



Pacific Migration Research Workshop, June 2021,

2021 ANNUAL LETTER DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE

2021 was the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this we were able to achieve a lot.

The flagship [Aid budget breakfast](#) in May was again held online and we had a record 350 people join us. We thank the Gates Foundation for their continued support to make this research possible.

The [Pacific Update](#) returned after a year off, also online and well-attended, especially the keynote addresses by Fiona Hukula from the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Meru Sheel from the ANU National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health. We hosted a one day hybrid [workshop](#) on Pacific migration.

Instead of trying to replicate the PNG Update online, we opted for a series of [monthly seminars](#) as part of the ANU-UPNG partnership between the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy and the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy, supported by the PNG-Aus Partnership. Seminars showcased scholars and research from both institutions.

The [PNG Economic Database](#) was launched by the Treasurer of Papua New Guinea, The Hon. Ian Ling Stuckey in September. It contains economic data for PNG back to independence, with 175 series and was described by Ling Stuckey as “an extremely valuable tool”.

Devpol’s approach paper for DFAT examined possible Pacific Labour Scheme to Temporary Skill Shortage pathways and made specific recommendations for a range of workers in the meat, agriculture, trades, caring and hospitality sectors. A final version of our [report](#) was published on the DFAT website in April 2022.

In other activities of note, a fifth graduate from the School of Business and Public Policy at UPNG completed their masters



Top: Stephen Howes at the Pacific Migration Research Workshop in June. Bottom: Treasurer of PNG, the Hon Ian Ling Stuckey launches the PNG Economic Database in September

at the Crawford school at ANU; the Crawford School's flagship journal [Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies \(APPS\)](#) – for which Devpol provides the editorial team – doubled its impact factor; I was a member of the Independent Advisory Group that [reviewed](#) Papua New Guinea's Central Banking Act; and we published another 314 blogs, 9 discussion papers, 2 reports, 2 submissions, and 28 articles in APPS.

We also completed our ANU-UPNG edited volume *Papua New Guinea: Government, Economy and Society* which was published by [ANU Press](#) in early 2022.

Thanks to all who write for and read the Devpolicy Blogs and our other publications, and who present at and attend events. And of course many thanks to those who support us, both the many individuals, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The initial support from the Harold Mitchell Foundation continues to sustain us.

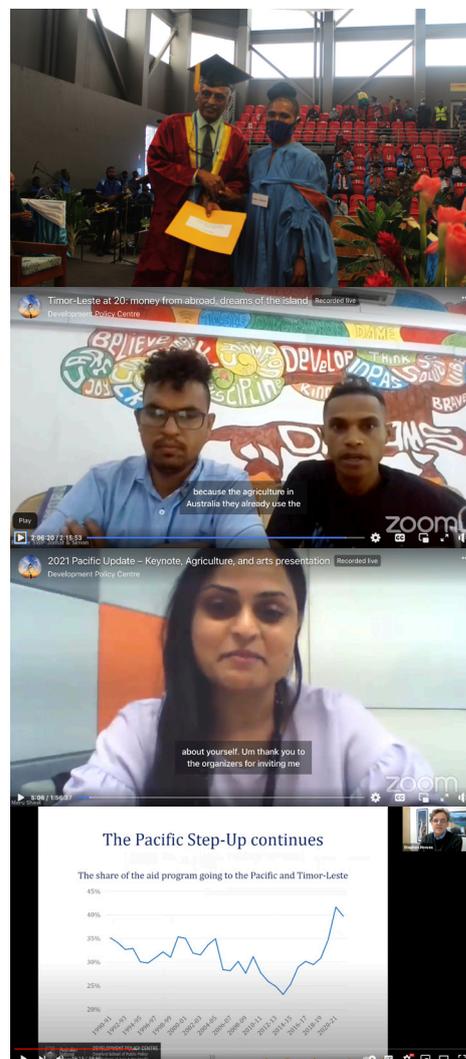


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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	
DFAT	\$3,016,633
Other income	\$17,911
ANU cash contributions	\$100,000
Donations	\$36,167
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$3,170,711</i>
Devpoll contribution	\$263,919
Expenditure	
Salaries	\$2,083,959
Travel	\$16,379
Scholarships and summer school	\$76,455
ANU overheads	\$247,977
Other expenses	\$266,477
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2,691,247</i>
Income minus expenses	\$479,464

This statement summarises our funding and expenditure for the 2021 calendar year. Note that the figures do not include substantial in-kind support received from ANU. We also acknowledge the funding and support from our event partners. The Devpol contribution reflects our own contribution from retained earnings in previous year. Any surplus of income over expenses will be spent in the next year or go to retained earnings for future expenditure. Expenditures are formally accounted for and audited as part of individual projects and/or as part of ANU finances.



(From top) Professor Lekshmi Pillai presents the inaugural Sir Mekere Morauta Award to Esther Kabura at UPNG in April; discussants Jomat Topal and Pedro Lay (former seasonal workers) during the 'Timor-Leste at 20' online seminar in December; keynote speaker Meru Sheel at the 2021 Pacific Update online in September; Stephen Howes presents at the 2021 aid budget breakfast online in May.