

Community Justice Liaison Unit



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National Coordinator's Message



The Community Justice Liaison Unit of the PNG Law and Justice Sector continues to build on its successes after establishment in April of 2004. The unit continues to advocate for greater community participation in the PNG Law and Justice system. This is not to be only from a perspective of participation, but so that the community can

be a resource to help address the law and justice situation in the country. CJLU will be one avenue for the Government of Papua New Guinea to commit its resources to achieve development objectives as outlined in the Medium Term Development Strategy.

As a member of the Law and Justice Sector Working Group, CJLU played a leading role in developing the Sector Strategic Framework. It facilitated the participation of civil society organizations to make a vital contribution. The Papua New Guinea Law and Justice Sector Strategic Framework continues to guide the operations of all agencies and players within the sector including the CJLU.

CJLU consolidated its development efforts by writing and implementing its operational systems and procedures. These procedures will continue to be refined because CJLU is still a young organization and learning all the time. CJLU will continue to evolve and through experience provide a sound basis to contribute towards influencing government policy development and a greater role for civil society participation in program implementation including complimenting government's efforts in Public Sector reforms. Civil Society Organizations, Community Based Groups, Churches and Faith Based Organizations are viable alternative service delivery mechanisms which could form part of an affordable alternative to public services.

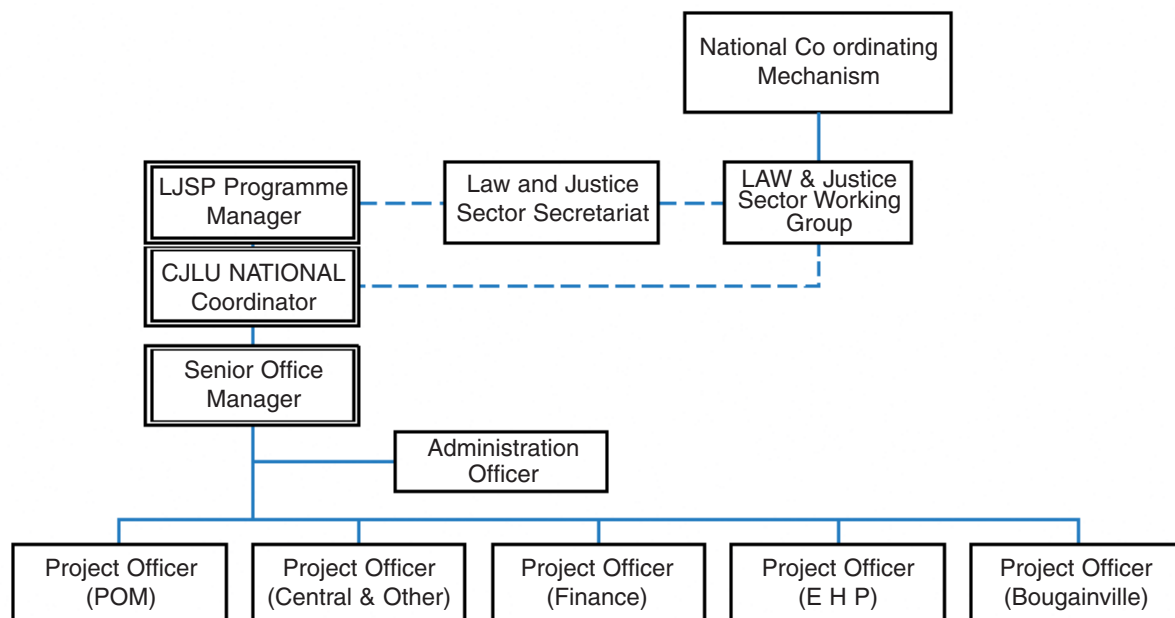
2005 has been a year of successful achievement as outlined in this annual report, and in 2006 CJLU will continue to strengthen its facilitation of partnerships with the formal law and justice sector to enable better coordination of law and justice services at the community level.

In achieving the successes of this year, credit must be given to the outstanding contribution of CJLU staff.

I would also like to thank the Law and Justice Sector Working Group and the National Coordinating Mechanism for their support, and all at LJSP for their unfailing commitment in encouraging CJLU in its vision of 'an accepted and trusted facilitator for civil society engagement within the law and justice sector'.

Rodney Kameata
CJLU National Coordinator

Organizational Chart



Mission, Vision and Values

Our Vision is to be an accepted and trusted facilitator for civil society engagement with the law and justice sector and our Mission is to support and build capacity in civil society and law and justice sector to work together.



CJLU operates on the community development principle that community determination and involvement in its own process will deliver real, sustainable benefits to people. Therefore, CJLU will promote community development approaches with the formal law and justice agencies and CSOs.

Sector Strategic Framework

The SSF is one of the key guiding documents that provide a cornerstone for CJLU decision making processes. CJLU in particular focuses on:

- Increase support for community based crime prevention
- Support for selected high priority initiatives
- Remove obstacles that prevent access to just results
- Strengthen locally based, non-violent dispute resolution
- Encourage and support communities to reconcile offenders and victims in a non-violent manner
- Provide alternatives to imprisonment for less serious crimes and those awaiting trial
- Maintain a national correctional system for persons who are a risk to society
- Support and build capacity in civil society to contribute to sector development
- Foster and build enhanced sector cooperation and coordination
- Integrate HIV/AIDS responses into the sector and agencies

CJLU Strategy and Operations

In 2005 CJLU produced their Strategy and Operational Handbook which included procedures for Contestable Funding. These key documents were the subject of a considerable peer review by AusAID late in 2005 and were updated in 2006 when the review's recommendations were available.

Report on Operations

Partnership Development

For CJLU, the building of partnership and the need for greater community participation in the law and justice sector is clearly articulated in the National Law and Justice Policy and stated in Goal 5 of the SSF by calling for an improved ability to provide law and justice services.



CJLU's law and justice partner NGOs considered that a major gap in their service provision was offering para-legal skills and therefore CJLU supported para-legal training in POM and Bougainville. A total of 18 NGO and CBO organizations participated with 57 attendees from across Papua New Guinea.

CJLU facilitated for an NGO umbrella body in Bougainville to create links with the Autonomous Bougainville Government by drafting the Bougainville NGO Policy.

In Eastern Highlands a workshop was held with 45 participants from law and justice agencies and civil society organizations to explore partnership options for restorative justice initiatives.

Current partnerships that CJLU has with some of the key law and justice NGOs includes ñ Family Voice, ICRAF, Peace Foundation, YWCA (Goroka), and Melanesian NGO Centre for Leadership.

Awareness and Advocacy

Information dissemination to communities on law and justice issues is a critical work area for CJLU. Awareness can also contribute to raising community consciousness about their ownership and responsibilities in the Law and Justice sector.

'Hands up for Just Peace Campaign' was launched in Buka and Arawa and used the symbol of the hand to

represent partnership and therefore engender the hope of peace and cooperation for bringing about improved law and justice throughout Bougainville. This program was organized by FBO, NGO, Community Police, Education Department, and AFP.



DJAG and CJLU worked closely with the Community Justice Centre in Wao Bulolo to conduct a community awareness program on law and order issues which culminated in the surrender of a 150 weapons in Gawapu Village.

CJLU have produced IEC materials on restorative justice that have been used as an effective communication tool in a number of their sponsored workshops and have been utilized by other organizations to raise awareness on restorative justice.



Capacity Building and training

CJLU capacity building and training strategy attempts to strengthen the capacity of the communities, NGOs, Churches and Faith based organizations to better serve the urban and rural population.

CJLU offers capacity building programs in organizational mentoring and technical assistance.

CJLU was asked by NCDC to facilitate a self-reflection workshop for their management in March to reflect on current approaches to service delivery as a diversion strategy for crime in the city.

Participatory Rural Appraisals were carried out in POM settlements with the aim that communities be able to collectively identify their own law and order issues.

In EHP and Bougainville, CJLU and Peace Foundation Melanesia have embarked on a program of mediation training based on traditional restorative justice principles that will continue into 2006.



Supporting alternative sentencing for minor crimes, CJLU have provided resources for community based work orders in Wau Bulolo with supervision provided by the Community Justice Centre.

CJLU discovered that June Valley Tokarara and Hohola had not had a Village Court hearing for nearly decade and so worked with DJAG Village Court Secretariat to acknowledge the good work of the areas Peace and Good Order Committees and enable them to become legitimately recognized Village Court officials.

Education and Research

Education can be effective in increasing people's knowledge and understanding of their rights in the PNG Constitution, basic human rights, and important laws which impact on their daily lives, the workings of the criminal justice system, and roles and responsibilities of traditional systems of community organizing for law and order.

Research is also one of the key components of the unit's activities that can inform government policy, challenge poor practice and strengthen activities of restorative justice and crime prevention.

A substantial body of research exists that concludes with the analysis that skills training can be effective for crime prevention providing opportunities are available for those trained. CJLU embarked upon supporting two Informal Skills Expos which were forums for skills trained young unemployed people to earn an income, and for NGOs/CBOs to discuss with visitors information on law and justice issues including HIV/AIDS.

CJLU are provided support to DJAG's Community Justice Centre in Wau Bulolo by conducting baseline data survey on law and justice issues which will inform their future strategy. Results from the survey are expected in 2006.



Contestable Funding

Late in 2005 saw CJLU administer their first contestable funding agreements approved by the Law and Justice Sector Working Group and based on the recommendations of the CJLU National Coordinator.

In 2006 approvals will still be under the auspices of the LJSWG but authorized by the newly formed CJLU Advisory Board.

Proposals approved by LJSWG under Contestable Funds in 2005:

In 2005, 6 proposals were put forward for approval.

ICRAF	K128,900*
YWCA (Goroka)	K164,941*
Melanesian NGO	
Centre for Leadership	K99,720*
Family Voice	K108,606*
Wantok Radio Light	K20,000*
Hamanito	
Community Ass.	K12,000*

*Tranche payments of 50% only were made in 2005. Additional payments expected in 2006 after financial acquittals

ICRAF

ICRAF are a National NGO whose primary function is to promote, educate, and advocate for human rights in PNG, and to assist with litigation through the PNG judicial system. They also provide support services for victims of violence including legal aid.

The first tranche Contestable Funding payment was provided to conduct community awareness workshops in Central province and NCD; schools program in constitutional rights; and support for Human Rights Day

YWCA (Goroka)

YWCA Goroka is part of the National YWCA. Their prime area of work in EHP is in the area of adult literacy. Contestable funding was provided to integrate restorative justice information and base line data collection on community law and justice issues into their adult literacy programs.

Melanesian NGO Centre for Leadership (NGO Capacity Building)

Melanesian NGO Centre for Leadership provide skills in capacity development for PNG NGOs. Contestable funding was provided to utilize this skill for law and justice NGOs and CBOs including Jesus Centre - Half Way House, Prison Fellowship, Family Voice, Peace Foundation Melanesia, ICRAF, Saraga Peace & Good Order Committee. Arawa Women's Training Centre and others.

Eastern Highlands Family Voice

Family Voice's mission is to promote healthy and supportive family relations, develop awareness of family members rights and responsibilities, and respond to family issues related to sexual violence.

CJLU supported Family Voice to operationalize their two trauma rooms in Kainantu and Goroka hospitals; raise awareness on the Convention of Rights of Children and Violence against Women; provide basic counseling skills to community workers; and develop and disseminate information to the community through volunteer networks.

Wantok Radio Light

Wantok Radio Light were funded to support radio broadcasts on a weekly community policing program and regular panel discussions on specific law and justice issues.

Hamanito Community Association

Hamanito Community Association is a community based organization that coordinates community law and justice activities as well as acting as the only local resource centre for other CBOs and NGOs who wish to conduct training or hold meetings. The purpose of the grant was to upgrade and renovate their Resource Centre.

Contestable Funds approved by CJLU National Coordinator (under K5,000)

Wabag District Informal Youth	K5,000
Arawa Women's Training Centre	K5,000
Wabumen Catholic Youth Council	K5,000



Wabag District Informal Youth

Wabag District Informal Youth sector were mobilized to conduct law and order awareness programs on rehabilitation, mediation, counseling and restorative justice.

Arawa Women's Training Centre

Arawa Women's Training Centre was supported to conduct law and justice awareness campaign and an outreach skills training program in Kobuan, Kieta District.

Wabumen Catholic Youth Council

Hosted a Restorative Justice conference in Wau Bulolo district.



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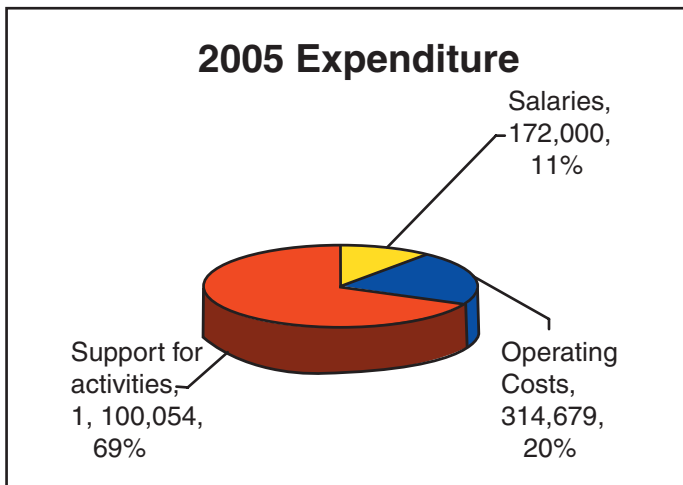
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