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## PEPE Budget Forum & Report Launch: Service delivery and reform in Papua New Guinea 2002-2012: A lost decade?

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Has PNG been able to translate its booming mineral wealth into services for ordinary people?

The joint NRI-ANU Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project tries to answer this question in a report to be launched at our next budget forum. It presents results of survey completed at the end of 2012 of more than 350 primary schools and health clinics across eight provinces, from the nation's capital to its most far-flung and inaccessible regions. Many of the same facilities were also surveyed at the start of the decade, in 2002. By combining these two surveys, we can assess progress over time, and analyse the impact of important policy reforms.

The report finds very different performance across education and health. Primary schools have expanded rapidly over the last decade, but services delivered at health clinics have declined.

The study documents and explains trends in the variable performance across facilities, provinces, and between church and government facilities surveyed. The report shows that development progress is possible in PNG, but that it requires much more than a growing budget. It also requires sound financial management, local oversight, effective supervision, and a motivated workforce.

This report and the unique data set on which it is based will be an invaluable resource for PNG's policy makers and people.

The budget forum and report launch is scheduled for **25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 from 9am – 12pm at the NRI Conference Centre**. Speakers at the forum will include senior government officials and researchers, development partners, and NGOs that are influential in health and education service delivery in PNG.

The budget forum is open to the general public and all are welcome to attend. To register for this event or for further details please contact: Ronald Sofo: [rsofo@nri.org.pg](mailto:rsofo@nri.org.pg); and for registration, Eunice Kivan: [ekivan@nri.org.pg](mailto:ekivan@nri.org.pg) or phone: 326 0300/0016. For media enquires contact Francis Gabriel: [fgabriel@nri.org.pg](mailto:fgabriel@nri.org.pg)