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PAPUA NEW GUINEA COUNTRY OFFICE**



**TWO PAGE MISSION REPORT SUMMARY**

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<p align="center"><b>Approved Mission Itineraries:</b> POM – Rab - Buka - POM</p>		<p align="center"><b>List of Annexes: N/A</b></p>	
<p align="center">(From) <b>Inclusive Travel Dates</b> (To) <b>02-04 &amp; 05 - 09 March 2018</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>Key counterpart (s) in each location:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bougainville Regional Disaster Office</li> <li>• Department of Community Government (AROB)</li> <li>• East New Britain Provincial Disaster Office</li> <li>• Rabaul Volcanic Observatory</li> <li>• UNDP Bougainville Office</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Purpose of Mission:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Field Trip to Rabaul Volcanic Observatory (RVO) to: improve Bougainville Disaster Office staff understanding of volcanic hazard in Bougainville, outline SOPs for reporting to volcanic events and near events in Bougainville, discuss risk management measures including warnings and community level risk management;</li> <li>2. Technical visit to ENB Provincial Disaster Office to review preparations and on-going management of volcano hazard in the province, discuss recovery activities and planning with reference to 1994 eruption, discuss cooperation on small craft safety.</li> <li>3. AROB field visit to review with local stakeholders including the AROB Government the Capacity Assessment developed for the DESO and incorporate points raised through the review, support DESO to review and identify possible gaps in on-going plan development by other actors, recommend steps to address the gaps and support implementing these gaps as resources allow, develop as requested by the AROB DESO additional detailed disaster risk management plan for volcanoes, tsunamis, including tsunamis affecting Buka and other critical disaster management issues.</li> </ol>			

**Brief Summary of Mission Outputs/Findings:**

The Disaster Risk Management Project mission to East New Britain together with ABG and Bougainville Disaster and Emergency Services Office Staff was to meet with the RVO and the ENB PDC was for the purposes as stated above. The team then went onto Bougainville after the mission in East New Britain. Below is the summary of the mission outputs/findings;

**1. Field Trip to Rabaul Volcanic Observatory (RVO)**

- ARoB Volcano Risk: In addition to Mt. Bagana (active), three other volcanoes – Billi Mitchel, Balbi, both near Bagana, and Lolohu, on the southern end of the Bougainville Island are considered of potential risk (i.e., having erupted in the last 1,000 years or less);
- These three other volcanoes should be monitored locally as they may move from dormant to active quickly, with the risk that people near the volcano do not realize the changing risk until too late. The RVO noted that an advantage for Bagana is that its constant eruptions keep people alert and away from the more dangerous parts of the volcano;
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- Offer to have AROB Government arrange for a new observer for Bagana.

## **2. Technical Visit to ENB Provincial Disaster office**

- It was a learning opportunity for the ABG and the Bougainville Disaster Office staff around how well East New Britain managed natural hazards and disasters with focus on volcano as it poses a great risk for Bougainville as well. Example of such was the response and recovery of the Mt Tavurvur Eruption in 1994;
- The establishment of Gazelle Restoration Authority(GRA) was basically focusing on Restoration programme on Health, Education and Infrastructure;
- The biggest advantage that led to the success of GRA and the overall recovery and restoration programme in ENB was the acceptance of the Internally Displaced Persons(IDPs) by the host communities;
- Collaboration between the Government, Private Sector, NGOs including formal and informal community groups played a key role in the success of GRA;
- Taking Proactive approach based on the Early Warning Messages help to reduce the impact of the disasters that enable effective and coordinated response that led to successful recovery.
- Small craft safety issues were also discussed to look at ways of better coordination in response to missing small crafts at sea bordering East New Britain and Bougainville.

## **3. AROB Field Visit**

- The 3 days workshop started with the review of the DRM Capacity Assessment by AROB disaster Office, representatives from various agencies within ABG and the NGOs;
- Other discussions include the planning needs and further development of DRM Plan in AROB as well as the discussion on Core Disaster Risk Management Plan with the aim of standardizing it across agencies;
- Development of the Tsunami Evacuation and Response Plan that includes how to plan for and manage evacuation, what to do once the tsunami has hit and how to reduce the impact of a tsunami before it occurs

As usual, the team had a Security Briefing with the UNDP Bougainville Office Local Security Associate and later had workshops in the 3 days followed by the debriefing with the Secretary of Community Government, Mr Wesley Kenneth.

A total of 18 participants (14 males and 4 females) attended the workshop on the first day. On the second day, there were 17 participants (3 females and 14 males) while on the third day, there were only 13 participants (3 females and 10 males).

### **Additional Update:**

IOM has been supporting the DESO in the development of a Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan 2017 - 2022.<sup>1</sup> The strategic plan and related documents have already been reviewed by the government, e.g., President's Office, and appear to be in near-final content. Work is underway to explain the strategy and plans to district officials. In sum, the IOM-supported efforts are well advanced, and extend beyond Buka Town.

The Director, DSD, explained that the overall disaster risk reduction strategy and plan development process underway is as follows:

1. The AROB Government is developing an overall (developmental) strategy.
2. Once this overall strategy is approved (gazetted) then a disaster-specific strategy can move forward for approval by Bougainville Executive Council(BEC).
3. This process may also include the establishment of an AROB-specific disaster act before or after the disaster strategy is approved.

<sup>1</sup> The Strategy Plan document provided by IOM in Port Moresby was said to not be complete when compared to the document currently used in AROB.

4. An AROB disaster strategic plan will be aligned with the (draft) National DRR Framework.
5. The establishment of an AROB disaster strategy/plan will be linked to the establishment of the AROB disaster committee. The committee has a TOR in place
6. The Department of Community Government is also developing strategic plan, and it has not been decided how disaster planning will be part of this plan.
7. The DESO Multi-Hazard Response Procedures will remain a stand-alone document.
8. A monitoring and evaluation framework will be added to the current disaster risk reduction strategic plan draft.
9. The DESO expects to have a single disaster strategy and plan document as a product.
10. The degree to which the DRM Core Content or (draft) AROB Disaster Recovery plan documents can be incorporated into the current Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan is unclear, in part because the full plan has not been provided and because it is unclear how points 1 to 8 will affect the planning process and final product.

**Potential for Partnerships in DRR:**

1. There is a great potential for partnership in DRR at the local level especially with agencies such as CARE, Plan, Red Cross and few others that are currently doing DRR work at the community level;
2. There is a need for better coordination at the regional level to ensure partnerships are enhanced and each agency to have some basic idea of who is doing what and where.

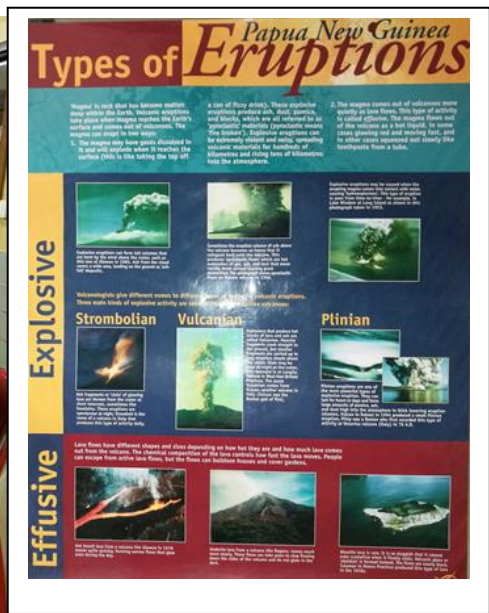
**Observations/Challenges:**

1. Lack of leadership and coordination at the regional level;
2. Funding remains a challenge;
3. Each agency doing their own plan, hence a need for core content of DRM Planning to be accepted that provides uniformity in planning;
4. Regular field visit and support from UNDP to ensure the activities are fully implemented and results achieved.

**Photos:**



Listening to experiences from a representative from Gazelle Restoration Authority and how it became successful in the end.



A community awareness information from RVO.



Workshop with Kelly on reviewing Capacity Assessment Results for Bougainville.

Expected Results and Follow-up actions:	Distribution: (Copies to)
<p><u>Results:</u></p> <p>The following results and outputs were achieved during the visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AROB Disaster Office and ABG team learning from the ENB Disaster Office about its preparedness actions on volcano and small craft safety issues;</li> <li>• Establishing contacts and link with RVO and plans of going forward with volcanoes in AROB especially Bagana and others with focus on community awareness;</li> <li>• The DRM Capacity Assessment Results for AROB was circulated for review and feedback;</li> <li>• Presentation of DRM Plan core content;</li> <li>• Development of Buka town and Kokopao Tsunami evacuation and response plan;</li> <li>• AROB DRM/DRR Stakeholders Coordination meeting proposed for the 12 April 2018.</li> </ul> <p><u>Follow-up Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on the key points indicated above, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposing Agenda for the Coordination Meeting on the 12 April 2018;</li> <li>○ Follow up and get feedback on the documents under review if there is any especially during coordination meeting;</li> <li>○ The list of participants attached as <b>Annex I</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Annex I: Participants List



Autonomous Region of Bougainville Disaster Risk Management Workshop

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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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