

Community Justice Fund

Locally Led Solutions for Safer, More Just Communities Across Papua New Guinea

The Community Justice Fund empowers Papua New Guinean organisations to tackle urgent justice challenges. These include gender-based violence, sorcery accusation-related violence, and corruption. The CJF supports civil society, faith-based, and community groups of all sizes.

Key Results



18 criminal justice facilities receive women's hygiene kits



400 people with disability receive training to understand their rights to violence



200 young men trained in conflict-resolution & livelihood skills to reduce violence



5 safehouses supported



Training and workshops delivered to help end violence and tackle corruption in multiple provinces

ABOUT

The Australia–Papua New Guinea Law and Justice Partnership's Community Justice Fund has awarded more than PGK2 million in funding to 13 local partners. Each grant supports PNG-designed and PNG-driven solutions to strengthen justice services, empower survivors, and cultivate community peace.



PGK2 million
in grants awarded



13 partners, 6 provinces
National Capital District,
Autonomous Region of
Bougainville, Madang,
Morobe, Southern
Highlands, Hela



Expanding to 3 new
provinces
Enga, Western,
West New Britain

CASE STUDY: HELA FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE



Grant: PGK232,950



Reach: 6 conflict-affected villages in Hela

Hela Family Support Centre applied for funding to improve mental health support and conflict resolution capacity in six villages still healing from tribal conflicts. With PGK232,950, the Centre trained youth in trauma recovery, built peer support networks, and created pathways to education and leadership—breaking cycles of violence that had persisted for generations.



"Community Justice Fund brukim history blo Hela lo bringim save go daun lo ol ples lain."

The Community Justice Fund is making history in Hela by bringing knowledge down to the village communities.

— Sr Claire Lembo, Director, Hela Family Support Center

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<https://png.embassy.gov.au/pmsb/CJF.html>

Are you ready to make a difference in your community?

Are you working to make your community safer and more just?

The Australian Government wants to support your projects through the Community Justice Fund!

WHO CAN APPLY?



Open to all types of community groups

Civil society, faith-based organisations, community organisations and small businesses



Support is available for diverse projects, including:

- Improving access to justice
- Supporting vulnerable groups
- Delivering training to prevent violence
- Raising awareness



7 Provinces + Autonomous Region of Bougainville

NCD, Enga, Hela, Southern Highlands, Morobe, Western Province, Madang, West New Britain

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ALL YEAR - APPLY NOW!



For more information, including how to apply, scan the QR code or visit:



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ABOUT

The Community Justice Fund - part of the Australia Papua New Guinea Law and Justice Partnership - aims to provide funds to communities to improve justice and security. CJF funds a range of priority areas, including gender-based violence; sorcery accusation-related violence; corruption; community safety and crime prevention; and tribal violence. It also supports access to justice and survivor support, gender equality and disability inclusion, and efforts to build integrity in local institutions.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?*

Three levels of grant funding are available. In addition to the grant, recipients will receive support for planning, implementation and reporting. Recipients will also have opportunities to connect with other community champions to share experiences, access training and boost your impact.



Start-up
PGK12,500
–
PGK25,000

Test new ideas and or apply for a first grant. Success could lead to larger funding opportunities.



Growth
PGK25,000
–
PGK125,000

Expand successful activities for greater impact.



Scale-up
PGK125,000
–
PGK250,000

Grow successful, proven and wide-reaching initiatives.



"The Community Justice Fund grants show what partnership in action looks like, supporting our Pacific community leaders to drive real change in their communities."

– Australia's Attorney-General, Hon Michelle Rowland MP