

United Nations Development Programme
Country: Papua New Guinea
2019 Annual Work Plan (16th November 2018)

Project Title: UNDP Bougainville Referendum Support Project – PNG & ABG. (00103472) – Bougainville Referendum

UNDAF/ expected CP/ Peace Outcomes:

- By 2022, government and non-governmental institutions demonstrate improved transparency, accountability, delivery of justice and promotion of peace and security.
- By 2022, government agencies and non-government organizations working on good governance, peace and security have capacity and leadership to undertake measures to combat corruption, prevent violence and provide access to justice

UNDAF Outputs:

- ENABLING ENVIRONMENT: Policies adequately financed, implemented, monitored & evaluated

Implementing Agencies: Bougainville Referendum Commission and its Transitional Committee, Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council (DPM NEC); PNG Electoral Commission, Autonomous Bougainville Government, Bougainville Electoral Commission and UNDP.

Brief Description

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARoB, population est. 300,000) is an autonomous region within the Independent State of Papua New Guinea (PNG), with its own constitution and legislature as well as representatives in the National Parliament. Following nearly a decade of conflict (1988-1998) and the deaths of an estimated 20,000 people and displacement of many more, the PNG National Government and various Bougainville actors signed the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) in August 2001. Key provisions of the BPA were subsequently reflected in the Constitution of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Constitution of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, and the Organic Law on Peace-Building in Bougainville, Autonomous Bougainville Government, and Bougainville Referendum 2002.

The BPA has three main pillars: a deferred referendum on the future status of Bougainville (including an independence option); a special high level of autonomy for Bougainville; and an agreed weapons disposal plan. The referendum is to take place between June 2015 and June 2020 and is subject to ratification by the National Parliament of PNG.

Under the Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) established through the BPA, which includes representatives of both the PNG Government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG), a Joint Bougainville Referendum Committee (JBRC) was set up. In 2014, the JBRC developed a number of work streams to guide discussions on the referendum. The implementation of these work streams has lagged and requires support, momentum, and commitment by both governments to move them forward.

In February 2015, the UN deployed an electoral Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) at the request of the national government and the ABG. The mission concluded that the referendum preparations require a significant investment of time and attention, with several key decisions to be made jointly by the national government and the ABG (such as decisions on date, Referendum Commission chair, voter eligibility, and referendum options). It also recommended that women, youth, and persons with disabilities be included in key discussions on the referendum.

The Joint Supervisory Body met on 20 May 2016 and reached a number of key agreements, the most important one being a target date (15 June 2019) for the referendum. Another decision was to endorse the option of establishing an independent administrative authority (the Bougainville Referendum Commission) to organize and carry out the referendum on behalf of the respective electoral authorities (the PNG Electoral Commission and the Bougainville Electoral Commissioner). The two governments formalized that decision at a January 2017 signing ceremony, and the Governor-General issued the charter of the Bougainville Referendum Commission (BRC) on 30 August 2017.

The UN has played an important role in the BPA process since its earliest days, and the two governments have sought UN assistance in preparing for the referendum on a number of occasions, including an 11 November

2014 request from the national Chief Secretary and a 20 May 2016 Joint Request for the UN to provide support to the referendum preparations and to assist the weapons disposal strategy of the two governments. In response to those requests, UNDP/Papua New Guinea has prepared this Project Document in consultation with authorities in Port Moresby and Buka. In light of the early stage of referendum preparations, the proposed approach maintains high flexibility to deploy resources where they will have maximum impact in moving the process forward. A Project Board, to include UNDP, the two governments, key donors, and the BRC, will guide the allocation of resources as the project moves forward.

Programme Period:	January 2018 – June 2020
Key Result Area	Governance for Equitable Development
Atlas Award ID:	00100579
Start date:	1 st June 2019
End Date	31 st December 2019
Management Arrangements	Direct Implement. Modality (DIM)

Total resources required	USD 3,499,535.19
Total allocated resources:	USD 3,499,535.19
1. Peace Building Fund Projects	
• BRSP	USD 3,499,535.19

Agreed by (UNDP): Ms. Tracy Vienings, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP

I. ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2018

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, indicators including annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount in USD
OUTPUT 1: UNDP will assist the parties to ensure that the key institutions are able to carry out their responsibilities in a professional manner.	1a. Technical Assistance: CTA to provide ongoing advisory support to BRC, governments, UN System, and international community.	*	*	*	*	UNDP		TA contract	420,000.00
	1b. Contractual Services - Technical Assistance: Legal Expert (home based) to compile comprehensive legal reference document and Technical Advisors	*	*	*	*	UNDP		IC contract	274,400.00
	2. Support establishment of BRC offices: purchase of equipment and furniture	*	*	*	*	UNDP			910,000.00
	3. Travel	*	*	*	*	UNDP			50,000.00
	4. Meetings	*	*	*	*	UNDP			40,010.36
	5. Printing: of comprehensive legal reference document	*	*	*	*	UNDP			7,000.00
	6. Contractual Services (Second Tranche)	*	*	*	*	UNDP			274,400.00
	7. UN Volunteers	*	*	*	*	UNDP			60,000.00
	8. Operations Support - Rental	*	*	*	*	UNDP			230,000.00
	9. Operations Support - Vehicle	*	*	*	*	UNDP			230,000.00
	10. LOA or Grants	*	*	*	*	UNDP			250,000.00
OUTPUT 2: UNDP will coordinate all international support to the referendum process.	1. Technical Assistance: CTA to coordinate all international support to the referendum process	*	*	*	*	UNDP		TA contract	220,000.00
	2. Contractual Services	*	*	*	*	UNDP			274,500.00
						Sub-total			3,240,310.36

						GMS/MPTF @8%			259,224.83
						TOTAL			3,499,535.19
