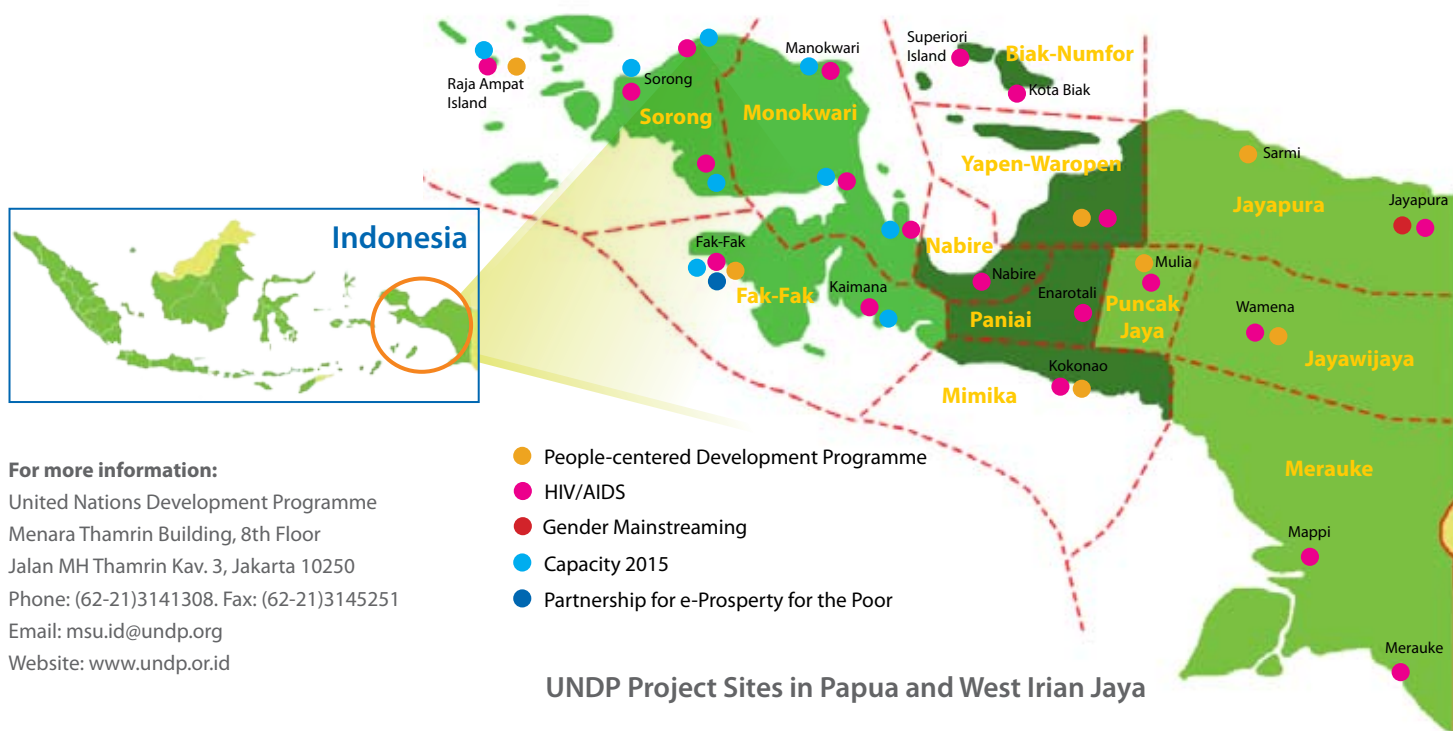
**Improving development knowledge networking**, by establishing local Community Resource Centers as hubs of development information, technical support for development activity and networking among community and government stakeholders.

**Supporting monitoring and evaluation and improved data-gathering** through technical capacity building and local level facilitation to better understand the region's development challenges and strengthen analysis and planning.

**Facilitating harmonization of donor support** by providing a vehicle for donors to coordinate their efforts, and by assisting the provincial and local governments to collate and use information on donor activities.

## KEY Achievements

- Support to the provincial government in Papua for the development of guidelines that are being used to implement the strategic plan and poverty reduction programme – RESPEK.
- 20 United Nations volunteers and 14 civil society organizations are working in villages and districts to increase incomes through livelihoods activities; provide health and education to the most marginalized communities; improve local infrastructure to support economic activity and access to services; and promote planning and women's empowerment to improve community dialogue and development outcomes.
- Review of the current employment policies which led to affirmative action policies for Papua and West Papua's indigenous population, and assistance to the government in the development of local regulations for forest use.
- PDP has boosted the local government's capacity to collect and use development data through institutional capacity-building and the development of tools for MDG-specific data collection..
- Dissemination of development data and analysis through publications such as the 2007 Report on MDG Achievement in Tanah Papua.
- Promotion of the UN Joint Framework and programme for Papua that requires UN agencies to cooperate closely for more effective and efficient development outcomes.
- Enhancing donor cooperation through information-sharing and coordination meetings.



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