

Development Policy Centre

Report for June to September 2013

Highlights

- Future progress reports will be three monthly. This report covers the last four months to bring us into a cycle which aligns with the calendar year.
- This has been a huge four months. Interest in what we do and say has grown exponentially. We can now safely say that we have positioned ourselves as the leading source in Australia for research and commentary in our areas of focus.
- We redesigned our blog. Blog readership (visits) in September were up 40% up on August, and 155% up on a year earlier.
- We intensified and diversified our media presence with an average of 20 media appearances per month for each of the last four months, featuring eight staff and associates.
- We held a total of 12 events in the last four months, including our flagship 2013 Pacific & PNG Update, which was a resounding success, held at very little expense due to our success in attracting external funding. The next PNG Update will be held on June 12 at Moresby, hosted by UPNG, which is a very positive development.
- We conducted our Australian aid stakeholder survey from June-August, and achieved 358 responses, which exceeded our expectations. Results will be released early November, and are expected to be influential in shaping the future of the Australian aid program.
- We launched our survey findings on the state of schools and health clinics in PNG. The response was overwhelming.
- Our published research included lead authorship on a multi-donor report on infrastructure maintenance in the Pacific, three published article journals, three discussion papers, and other journal submissions/acceptances.
- We provided a written submission to the Senate committee into the African Development Bank Bill 2013, which was extensively quoted in the committee's report.
- Stephen Howes went on a speaking tour to Wellington New Zealand, and delivered three lectures in three days.
- As we come to the last quarter of the year, we have achieved or are on track to achieve nearly all of the milestones we set out at the start of the year in our Annual Report. The focus now is on consolidation.
- Our budget is on-track.

A. Media

Stephen Howes on the PNG asylum seeker plan

- [RN Late Night Live with Phillip Adams](#)
- [ABC's The World Today](#)
- [Fairfax Breaking Politics](#)
- [The Australian\(1\)](#)
- [The Australian \(2\)](#)
- [The Australian \(3\)](#)
- [Crikey](#)
- [Radio New Zealand \(1\)](#)
- [Radio New Zealand\(2\)](#)
- [Radio New Zealand \(3\)](#)
- [Fairfax National Times](#)
- [Newsline with Jim Middleton](#)
- [Scoop.co.nz](#)
- [Islands Business](#)
- [Crawford School](#)
- PNG NBC radio news

Stephen Howes on PM Kevin Rudd's visit to PNG

- [Fairfax Breaking Politics](#)
- [Radio National Breakfast](#)

Robin Davies on political parties' pre-election aid and development policies

- [Radio Australia](#)
- [Guardian](#)
- [Crikey](#)
- [Radio New Zealand](#)
- [Radio New Zealand \[2\]](#)
- Australia Network
- [Aidworks](#)

Stephen Howes on aid in the Australian election

- [Australia Network \[1\]](#)
- [Australia Network \[2\]](#)
- [Radio Australia](#)

Robin Davies and Stephen Howes on Coalition aid cuts announcement

- [Radio Australia](#)
- [The Age/Sydney Morning Herald](#)
- [Devex](#)

- [Radio New Zealand](#)
- [PolitiFact](#)
- [Australia Network News](#)
- [Radio Australia \[2\]](#)
- [The Australian \[1\]](#)
- [The Australian \[2\]](#)
- [Guardian](#)

Robin Davies on the integration of AusAID and DFAT

- [ABC Nightlife](#)
- [Newsline with Jim Middleton](#)
- [Radio National AM](#)
- [Fairfax Breaking Politics](#)
- [The Australian](#)
- [RTRFM \(Perth\)](#)
- [Canberra Times](#)

Stephen Howes on the Ok Tedi mine nationalisation

- [Radio Australia](#)
- [Newsline with Jim Middleton](#)
- [The Australian \[1\]](#)
- [The Australian \[2\]](#)
- PNG Post Courier
- [Crikey](#)
- [PNG Attitude](#)

Coverage of findings from PNG PEPE survey

- [EM TV](#)
- [Radio Australia](#)
- [The National](#)
- [Post Courier \[1\]](#)
- The Post Courier [2], *PNG's lost decade: Understanding the differences between health and education*, October 3, 2013, page 40.
- [Post Courier \[3\]](#)

Jesse Doyle (Research Officer) & Stephen Howes on the Seasonal Worker Program

- [Radio Australia \[1\]](#)
- [Fiji Times](#)
- [Radio Australia \[2\]](#)
- [The Australian](#)

Stephen Howes in New Zealand

- [Radio New Zealand \[1\]](#)
- [Radio New Zealand \[2\]](#)
- [Radio New Zealand \[3\]](#)
- [Radio New Zealand \[4\]](#)

Jonathan Pryke (Research Officer) on aid flows to the Pacific

- [Radio Australia](#)

Robin Davies on World Bank coal power decision

- [Radio National PM](#)

Ashlee Betteridge (Research Officer) on Australian Volunteers program

- [Canberra Times](#)

Robin Davies on post-2015 development agenda

- [AidWorks](#)
- [Radio Australia](#)

Stephen Howes on climate change in Marshall Islands

- [SBS News](#)

Grant Walton (Research Fellow) on corruption in PNG

- [Islands Business](#)

Grant Walton on the PNG asylum seeker solution

- [SBS](#)

Ian Anderson (Research Associate) on global burden of disease report

- [Radio Australia](#)

Stephen Howes' blog and commentary on Fiji referenced

- [Islands Business](#)

Stephen Howes' 2012 discussion paper on the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership referenced

- [REDD Monitor](#)

Ume Wainetti's blog post republished (following Devpolicy talk) on family and sexual violence in PNG

- [Crikey](#)
- [Women's Agenda](#)

Pacific Update

- [PRIF](#)
- [AusAID](#)

Robin Davies on DAC critique of French aid

- [IDN](#)

Ashlee Betteridge on new aid minister

- [Devex](#)
- [Samoa Observer](#)

Robin Davies and Margaret Callan's paper on public-private partnerships

- [Devex Impact](#)

Stephen Howes in televised panel discussion on aid to Asia-Pacific

- [ABC Big Ideas](#)

B. Blog, web and social media

The Devpolicy Blog was completely redesigned in June. The new blog design is a visual improvement on the previous template and has enhanced functionality for author pages and profiles, comments, and feature content. It also features a new 'in brief' section, which has replaced our previous buzzes, to provide short analysis and news relevant to our readership. Response from users has been overwhelmingly positive.

Our newsletter (which is now fortnightly) and daily emails were also revamped in line with the new look.

Blog traffic remained high after a rapid increase in May, averaging around 19,500 visits per month in June, July and August. In September, blog traffic skyrocketed, primarily driven by analysis around the Federal Election and change of government. During September, the blog received 33,400 visits — a jump of more than 40 per cent from August.

Social media networks have continued to experience strong growth. At the end of September, we had reached 3,415 followers on Twitter, up by some 765 followers since the end of May. Facebook page 'likes' increased by 182 to 942. Our number of daily email blog subscribers increased to 1022 and the fortnightly newsletter list increased to 4080 subscribers.

Throughout June and July, we ran a series coordinated by Terence Wood looking at the ten year anniversary of RAMSI in Solomon Islands, its legacy and future challenges.

The Development Policy Centre website is also one of the most viewed Crawford School websites.

The [2012 Annual Report](#) was released in June. Hard copies were distributed to 400 key stakeholders and the PDF was made available for download on our website.

Most popular blog posts June-September 2013

[From expansion to crisis in Australian aid: reflections on the Coalition's aid cuts](#) by Robin Davies

[The future of AusAID: bend it, don't break it](#) by Robin Davies

[The remarkable story of the nationalization of PNG's largest mine and its second largest development partner, all in one day](#) by Stephen Howes

[Combatting family and sexual violence in PNG](#) by Ume Wainetti

[Rampaging soldiers at the Moresby medical school: implications for Rudd's PNG solution](#) by Stephen Howes

[Asylum seekers, negative nationalism and the PNG solution](#) by Grant Walton

[Separated at birth: how to tell Labor and the Coalition apart on aid and development](#) by Robin Davies

[The DFIDisation of AusAID](#) by Joel Negin

[A good news story: AusAID pushing forward on data transparency](#) by Jonathan Pryke

[SWEDOW cows and rotting apricots: bad food aid proposals gaining support of MPs](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

Most popular 'In Brief' items June-September 2013

[AusAID no more? Abbott announces aid agency to be integrated into DFAT](#) by Robin Davies and Ashlee Betteridge

[Aid in 2016-17 to be back at 2012-13 levels under Coalition plan](#) by Stephen Howes

[Abbott announces ministry: no room for aid or the Pacific?](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

[Rudd appoints Minister for International Development](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

[The needle and the damage done: Abbottabad Commission on CIA's bogus vaccination campaign](#) by Robin Davies

[Does \\$2,000 save a life? Conditionally, yes](#) by Robin Davies

[Of Jeffrey Sachs, the Millennium Villages Project, and evidence](#) by Terence Wood

[KFCP: begun with a bang, ending with a whimper](#) by Stephen Howes

[Lazy and crazy arguments for cutting aid](#) by Stephen Howes

C. Research projects

(a) Australian aid

Australian aid stakeholder survey

The Australian aid stakeholder survey has now closed. The first phase of our survey, launched in the middle of June, was a closed survey targeting pre-identified members of the development contractor and Australian NGO communities. We received a total of 105 responses – a respectable 73% of our sample frame.

The second phase of our survey, launched in the middle of July, was a public survey where all other interested stakeholders were welcome to participate. We received a total of 243 responses.

That brings our total responses to 358, making this one of the largest such surveys worldwide.

We will be disseminating the results in a publication and at a public event in October/November.

Enhancing parliamentary scrutiny over aid

Our brief on this topic, written by Research Officer Ashlee Betteridge, is almost complete.

“Idealistic medical students” survey

The 2013 Australian Medical Students Association [Global Health Conference](#) brought together more than 500 medical students with an interest in global health. We used the opportunity to conduct a survey of the students on why they attended the conference and to better understand their career aspirations. We received 108 responses to the survey and will be releasing the results in October.

(b) Pacific and PNG

PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure Project Update

On September 19, in collaboration with the National Research Institute (NRI), we launched the preliminary results of the 2012 PEPE ([Promoting Effective Public Expenditure](#)) survey of schools and health clinics. Our survey, which went back to the same schools and health clinics surveyed a decade ago, found very different results for schools (more students, more teachers, more and better classrooms, more textbooks) and health clinics (fewer patients, health workers and drugs). We attempt to provide some initial reasons in this summary [blog post](#). More information and all the presentations made to the Forum are available [here](#)

We received a large amount of positive feedback and interest. The Health Department were so interested in our results that they invited us back the next week to present our findings at the launch of their free primary health care policy attended by all provincial health managers and hospital CEOs.

Impediments to accessing disability services in PNG

This research, being undertaken by Research Fellow Dinuk Jayasuriya in collaboration with Motivation Australia, will fill a void in literature by being the first to focus on barriers and facilitators to accessing an appropriate mobility device service in PNG, such as wheelchairs. A mixed methods

survey of approximately 300 people and 4 focus groups has successfully been administered in 4 provinces of PNG. The data is currently being analysed.

Pacific Plan

Matthew Dornan continued his research into the limited success of the Pacific Plan, which has now resulted in a draft article, which he presented recently in Vanuatu.

Chinese aid to the Pacific

This research explores Chinese official development assistance and state lending in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Pacific. It involves interviews with leaders and civil servants in three case study countries where Chinese development assistance and state lending has been significant: Tonga, Vanuatu and Cook Islands. Chinese civil servants will also be interviewed. Interviews are complemented by analysis of documentation relating to Chinese official development assistance and state lending, Pacific island government development plans and budgets, and study of broader fiscal, macroeconomic, and development contexts within recipient countries. The research aims to provide an overview and assess the impact of Chinese development assistance and lending in Pacific SIDS.

Pacific labour mobility.

We drafted our assessment of the Australia-Pacific Technical College (jointly with Michael Clemens of the Centre for Global Development). And released our [recommendations](#) for reform of the SWP in September.

(c) Global development policy

This part of our research is led by Robin Davies. His major projects have included:

- A major World Bank study on the role of development agencies in providing global public goods, in which Robin Davies is involved as author and co-editor, was positively appraised in an internal Bank peer review process.
- Contributions to the post-2015 debate
- 2013 update on global aid trends, to be published this month.

(d) Other

PhD research

One student (Hyungsup Lee) submitted his thesis which was a comparison of regional climate change mitigation costs.

Intern research projects

Each Semester the Centre takes on two interns whose work contributes towards their undergraduate degrees. Our semester one interns assisted with our [submission](#) to the [parliamentary inquiry](#) into Australia's relationship with Timor-Leste and our work projecting 2013 aid flows (discussed above). Our semester two interns are working on aid transparency by creating a time series database of available aid budget statistics and auditing (within AusAID) the availability of

project level information. We released our first [blog](#) on NGO aid using research initiated by one of our 2012 interns.

D. Research outputs

[DP 30](#) – “Show me the money: an analysis of New Zealand ODA expenditure 2002 to 2011”
Joanna Spratt and Terence Wood, July 2013

The authors describe trends and key features of New Zealand’s official development assistance (ODA). The analysis is primarily quantitative, charting how much ODA New Zealand gives, the sort of work ODA supports and where it goes.

[DP31](#) – “Economic growth, investment, confidence and poverty reduction in Fiji: semi-rational exuberance?”
Neelesh Gounder and Biman Prasad, September 2013

University of the South Pacific economists Neelesh Gounder and Biman Prasad dissect Fiji’s latest, promising growth performance, including forecast growth of 3% this year. Compared to the average of 0.5% since the 2006 coup, that’s impressive. But Gounder and Prasad urge caution, noting the structural reforms that will be needed to support the continuation of growth, and the underlying rising national poverty trend.

[PB6](#) – “Election 2013: Separated at birth?—How to tell Labor and the Coalition apart on aid and development”
Robin Davies, August 2013

A comprehensive pre-election analysis of the policies of Labor, the Coalition and the Greens on aid and development. The policy brief provides a narrative summary, and a summary in matrix form, of the three parties’ positions under six headings: geography, policy and strategy, multilateral aid, sectors and cross-cutting issues, partnerships and aid management. It highlights the main areas of broad commonality and specific difference between the two major parties.

[Infrastructure maintenance in the Pacific: Challenging the build-neglect-rebuild paradigm](#)
Matthew Dornan, June 2013.

Development Policy Centre Research Fellow Matthew Dornan was the lead author of this new report from the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility. The study investigates the economic impact of sub-optimal maintenance in the Pacific; explores reasons why infrastructure maintenance is so often suboptimal; and discusses what can be done to address the issue. The report also highlights the unique special challenges that Pacific island countries face in delivering infrastructure services. Matt has just been in Vanuatu disseminating this report.

“What Plot?—Rationalising the G20’s Development Agenda”
Robin Davies, July 2013

Robin Davies wrote the lead article in the development edition of the [G20 Monitor](#), a periodical published by the G20 Studies Centre of the Lowy Institute

“An argument for reframing debates about corruption: insights from PNG”

Grant Walton in *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* ([here](#))

This article categorises perspectives on corruption that are found in academic and policy accounts of PNG. It finds that this literature is marked by an over-reliance on Western interpretations of the definition, causes and solutions to corruption. In turn, it is argued that there is an important role that ‘critical’ and culturally aware academics can play in reframing debates about corruption in PNG and the Pacific.

“The limitations of neo-liberal logic in the anti-corruption industry: lessons from PNG”

Grant Walton in *Crime, Law and Social Change* (available as an ‘Online First Article’ [here](#)).

This article argues that despite a change in international discourse about the private sector’s role in corruption, in developing countries like PNG, there is still a tendency to consider the private sector as an anti-corruption champion, more than a potential perpetrator. The article suggests this view may hamper efforts to address corruption in a holistic manner.

“Influence of Posttraumatic Growth on Mental Health and Well-Being across Respondents Severely Affected by War in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka”

Dinuk Jayasuriya requiring proof reading for spelling and grammar by *Social Indicators Research* prior to acceptance.

This paper is based on a large survey in the four Sri Lankan districts most severely affected by war, and looks at the impact of living in a camp for internally displaced people on well-being and mental health.

[Australia’s engagement with the African Development Bank](#)

Robin Davies, July 2013

A submission from the Development Policy Centre to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the African Development Bank Bill 2013, which was cited extensively in the Committee’s report.

E. Events

June 5 - John Gibson – Two decades of poverty in PNG

- 35 attendees
- Professor John Gibson from the University of Waikato compared the recent 2009/10 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) and 1996 PNG Household Survey (PNGHS) to gather information on the face in poverty in PNG over the last two decades.

June 27 and 28 - 2013 Pacific & PNG Update

- 200 attendees across both days
- 35 speakers across two days
- Feedback from the event (conducted via survey) was largely very positive and all major partners are eager to be a part of the 2014 Pacific & PNG Update, with the 2014 PNG Update to be held in Port Moresby.

July 3 - Simon Scott - Does official development assistance have a future?

- 40 attendees
- Simon Scott from the OECD DAC offered a historical perspective on official aid and insights into the uncertain future of aid.

July 30 - Texts, tweets and social change: how can communications contribute to development?

Matt Abud, Oren Murphy, Nicholas Farrelly and Sarah Logan

- 50 attendees
- Drawing on their experience implementing programs and conducting research in Asia and the Pacific, panellists from ANU and Internews, an NGO working to strengthen information quality and access in developing countries, discussed the potential of new communications technologies and approaches.

August 6 – Value for money in aid

- 100 attendees
- Dr Cathy Shutt from the Institute of Development Studies and Russell McKay from GRM International's Effective Development Group Economist gave different perspectives on the push for value for money in aid, UK approaches and practical considerations around money metrics.

August 8 – Mario Pezzini - Perspectives in global development: Industrial policies in a changing world

- 200 attendees (held in collaboration with a Crwaford graduate course)
- Mr Mario Pezzini is Director of the OECD Development Centre. He discussed the findings of a new OECD report on industrial policies in developing countries and the challenges and opportunities for policymakers.

August 14 – Election forum on Australian aid

- 220 attendees
- ACT candidates discussed their parties' approaches to aid. The event was sponsored by the Development Policy Centre and Oxfam ACT, with the support of Oaktree and Make Poverty History.
- The forum featured Dr Helen Szoke, Chief Executive Officer, Oxfam Australia; Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre; The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh, Member for Fraser, ALP; Elizabeth Lee, Liberal candidate for Fraser ; and Julie Melrose, Greens candidate for Canberra.

August 15 – Kerry Boland – Child protection in Afghanistan

- 30 attendees
- Kerry Boland, a consultant to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), talked about her experience building formal and informal mechanisms to protect children in Afghanistan.

August 29 – Robin Davies – Goals for people: A review of post-2015 proposals, and some suggestions

- 90 attendees
- Robin Davies provided a comparative assessment of the post-2015 development frameworks on offer, identified some pervasive defects, and suggested ways of repairing these.

September 12 –Duncan Green–How do we plan, campaign and work in development? The reality of doing development in complex systems

- 155 attendees
- Dr Duncan Green is Senior Strategic Adviser at Oxfam GB, prominent development blogger and author of *From Poverty to Power: How Active Citizens and Effective States can Change the World*. He spoke on what aid practitioners would do differently, if they acknowledged and tried to adapt to the messiness of reality.

September 13 – Tapping the Market: Opportunities for domestic investments in water and sanitation for the poor

- 35 attendees
- Jaehyang So, Manager, Water and Sanitation Program, The World Bank and Bob Warner, Director, Pacific Research Partnerships, Crawford School of Public Policy, presented the findings of the World Bank WSP's recently published report 'Tapping the Market: Opportunities for domestic investments in water and sanitation for the poor'. The report is the first study of its kind to systematically assess the constraints of domestic firms in investing for increased supply to the poor.

September 18 – Global solutions: Are international organisations up to the challenge of providing global public goods for development?

- 90 attendees
- This session is part of our research project into the provision of international public goods by multilateral aid organizations. Warren Evans talked about the financing and management reforms needed for the World Bank to play a more effective role in addressing climate change and providing other global goods. James Moody argued for more effective institutional arrangements to support innovation and the dissemination of knowledge for development. Patrick Weller presented findings emerging from his ongoing work on the governance of international organisations, illustrating how the informal dynamics of strategic decision-making both limit and create opportunities for reform. The panel was chaired by Robin Davies.

F. Meetings, talks, training, assignments

- Robin Davies took part in a meeting with Peter Baxter on the G20 development agenda, on 7 June. The meeting was hosted by ANU College of Asia and the Pacific Dean Andrew MacIntyre and also included Peter Drysdale, Veronica Taylor, Hal Hill and Andrew Walker, plus senior staff from AusAID.
- Robin Davies and Visiting Fellow Kerri Elgar finalised the membership of the Devpolicy working group on enterprise challenge funds and the first three meetings of the group took place. This

international working group includes five people based in the UK and one based in Nairobi (manager of the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund). The working group will produce a policy brief, to be presented at a workshop in October which AusAID has asked Devpolicy to host as part of the process of winding up Australia's existing enterprise challenge fund. The brief is intended to inform a decision by the Australian government on future support for such mechanisms. The Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, signalled in a speech on 19 June that the Coalition views enterprise challenge funds favourably.

- Matthew Dornan and Ashlee Betteridge met with a visiting Solomon Islands journalist Ednal Palmer, a DFAT official and State, Society and Governance in Melanesia scholars to discuss challenges facing the Solomons and the potential for media coverage.
- Robin Davies met with Bernadino Pereira, a senior official of Timor-Leste's Ministry of Finance, to discuss Australian government and potential ANU support for public expenditure management in Timor-Leste.
- Robin Davies met for a second time with Tim Costello on G20 development issues and, as a result, was invited to engage regularly with the policy committee of the C20, which Reverend Costello chairs, and to brief the full C20 steering committee in September.
- Robin Davies met with Clare Walsh, head of AusAID's International Programs and Partnerships Division, to discuss the G20 development agenda and a possible role for Devpolicy in advising the Australian government on how to take this forward as its presidency approaches.
- Robin Davies presented to a policy and planning meeting of AusAID's East Asia Division, together with AusAID's Chief Economist Michael Carnahan.
- Robin Davies spoke on aid effectiveness to an audience of 250 early-career public health specialists at the Global Ideas Forum, University of Melbourne.
- Robin Davies participated in a Chatham House discussion convened by the Lowy Institute on the G20 development agenda, together with senior Australian government officials and other contributors to the August edition of Lowy's G20 Monitor, on the G20 and development.
- Robin Davies, Matthew Dornan and Ashlee Betteridge spoke with a group of 10 senior journalists and editors from the Pacific who visited Canberra as part of the Asia Pacific Journalism Centre's fellowship program.
- Matthew Dornan presented a public seminar on infrastructure maintenance at Vanuatu's Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities in September, with introduction by the Minister.
- Matthew Dornan and Tess Newton Cain presented a seminar on regional service provision in the Pacific at the Melanesian Spearhead Group in September.
- Matthew Dornan spoke on regulatory arrangements and performance in the power sector of Pacific island countries at the Vanuatu Utilities Regulatory Authority in September.
- Andrew Mako (NRI), Colin Wiltshire, Grant Walton and Anthony Swan presented the PEPE survey findings to seven Provincial Administrations around PNG. Administrators provided excellent feedback and said they would use the findings to guide their strategic plans budgetary allocations.
- Andrew Mako (NRI), Colin Wiltshire, Grant Walton and Anthony Swan presented to AusAID officials from Health, Education, Governance and Economics in Port Moresby.
- Colin Wiltshire, Anthony Swan and Grant Walton presented initial health findings from the PEPE study to AusAID officials in Canberra.

- Dinuk Jayasuriya has presented on irregular migration issues to Australia's Counter Maritime People Smuggling Task Force.
- Dinuk Jayasuriya has been invited to present at the Asian Development Bank's Impact Evaluation conference in Manila.
- Dinuk Jayasuriya has been invited to the High Level Strategic Discussion on Future Migration Challenges conference at ANU.
- Jonathan Pryke represented Devpolicy at AusAID's 'Aid Transparency Stakeholder Review' in July. The half day review brought together approximately 20 internal and 10 external stakeholders.
- We have promoted our collaboration with UPNG, bringing the Vice Chancellor to the ANU, and making several visits to Moresby.
- Stephen Howes was invited to New Zealand to give two public lectures on international aid and climate change, and to spend a day with the International Development Group of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Stephen Howes gave several talks in Canberra including pre-election briefings on aid and climate change, and address on climate change to the Australia China Youth Dialogue, and a talk on aid to the Asialink Asia program.
- Stephen Howes participated in a panel discussion with Dr Jimmie Rodgers at the National Press Club on the future of the Pacific
- Stephen Howes participated in discussions with the Office of National Assessment on Pacific development issues.
- Stephen Howes and Terence Wood contributed to a brainstorming at AusAID on its new PNG governance strategy.
- Stephen Howes met with Paul Ronalds, head of Save the Children, Head IDC, Head ODE IEC, various AusAID staff
- Stephen Howes met with PNG High Commissioner Charles Lepani to brief him on the Centre's activities.
- Visiting Fellow Margaret Callan was engaged by AusAID to conduct an independent mid-term review of the government's Mining for Development Initiative.
- Margaret Callan was contacted and provided advice to TV journalist Marion Wilkinson for the ABC Four Corners program on corruption in PNG.
- We worked with the UK-based Overseas Development Institute to provide advice to AusAID on how to classify and report on climate change financing through Australia's aid program, in the context of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- At AusAID's request, we developed and delivered a specialised training program on multilateral development finance for staff of AusAID's multilateral division. This received good evaluation ratings.
- We were invited by the OECD to consider managing, on their behalf, a major global survey of developing country government's views on what they want from donors in the future, as part of an OECD 'Aid Agency of the Future' project. We are assessing the feasibility of this.

PNG Family and Sexual Violence Case Management Centre

We have initiated a project in PNG to provide case-management services to the women of Lae. Progress made so far includes submission of a funding proposal to AusAID, registration of an NGO in PNG, and creation of a [website](#). We are currently waiting to hear from AusAID. Our role in the project will be to provide monitoring and evaluation services, and also to facilitate the project as a corporate social responsibility endeavour.

G. Financial Report

Our financial report for the first 9 months of the year is attached. Salient points follow.

- We have this year received more than our regular expected cash income of 750K. The College made their 5-year contribution in one go.
- Our expenditure is therefore budgeted at about K750.
- We have spent 80% of our budget in the first 9 months, but that includes several one-off payments earlier in the year that will not be made in the last few months. We are therefore confident of coming down within budget.
- The PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project is budgeted for separately (and in a separate account) with AusAID funding. We will start including that in our next report.
- We have also earned about \$58,000 through additional training and other assignments. Such funds have been used to eliminate our deficit accrued in earlier years. They also accrue to a separate account, and will be included in our financial reporting going forward.
- Also excluded from this statement is the in-kind support provided by the Crawford School, College and University. This covers the salary of Stephen Howes, administrative support provided by Crawford staff, and use of facilities, virtual and real.
- Funding provided by partners (e.g. ADB and APPS for the PNG and Pacific Update) is also excluded.

Development Policy Centre - Harold Mitchell Foundation	ACTUAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	395,493.60	
Fiscal/Calendar Year 2013	BUDGETED INCOME LESS EXPENSES	241,683.65	
Year to date October 2	Budget	Actual	
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INCOME	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
<i>Grants</i>	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Vice Chancellor Special Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	Q53600 A6 P13
Harold Mitchell Foundation	500,000.00	500,000.00	Q53600 A6 P3 (Invoice # 424158) P10 (Invoice #429020)
Crawford Matching Contribution	100,000.00	100,000.00	Q53600 A6 P13
CAP	250,000.00	250,000.00	Q53600 A6 P3 (This includes contributions till 2017)
EXPENSES	758,316.35	604,506.40	80%
<i>Staff</i>	693,316.35	562,066.90	
<i>Travel</i>	20,000.00	11,728.37	
International	10,000.00	2,187.87	
Domestic	10,000.00	9,540.50	
<i>Events</i>	10,000.00	2,983.27	
Catering & Venue	5,000.00	1,633.27	
Materials & Equipment	5,000.00	1,350.00	
<i>Other</i>	35,000.00	27,727.86	
Blog & Web	10,000.00	7,433.07	
Printing	15,000.00	11,161.30	
Other	10,000.00	9,133.49	

NOTES

1. After 2013, annual income will be \$750,000. Income higher this year due to prepayment by CAP of its entire five-year contribution
2. Additional income of \$57,750.00 was generated by various training and other assignments. This is not shown here since such funds accumulate to another account (fund R53600 0114). These funds were also used to eliminate the deficit in that account accrued in earlier years.
3. The amounts above only show the cash support provided to the centre. The salary of the Centre's Director and other costs relating to administration and facilities are provided by the Crawford School, College of Asia and the Pacific and ANU

STAFF

Anthony Swan
Ashlee Betteridge
Dinuk Jayasuriya
Jonathan Prykes
Macarena Rojas
Matthew Dornan
Robin Davies
Matt Morris (Discontinued)
Other casual, part-time staff

Attachment: Progress against milestones

This table reproduces the 2013 milestones in our 2012 annual report and assesses progress against them.

Objective	Status	On track?
Australian aid		
Complete the first Australian aid stakeholder survey to obtain new insights into the strengths and weaknesses of Australian aid.	The survey was conducted from June-August and received 358 responses. Results are currently being analysed and will be released in October/November this year.	✓
Hold the first post-budget aid forum to improve the quality of aid analysis and discussion.	We hosted the event to a crowded audience the morning after the budget on May 15 th .	✓
Prepare a pre-election aid brief and hold a public forum to contribute to aid policy thinking after Australia's federal election in September.	The brief (and accompanying blog post) were released weeks before the election. The public forum has been delayed in light of recent developments with the Australian aid program.	✓
Launch a working group on public-private sector collaboration to learn from AusAID's Enterprise Challenge Fund for the Pacific and South East Asia, and similar mechanisms, and publish the group's recommendations.	We launched the working group in July. The group has met X times and will be hosting a public forum in October/November this year.	✓
Launch a new crowd-sourced project on 'What it takes to succeed in aid.'	We are yet to start work on this project.	✗
Analyse the findings of the 2013 OECD Development Assistance Committee aid review of Australia, and track the implementation of its recommendations.	We discussed the findings on our blog in May.	✓
Publish quantitative analysis on trends in Australian non-government aid and explore options for qualitative analysis.	Our analysis was published in late August. We aim to release two more blogs using the same data later in the year.	✓
Develop a policy brief on options for enhancing parliamentary scrutiny of aid.	We are in the final drafts of this policy brief and will launch it this month.	✓
Extend our analysis of the use of aid to meet onshore asylum seeker costs.	We have provided extensive commentary and analysis of this issue on our blog.	✓
PNG and the Pacific		
Expand the Pacific Update into a two-day event.	The Pacific and PNG update was held on June 27-28 this year in partnership with the ADB. A post-event feedback survey returned very positive results.	✓
Analyse our PNG expenditure tracking data and feed it back into policy debates through biannual budget fora in collaboration with our partner, PNG's National Research Institute.	The preliminary findings were presented at the PNG budget forum on September 19 (a summary can be found here). The survey has been met with keen interest from both AusAID and the PNG government.	✓
Further research Australia's Seasonal Worker Program and the Australia-Pacific Technical College to identify reforms that will increase their contribution to regional labour mobility.	We released our recommendations for reform of the SWP in September this year. A paper on the APTC has been drafted.	✓
Research Pacific Plan collaborative initiatives to	A submission was delivered to the Review of the	✓

identify lessons and contribute to the Pacific Plan review.	Pacific Plan (summary available here).	
Deepen our research into the contribution of the resources sector to development in PNG.	Our research is continuing, with results collected here .	✓
Research the development effectiveness of Chinese aid to the Pacific.	We are taking this research forward in collaboration with the Lowy Institute.	✓
Disseminate research to improve infrastructure maintenance in the Pacific.	The report was released [pdf] in June and discussion continues on our blog.	✓
Evaluate Australia's Pacific Partnerships.	Yet to commence.	✗
Global development policy		
In cooperation with the G20 Studies Centre at the Lowy Institute, contribute to thinking on how to streamline and set priorities for the G20's development agenda, in preparation for Australia's chairing of the G20 in 2014.	We contributed to the most recent Lowy G20 Monitor and are playing an active role in contributing to the development agenda with both the Lowy Institute and Tim Costello's office at World Vision Australia.	✓
Contribute to international discussions on the post-2015 development framework from an Asia-Pacific and fragile-state perspective.	We hosted an event at the end of August laying out our suggestions for the post-2015 agenda. A paper will be released shortly.	✓
Produce global aid projections for 2013.	We have completed our analysis, which will be released within the next week.	✓
Complete work on the evolving role of development financing, bilateral and multilateral, in providing international public goods, as part of our contribution to the World Bank study, 'Collective Solutions 2025'.	The World Bank study has almost been completed, with the Centre continuing to play an active role in its ongoing research.	✓
Survey and assess the use to date of results-based aid mechanisms by development agencies, and recommend priorities for Australian engagement in such mechanisms.	Yet to commence.	✗