



Highlights

Members of Kumin community constructing their Community Hall supported by IOM through the UN Peace Building Fund in Southern Highlands Province. © Peter Muropera/ IOM 2020

- IOM strengthened emergency preparedness in Milne Bay and Hela Provinces through training disaster management actors on use of the Displacement Tracking Matrix.
- IOM reinforced peacebuilding efforts of women, men and youth from conflict affected communities through training in Community Peace for Development Planning and provision of material support in Southern Highlands Province.
- IOM supported COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities in East Sepik, East New Britain, West New Britain, Morobe, Oro, Jiwaka, Milne Bay, Madang, and Western Provinces.

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

Recognizing Milne Bay and Hela Provinces' vulnerabilities to natural and human-induced hazards such as flooding and tribal conflict that lead to population displacement, IOM through funding from USAID delivered Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) trainings to 73 participants (56 men and 17 women) from the two Provinces.


The trainings on the DTM information gathering tool, held in Milne Bay (3-5 June 2020) and Hela (17-19 June 2020) attracted participants from the Government (Provincial, District and Local Level), Community-Based Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Papua




New Guinea (PNG) Fire Service, PNG Defense Force, police, churches, local community representatives and volunteers, private sector and the United Nations (UN).

Participants were trained and upskilled on data gathering, data management and analysis to track population displacement and inform targeted responses.

IOM's DTM was initially utilized in Milne Bay following a fire in 2018 and in Hela following the M7.5 earthquake that struck the Highlands in February that same year. The DTM recorded critical data on persons displaced across the provinces that was used for the targeting of humanitarian assistance. Noting the value of the tool and broad application to other displacement situations that

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could occur, IOM organized the training in close coordination with the Provincial Administration and community stakeholders.

 PEACE-BUILDING

IOM supplied materials to construct community halls and safe drinking water points in selected conflict affected communities in Southern Highlands Province (SHP) in line with Community Peace for Development Plans (CPDPs) developed with support of IOM under the UN Peace Building Fund’s Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative (PBF GYPI).

A survey profiling displaced persons in the country conducted by IOM in 2017 found that tribal conflict accounted for 12.5% of displaced persons, many of whom continue to experience various challenges including the lack of adequate standard of living. In the Highlands, where the survey only had limited reach, the percentage of displacement owing to conflict is projected to be even higher. Under the PBF GYPI project, IOM worked with selected conflict affected communities in SHP to sustain peaceful resolution of conflict, build local capacities for peace, and promote community-led sustainable development initiatives.

IOM trained target communities on peace building and provided technical assistance in developing the CPDPs that, among others, promote an enabling community environment for women and youth. The training guided women, men, and youth through practical concepts of peace building and community participation in mainstreaming peace building in the various community activities. The exercise helped communities identify factors negatively affecting their security and means to better address and mitigate such factors.



Participants engaged in a simulation exercise during the DTM training in Hela Province. © Peter Muropera/ IOM 2020

“On behalf of the women of Hela, I would like to say thank you for this handy training. We have suffered the most and became more vulnerable during the earthquake and other disasters and have never taken any training like this. The training has improved our knowledge to collect accurate data that will be used in helping us.”

Training Participant

 RESILIENCE BUILDING

IOM in partnership with Simbu Provincial Forest Service promoted reforestation in Poral, Sigewage, Damar, Mondia and Wagi-Nigogl communities. These communities have in the past suffered from the impacts of landslides that destroyed their shelters and food gardens leading them to identify reforestation as an important Disaster Risk Reduction measure under their community-led CBDRM plan, developed with support from IOM.

The Provincial Forest Service trained 1,010 community members (487 males and 523 females) from 20-27 May 2020 on the Standard Silvicultural Practice and provided 1,500 eucalyptus tree seedlings for replanting. Each community was also provided with 20 copies of a Silviculture Practice Guidelines brochure written in Tok Pisin language.



IOM conducting a monitoring visit in Topa, a beneficiary of Community Hall (in picture) construction in SHP. © Peter Muropera/ IOM 2020

Empowered through the CPDPs development process, women and youth from beneficiary communities actively participated in the decision-making process, identifying the construction of a community hall and installation of potable water sources among their priority needs. The hall will provide a common gathering place for community members to meet, discuss and achieve community consensus on important issues, plan for sustainable development initiatives and conduct community level trainings. Women and youth also identified access to safe drinking water as an issue of urgency that had both security and community development implications.

IOM responded to these needs through supplying materials, including steel poles, roofing sheets and water tanks for construction of community halls (5) and water points (10) across 5 communities. The communities complemented this contribution in kind through providing local materials and labour for construction. The interventions will benefit at least 9,000 men, women, youth and children across the five communities.

as poly pipes and cement bags, and providing hands-on technical training and assistance in the proper construction of the water points.



Gibaritimin community members constructing a rain-harvesting catchments in Western Province. © Philip Nere/ IOM 2020

The efforts by IOM led to Drimdamasuk Ward Development Committee, under the leadership of the local Ward Councillor, donating a 9,000L water tank. Another 9,000L water tank was allocated to the community by North Fly District Disaster Office. IOM will continue to work with the beneficiaries [152 males and 157 females) assisting them to establish and train a water committee to promote better management of the water points.

 **WATER SUPPLY**

IOM is improving access to safe drinking water in several rural communities through installing rain-harvesting tanks, boreholes, and gravity-fed systems.

 **RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

IOM supported and participated in COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) initiatives, including facilitating transportation and Public Announcement systems, targeting communities in East Sepik, East New Britain, West New Britain, Morobe, Oro, Jiwaka, Milne Bay, Madang and Western Provinces using materials developed by the PNG National Department of Health. IOM, working closely with local authorities reached 6,806 people (3,792 males and 3,014 females).



IOM, community members transporting water tanks for installation in Gibaritimin in Western Province. © Philip Nere/ IOM 2020

Gibaritimin community located in Drimdamasuk ward 10 is one of the most vulnerable rural communities in the North Fly District of Western Province, lacking reliable safe drinking water sources that leads community members to resort to open collection of drinking water from shallow wells. Funded by USAID, IOM responded to this need by supplying water tanks and accessories, such



IOM taking part during RCCE activity on COVID-19 in Popondetta town in Oro Province. © Chris Soweni/ PDC 2020

CAPACITY BUILDING ON COMBATTING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

IOM delivered training on Trafficking in Persons (TIP) to the Judiciary in East New Britain Province (10-11 June 2020) in partnership with the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE). The two-day training held in Kokopo was part of a 3-year IOM project to address human trafficking funded by the US Government. Sixteen members (9 women and 7 men) of the judiciary participated in the training, which aimed to strengthen capacity of participants to identify cases of human trafficking, refer victims to specialized support services and prosecute human trafficking offenders.



IOM delivering training on combatting TIP in Kokopo in East New Britain © Enid Kantha/ IOM 2020

The training was welcomed by Acting Resident Justice Elizabeth Sue lip who, in her opening speech, thanked IOM and the PNGCJE for their collaboration on this valuable training opportunity stating, “The world experiences a large number of human trafficking worldwide. The trafficking of people is real, and it is

happening right here in Papua New Guinea. At this training we hope we are better prepared to deal with these issues.”

The IOM Training Curriculum on the Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons for the Judges and Prosecutors in Papua New Guinea was developed in coordination with PNGCJE with the objective of raising awareness of trafficking in persons (TIP) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and of enhancing the capacity of the PNG Judiciary to successfully recognize and prosecute TIP cases in line with PNG anti-trafficking legislation.

Human Trafficking, often referred to as “modern day slavery” is a serious crime affecting millions of men, women, and child victims globally each year. Trafficking in persons involves the recruitment and harbouring of men, women, and/or children for purposes of exploitation including, sexual exploitation, forced labour, forced begging, illegal adoption, domestic servitude and forced marriage. Human Trafficking is perpetrated by those who prey on those most vulnerable and is a direct violation of their fundamental human rights.

IOM is a founding member of the PNG National Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (NAHTC) and works closely with various government agencies, international and non-governmental organizations to support direct assistance and protection to victims of trafficking in all provinces of PNG. If you need further information or support on Trafficking in Persons, call the National Stop Human Trafficking Hotline on 7100 7777.

UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is 30 July.

The UN is marking its 75th anniversary at a time of great challenge, including a global health crisis. Will it bring the world closer together? Or will it lead to greater divides and mistrust? The UN is seeking the views of various communities across the globe to prepare a response with the UN Secretary General later this year as part of a global campaign called UN75.

IOM PNG interviewed 16 students from Our Lady of the Sacred heart (OLSH) Secondary School Kokopo and community members in the Balanataman District, East New Britain Province on 10 June 2020 to find out their views.

The results of the surveys and more information on the UN75 campaign can be found at: <https://www.un.org/en/un75>



IOM interviewing students from OLSH in East New Britain Province. © Enid Kantha/ IOM 2020

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