



**REGIONAL PROCESSING CENTRE ON MANUS: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
FACT SHEET 1
AS AT 5 JUNE 2014**

- As at 31 May 2014 around 1041 PNG citizens are employed to provide services at the Regional Processing Centre (RPC) at Lombrum – 903 of these people are from Manus.
- Manus residents are also employed to assist with construction works at the centre.
- Services at the Lombrum centre are delivered by Transfield Services and International Health and Medical Services (IHMS).
 - all service providers are required to maximise employment of PNG citizens wherever possible.
- 66% of all Service Provider staff employed at the centre are PNG citizens.
- 67% of Transfield staff employed at the centre are PNG citizens.
- Staff employed to carry out work at a RPC are paid wages commensurate with other locally available job opportunities.
 - employees who travel from other parts of PNG may have their wages supplemented with an allowance for living away from home while working.
- Service providers have worked closely with locally engaged staff to build capacity and provide opportunities to develop skills including:
 - first aid, advanced security training, including incident response and leadership training for supervisory and management roles.
- New facilities are under construction in East Lorengau and Lombrum which will lead to further opportunities for employment of PNG citizens, including those from Manus.

Contracts for goods and services

- For the month of May 2014, the RPC purchased goods and services such as food valued at more than PGK2 million each week.
- Examples of companies providing goods and services to the RPC include: Total Food Network Ltd, Islands Petroleum Limited, Interoil Products Limited, Panariu Building Maintenance, Spic N Span, Chauka Car Rentals, Agility Limited, Kingfisher Hire Cabs, Juromo Wholesale, Pest Care Limited, Island Fresh Product, Hipowa Lae Limited, Manus Transport And Logistics, Air Niugini Ltd, Loda Security and Tactical Security International.

Contracts for construction

- Work is underway in Manus to:
 - expand and upgrade the Lombrum RPC including associated infrastructure and permanent staff accommodation; and
 - to construct accommodation at East Lorengau.
- Decmil Australia has been engaged as the Managing Contractor for these works.
- The engagement of local businesses and local employment will increase as further subcontract and supplier packages are let by the Managing Contractor.



- Subcontract and supply opportunities across the two projects include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – fencing – landscape – supply and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment – supply and installation of signage – shade structures – sports courts – electrical services – hydraulic services – fuel management including supply and storage – vehicles supply – bulk earthworks / civil works – demolition works – fly camp and kitchen construction and installation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – logistics management – mechanical services – construction services – supply of quarry materials – design & construct screw piers – concrete batching plant – logistics – security services – structural steel supply – structural steel & building module installation – design & construct in-situ buildings, hydraulic services, water treatment & sewer treatment plant, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> communication & security services, electrical & fire services, power generation – laundry + linen consumables – catering / food supply – consumables – recruitment – electrical goods – canteen – waste removal – cleaning services – container lease – insurance – generator hire – stationery supplies – pest control – printing
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- An open expression of interest (EOI) process was undertaken by Decmil in September 2013 for subcontract works in relation to the East Lorengau project. This EOI process is also being used for works at Lombrum. Decmil are issuing subcontract tender recommendations for Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and PNG government approval.
- Expressions of interest for subcontract packages and general labour in relation to the RPC can be sent by email to:
 - infrastructure works: 10143Manus@decmil.com.au
 - provision of services: procurementgroup@transfieldservices.com
- Contractors who tender are required to provide a plan to maximise local PNG labour workforce engagement across the project; develop a training program to up-skill the capabilities of the local workforce to provide a legacy once the project is complete; and provide mentoring to local subcontractors.
- As at 26 May 2014 there are 113 persons working on the Lombrum project. Of these, 28 persons are Manusian. There are an additional 64 PNG citizens employed on the project. PNG national workers have worked 70% of the total hours worked on the project.
- There have been 12 subcontract packages awarded on the Lombrum project. Of these 9 have been awarded to PNG companies.



- As at 26 May 2014 there are 211 PNG nationals working on the East Lorengau project on Manus. Of these, 196 persons are Manusian. There are an additional 15 PNG citizens employed on the project. PNG workers have worked 70% of the total hours worked on the project.
- There have been 52 subcontract packages awarded on the East Lorengau project. Of these 33 have been awarded to PNG companies.
- Local contractors across both sites are being trained in a variety of areas for skilled labour including:
 - induction training
 - challenge testing
 - health and safety
 - marine environment
 - spill response
 - dehydration
 - waste management
 - environmental awareness
 - pedestrian/plant interaction
 - emergency response



REGIONAL PROCESSING CENTRE ON MANUS: COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FACT SHEET 2 AS AT 5 JUNE 2014

Manus business workshops

- In June 2014, a new workshop series for businesses in Manus will be launched
 - this assistance for Manus businesses is on top of the additional support package to Manus.
- The aim of the workshops is to develop the capacity of local businesses to participate in economic opportunities in Manus.
- The provider for the initial workshop is the PNG company Institute of Banking and Business Management
 - at the 19 May Manus Open Forum, the Institute delivered a special session on business capacity building.

Economic Development

- The Australian Government will fund a study on the Manus economy in the second half of 2014.

Direct Aid Program

- Additional assistance to Manus has been channelled through the Direct Aid Program:
 - the Pihl Lorengau Women's Group has received 20 electric sewing machines from the Australian High Commission.

Public outreach

- News and developments in relation to Australian assistance to Manus and the Regional Processing Centre can be found in our new newsletter *Manus i go het!*
- There are dedicated community liaison officers in Manus at the RPC to liaise with the community.
- The Australian High Commission has held quarterly public forums in Manus, Lae, Port Moresby and Cairns in partnership with the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Services Authority
 - the last forum was in Manus on 19 May.
- The Australian High Commissioner, High Commission staff, and staff at the Regional Processing Centre are regularly on radio, including Radio Manus.
- Four signboards have been erected in Manus to support community engagement:
 - two signboards containing the architect's impression of the market were erected at the site of the Lorengau market in early May
 - a pinboard displaying public information and news about Australian assistance to Manus has been erected outside Splendid Supermarket in Lorengau. A second pinboard is scheduled to be erected outside the BSP bank in the week of 9 June.



**AUSTRALIA-PNG DEFENCE COOPERATION ON MANUS
FACT SHEET 3
AS AT 5 JUNE 2014**

- Under the Defence Cooperation Program, the Australian Defence Force Exercise Halivim Poroman has refurbished married quarters at the Lombrum Naval Base. The project, valued at over PGK2.5 million, used contractors, supplies and equipment from Papua New Guinea for the work which was completed in December 2013.
- The Australian Government is building 42 new married quarters on Lombrum Navy Base in the area known as Lower Paradise. These new married quarters will be for PNG Defence Force (PNGDF) sailors and their families and construction is programmed to commence in the second half of 2014.
- The Australian Government is funding upgrades to the Lombrum Naval Base including repair and grading of roads, repair of the water supply, repair of power, upgrade to sewerage systems and erection of fencing.
- The renovation of existing buildings at the Lombrum Naval Base and the building of new structures in support of the Regional Processing Centre will provide the PNGDF with infrastructure that will benefit the base and the Defence Force over the long-term.
- The Australian Government is repairing the ablution blocks at the Lombrum Navy Base School. The current ablution block has become unserviceable over time and the new structure will significantly improve hygiene for the students and staff (see Fact Sheet 4 for further details).
- Australia has supplied and maintained four patrol boats in Manus. These boats support PNGDF in conducting patrol activities in support of fisheries and customs.
 - four Australian Naval personnel are posted to PNG to support this capacity.
 - training teams from the Royal Australian Navy, commencing in the second half of 2014, will assist the PNGDF Maritime Element in patrolling PNG waters.



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO MANUS FACT SHEET 4 AS AT 5 JUNE 2014

- The Australian Government is providing additional support to Manus Province, worth approximately \$26 million.
- The Australian Government, PNG Government and the Manus Provincial Government have jointly decided that this additional support to Manus will be used for the following projects:

Lorengau Hospital

- Works on the dental clinic have been completed and the clinic reopened in February 2014.
- A range of medical and dental equipment has been delivered and installed at a cost of \$400,000. The equipment included:
 - a new digital dental X-ray device – a first for a PNG public dental clinic – which replaces the need for film processing;
 - a machine to test blood samples quickly; and
 - an incubator for premature infants or infants in intensive care.
- Lorengau Hospital Master Plan has been finalised. A Preliminary Cost Plan for implementing the Plan has been completed.
- In February Australian High Commission officials, National Department of Health and Lorengau Hospital management met to discuss Australian assistance to Lorengau Hospital under the Master Plan. Staff housing was identified as an immediate priority. Australia will provide assistance on staff housing, including rehabilitation of existing housing. Tender processes for the new housing will commence in June 2014.

Education

- Assistance includes infrastructure school kits for an additional 10 schools (doubling the pre-existing commitment), construction of a double classroom with an administration office, teacher house and ablution block. The schools were selected by the Manus Provincial Division of Education, in consultation with the National Department of Education.
 - construction of 15 schools kits has now been completed in the following schools: (Bipi, M'buke, Baso, N'dilou, Metyih, N'drehet, Lundret, Likum, Metepong, Nohang, Waratalai, Andra, Lomoei, Aua and Wuvulu)
 - construction of the final 5 school kits is almost complete with minor works expected to be completed shortly (N'yada, Mouklen, Harangan, Lau and Pateku)
 - the school kits for Manus are being constructed by a PNG company following an international tender process
 - local communities are participating in the construction of the schools.
- Separately, a contractor will undertake a scoping and design study for the ablution blocks and new water tank at the Lombrum Naval Base Primary School. Following the study, Australia will fund upgrades to the Lombrum Naval Base Primary School's ablution blocks and install a new water tank to service toilets and provide clean drinking water.
 - the tender for the scoping and design study was issued on 24 April by Charles Kendall and Partners Ltd and closed on 20 May 2014. The bids are currently being evaluated.



- The Australia Awards Scholarship Roadshow was held in Manus on 9-11 March, providing information about the Australian Government's in-Australia and in-PNG (health-related) scholarships. More than 1200 people from Manus attended.
- The Australia Awards team also met with eight alumni based in Manus to discuss future alumni activities for ongoing professional development and networking with other Australian Scholarship alumni.
- The Australia Awards team promoted their small grants program which offers grants of up to PGK30,000 for youth organisations and professional associations.

Road and bridge maintenance and rehabilitation works

- Australia is funding three priority road and bridge projects. Australia is working with the PNG Department of Works and the provincial government on these projects. The works will be procured through an international competitive bidding process.
 - rehabilitation of the Loniu and Nuwok bridges (between Momote and Lorengau);
 - maintenance and rehabilitation including some resealing and earthworks to enhance resilience to flooding of the Lorengau – Momote road; and
 - rehabilitation of the roads and drains around the Lorengau market square.
- An international tender for these works was advertised on 30 May with a closing date of 29 July.
- Key dates are:
 - April 2014 – design and scoping completed and report submitted
 - May – September 2014 – international tender process
 - September 2014 – contract awarded for road and bridge works
 - November 2014 – estimated start date of construction
 - December 2015 – practical completion of works.

Renovation of Lorengau Market Roof

- Australia is working with the Manus Provincial Technical Services Division (PTSD) on the market roof renovation.
- In January 2014, a collapsing section of the roof was demolished and a consultation was held with key stakeholders on the concept design. The concept design was finalised and approved by the Manus Provincial Technical Services Division.
- Contracts for the minor works (demolition of the main roof, fencing, maintenance and new female toilet) were awarded in April and work commenced on 1 May 2014.
- The Lorengau Urban Local Level Government has set up temporary market sites in seven wards around Lorengau.
- Key dates are:
 - May 2014 – minor works commenced
 - May – July 2014 – detailed design and tender processes; delivery of materials
 - July 2014 – construction scheduled to commence
 - December 2014 – market renovation scheduled for completion.



Community grants

- The Australian Government is working with the Provincial Division of Community Development on Manus youth activities, in line with the Manus Provincial Youth Policy (2012-16). This work is underpinned by an MOU with the Manus Provincial Administration signed in November 2013.
- The activities focus on supporting sport, income generation and livelihood opportunities for at risk youth, vulnerable women and children, and communities adapting to climate change.
- The first tranche of grants were for sport. More than 14,000 young people from Manus will benefit.
- A total of PGK305,000 in grants targeting sports associations and improving community participation in sports were awarded to 16 Manus sports associations on 29 May
 - these funds will support the associations to be prepared for the Manus Games in July and the PNG Games in November 2014
 - an additional PGK215,000 will be provided to upgrade local sports facilities and help remote area Local-Level Government areas benefit from the programs.
- The next phase focuses on increasing the capacity of the Manus Provincial Administration to support community development
 - the Australian Government is supporting the Provincial Executive Managers for Community Development, Commerce and Law and Justice to recruit three advisers: sports and recreation adviser, income generation and microfinance adviser and drug and alcohol awareness adviser
 - on 29 May, the Steering Committee for the community grants agreed to invite five members of civil society to join the Committee: Pihl Manus, Provincial Churches Council, Sports Council, Chamber of Commerce and the Manus United Disability Agency.

Lorengau Police Station

- The Australian Government has agreed to rebuild the Lorengau Police Station under the PNG-Australia Law and Justice Partnership (estimated to be approximately \$2.5 million)
 - this assistance for the police is on top of the additional support package to Manus.
- The rebuilding of the police station will support the PNG Government's police modernisation program.
- Key dates:
 - May – June 2014 – tender process for design and supervision
 - July 2014 – contract awarded
 - November 2014 – February 2015 – construction tender process
 - March 2015 – construction scheduled to commence
 - June 2016 – police station scheduled for completion.



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT EXISTING MANUS PROVINCE AID PACKAGE FACT SHEET 5 AS AT 5 JUNE 2014

Pre-existing aid to Manus Province

The Australian Government's Development Additional Assistance Package to Manus (see fact sheet No. 4) is in addition to Australia's existing support under the Partnership for Development to Manus Province (approximately \$14 million over 2012-15).

Australia's existing aid package to Manus includes:

Education (approximately \$4.3 million, including approximately \$0.8 million in scholarships)

- Infrastructure kits for 10 schools;
- Delivery of 35,000 textbooks by 2015;
- Subsidy payments for elementary schools;
- The awarding of five Australian Awards Scholarships.
- The awarding of one Australia Pacific Technical College Scholarship.

Health (approximately \$3.3 million)

- Purchase and delivery of 40 per cent and 100 per cent medical supply kits to 61 aid posts and 13 health centres;
- Procurement and distribution of 16 emergency obstetric care medical kits;
- The awarding of 33 scholarships in midwifery, nursing and community health work.
- In 2011-13, Australia contributed PGK1.84 million to fund the construction, procurement of equipment and staff training for a sexual and reproductive health clinic in Lorengau.

Transport infrastructure (approximately \$2.1 million)

- Replacement and upgrading of radio navigation aids at Momote Airport by Australia's Transport Sector Support Program and PNG Air Services Ltd.

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management (approximately \$2.9 million)

- Assistance includes: strengthening the capacity of communities in Manus to adapt to climate change (approximately \$1.2 million); and improving community capacity to manage forestry/natural resource sustainably for livelihood sustenance through Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) demonstration project (approximately \$1.7 million). Manus is the first province in PNG to trial a REDD demonstration project at the community level. The first stage of the program will be completed in June 2014 and the second phase in June 2015.

Sub-national Program (approximately \$0.9 million)

- Training to improve district and ward-level governance;
- Technical advice on public financial management;
- Budget training for ward level officials; and
- Human resources support for the Manus Provincial Administration.



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There are 11 SPSN small grants allocated for Manus:

1. Dungou Masih Community: water sanitation and hygiene;
 2. Liwliw Elementary School: classroom;
 3. Manus Disability Sports Association: Personnel Viability Training for people with disabilities;
 4. Mbunai Primary School: double classroom;
 5. Parioi Perelik Ward 4: elementary classroom;
 6. Pihi Tetidu Womens Group: Pihi Wards resource centre;
 7. Likum Ward Development Committee: CHW house and aid post;
 8. Los Negros LLG: Locha LLG Centre aid post;
 9. Ndrehet Ward Development Committee: Khehek water supply sanitation and hygiene;
 10. Pihi Kali Association: Pihi Kali village banking; and
 11. Pihing Butjou Womens Group: Water supply and sanitation.
- In May 2014, the Manus Provincial Administration agreed to Australian Government assistance to expand and upgrade the offices of the Community Development Division at Sahat Hall
 - this will enable the Division to house expanded staff numbers.



**STAFF ACCOMMODATION – THE BIBBY PROGRESS
FACT SHEET 6
AS AT 5 JUNE 2014**

- Following the departure of HMAS Choules, the Australian Government chartered the Bibby Progress accommodation barge to provide accommodation to meet increased staff requirements. It is an interim arrangement while new staff accommodation is being constructed.
- The current lease extends until 25 September 2014.
- Rooms on the Bibby Progress accommodate up to five people. The Bibby Progress can currently accommodate up to 635 staff
 - there are insufficient accommodation facilities in Manus to house these staff.
- Facilities on the Bibby Progress include central kitchen and dining, recreation, laundry and ensuite accommodation. The Bibby Progress is self-reliant, meeting all its own power, water and waste treatment needs.