

Newsletter: PNG “lost decade?” report launch | Aid conference deadline + speakers

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A lost decade? Service delivery and reforms in Papua New Guinea 2002-2012

We're delighted to announce that on Thursday 30 October the PNG Treasurer, the Hon. Patrick Pruaitch MP, will be launching our new report comparing 2002 and 2012 surveys of 360 primary schools and health clinics from across the country. Has PNG been able to translate its economic boom into services for ordinary people? And what lessons can we learn for the future?

The report is a joint product of ANU and National Research Institute (NRI) researchers. The launch will be held at NRI in Port Moresby at 9am. To register or for further details please contact: Ron Sofo on rsofe@nri.org.pg, Eunice Kivan on ekivan@nri.org.pg, or phone: 326 0300/0016.

You can get a taste of the report's results [in today's blog](#), which highlights the transformation in the gender composition of PNG's teaching and health care workforce over the last decade.

You can also get ready for the 2015 PNG budget by [reading our commentary here](#) (by Stephen Howes and Ron Sofo, on the twin challenges of rebalancing and deficit reduction) and also read Paul Flanagan's [ten criteria](#) for judging the success of the budget.

Australasian Aid Conference update – more speakers and deadline extension

We have more speakers for the [2015 Australasian Aid Conference](#). Depolicy Associate Director Robin Davies will be delivering a keynote on the future of aid. We also welcome two additional international speakers: Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka who will be headlining a high-level panel on recipient perspectives on aid; and Prabodh Saxena, a Senior Advisor at the Asian Development Bank, who will be speaking on our special panel on Indian development cooperation. They join those we have already announced, [here](#).

We have had a good response to our call for papers, but in case you are yet to submit, we have extended the deadline to 29 October. Papers are [welcome](#) on a range of topics relating to aid effectiveness, the political economy of aid, aid from non-traditional donors, international public goods, the international development architecture, international climate change policy, and migration and trade.

Submissions are welcome from academics, students and practitioners. Abstracts should be submitted to devpolicy@anu.edu.au.

Registration for the workshop is also [now open](#), with early-bird specials available until Monday 21 November.

Two positions available with Femili PNG

Femili PNG, which runs the Lae Family and Sexual Violence Case Management Centre, is currently recruiting for two roles. The first is for a part-time Development Manager in Canberra, the other for an Australian Volunteers for International Development assignment with Oxfam PNG in Port Moresby. [Details here](#).

Upcoming events

ODI Fellowships: opportunities for postgraduates

Darren Lomas will discuss the ODI Fellowship scheme and provide details on the recruitment and application process for 2015-2017. [Register here](#).

PNG's lost decade? An assessment of service delivery progress and expenditure reforms

The next [PNG budget forum](#) will be held on 30 October at NRI in Port Moresby. It is a free event, open to all. For further details please contact [Colin Wiltshire](#) or [Ron Sofo](#).

2015 Australasian Aid Conference

Our annual aid conference will be held on 12-13 February 2015. We are now calling for papers and registrations are open, with early bird pricing until 21 November. For details, [visit the website](#).

Blog highlights

Why only some [aid-financed ambulances](#) work

[Ebola](#) exposes WHO's weaknesses

Is 'cash-for-oil' all it's [cracked up to be](#)?

Will Australia [lift its game](#) on climate finance?

On the blog

[Good news on the gender front in Papua New Guinea](#) by Stephen Howes, Andrew Anton Mako, Anthony Swan, Grant Walton, Thomas Webster and Colin Wiltshire

[Ebola – lessons so far for the international community](#) by Sam Byfield

[Resource wealth and direct dividend payments: what's missing?](#) By Ryan Edwards

[Does the introduction of ambulances improve access to maternal health services in rural Ethiopia?](#) By Ruth Jackson

[Pursuing gender equality through critical reflection: World Vision's gender equality study](#) by Erin Goddard

[The twin challenges facing the 2015 Papua New Guinea budget: rebalancing and deficit reduction](#) by Stephen Howes and Ron Sofo

[Women's economic empowerment and Australian aid: more work to be done](#) by Ashlee Betteridge and Stephen Howes

[Climate finance after the New York summit: will Australia lift its game?](#) By Jonathan Pickering

[Pacific countries demonstrate the fundamental flaw in the SOE model](#) by Laure Darcy

In brief

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