

NZ POLICE: Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme (PPDVP)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Updating of four in country Baseline Reviews and advice to PPDVP

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to call for Requests for Proposals (RFP) from organisations interested in and capable of undertaking an update of four baseline reviews to advise the PPDVP of changes in four countries since the original reviews were undertaken in 2006 / 2007.

The Reviews will be conducted in Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands and Kiribati. An update of the 2008 review of Kiribati is outside the scope of this RFP.

The findings in the updated Baseline Reviews will inform the PPDVP on both progress and gaps in delivery in each country, and decisions on future activities.

Domestic Violence Principles and Definition

For the purpose of the proposed research the definition of the term Domestic Violence is defined as "violence against women by a partner or spouse." Domestic Violence is a term used and understood in the Pacific.

While wider definitions of Domestic Violence are available the focus of the PPDVP is limited so as to conform to a definition commonly understood in the Pacific. This should be reflected in any research.

A future consideration for the PPDVP at a later time may be to widen the definition for programme delivery, should this be seen as desirable.

The Programme

The PPDVP is an initiative of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) International Development Group (IDG) (previously known as the New Zealand Agency for International Development [NZAID]), New Zealand Police (NZPOL) and the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP).

The long-term goal of the programme is *"a safer Pacific free from domestic violence"*. The PPDVP focuses primarily on building the capacity of Pacific Police services to prevent/respond effectively to domestic violence. This includes the development and maintenance of effective partnerships between Police and other agencies/NGOs with a role in preventing/responding effectively to domestic violence. The programme involves both regional and national level components. At the regional level all Pacific countries have participated in a range of training, networking and information sharing activities aimed at building the capacity of Police services across the region to prevent/respond effectively to domestic violence, to develop effective regional partnerships and networking and to promote the prevention of domestic violence as a priority issue in the Pacific.

At a national level, the programme has worked more intensively with a limited number of Pacific countries, initially Kiribati, Samoa, Cook Islands and Tonga, to provide on the ground sustained support for the development of police domestic violence policy, strategy, action plans, systems and training programmes. Vanuatu joined the programme as a participating country from 1 July 2008. The development of effective partnerships between Police and other relevant agencies/NGOs are an important part of the programme. The programme will conclude the current five years of implementation on 30 June 2011.

Any decisions on future work will be informed by this Baseline Review Update and a Programme Evaluation to be conducted subsequent to the Baseline Review Update.

PPDVP Programme Outline

Programme Goal

A Safer Pacific Free from Domestic Violence

Programme Components

The specific components of the PPDVP are:

- i) To increase Pacific Police capacity across the region to prevent/respond effectively to domestic violence and to develop and maintain effective partnerships through regionally coordinated programmes
- ii) To increase Police capacity in Samoa, Tonga, Cooks Islands and Kiribati to prevent/respond effectively to domestic violence through national level programmes.
- iii) To develop and maintain effective partnerships between Police and relevant government agencies, NGOs, churches, community leaders/organisations to prevent/respond effectively to domestic violence in Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands and Kiribati.
- iv) To support the development of appropriate legislation on domestic violence and training for the judiciary/legal profession in Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands and Kiribati.
- v) To support development of appropriate national policy on domestic violence and incorporation of appropriate actions in national development plans, in Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands and Kiribati.

Vanuatu was added as a Participating Country from 1 July 2008 and joined the four existing "participating countries" in the PPDVP.

Baseline Review

To develop baseline data and to engage agencies and communities in reflection on domestic violence, a baseline review was carried out in each country including some rural communities, early in the programme. These included reviews/focus groups with police officers, victims, Government agencies NGO agencies, Women's Groups and with a number of representative communities to assess the extent of domestic violence and people's responses to it. Findings from the reviews have provided a key awareness-raising tool for politicians, community leaders

and communities as well as a benchmark to measure the performance and effectiveness of the PPDVP.

PPDVP Baseline Reviews of the Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga and Kiribati were completed in 2007. A baseline review for Vanuatu was undertaken in 2009.

The five PPDVP Baseline Reviews are available on the PPDVP web site at URL www.ppdvp.org.nz/resources

Review Baseline components

The key components of the baseline work include the following. The components have been weighted from 1 being highly desired through to 10 desired but not critical. The proposed work has been divided into two clusters Police Review activity and Domestic Violence Baseline information.

Police Review activity

Identify in a methodologically and statistically robust manner within the Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, and Kiribati.

1	Current specific levels of reported Domestic Violence reported to Police
1	Current Policy and Practice arrangements for dealing with Police Officer as Domestic Violence offenders
2	Police attitudes and perceptions of Domestic Violence. Including attitudes to dealing with complaints, prosecutions offenders and holding offenders to account. Police views on traditional cultural attitudes towards Domestic Violence and views of officers regarding traditional local or village approaches towards dealing with Domestic Violence. Linkages or commentary between attitudes and behaviour in relation to Domestic Violence will be of value. This will be achieved through survey and or interview approaches.
2	The state and recent history of Police partner relations - particularly key partners including Women's groups
2	Police attitudes and perceptions towards Police Officers as Domestic Violence offenders again through survey and or interview
2	Current Police Policy protocols and general processes and procedures (including record keeping) for dealing with Domestic Violence
3	Current Police leadership practice around Domestic Violence
5	The current state of Police Domestic Violence training
6	Any history of change around police domestic violence practice
8	The current state of Police prosecution of Domestic Violence including levels of case withdrawal, levels of prosecution against reporting and the overall number of offenders being held accountable for their actions

Domestic Violence Baseline information

Identify in a methodologically robust manner within Vanuatu

1	Current and historical levels of Domestic Violence reported to the key Non Government agencies (women's crisis/refuge organisations)
2	Some assessment of the prevalence of Domestic Violence in the participating countries using the available Police, Non Government agency data and data available from other agencies including United Nations organisations
3	Undertake a small qualitative survey of Domestic Violence victims to identify broad trends in attitudes towards Domestic Violence and reporting to the Police
3	The policy and other contribution of key Non Government agencies to dealing with and reducing domestic violence
4	A general assessment of levels of social acceptance and cultural tolerance towards Domestic Violence based on the qualitative survey and available existing data
5	Current Government policy and practice arrangements directed or associated with Domestic Violence
5	The current state of legislative arrangements in relation to Domestic Violence including compliance with international covenants and conventions (CEDAW)
6	The current state of any alternative approaches (village justice) to Domestic Violence
8	Where data is available a review of medical and death records indicating levels of Domestic Violence and reporting of Domestic Violence
10	The attitudes of key religious organisations towards Domestic Violence

Requirements

The research needs to be conducted using established methodologies. An updated template which can be used to compare and contrast changes in the countries and the impact of the implementation of the PPDVP is desired.

A balance needs to be struck between using existing data, completing new research and cost. The provision of an indicative budget against the research priorities is desirable.

It is intended that the research provider will be in a position to provide advice to the Project, should this be requested by the PPDVP, to assist in determining any further action.

As this is an update of the earlier baseline reviews, all work needs to be completed with a view to future replication to assess further changes, impact and improvements.

The review work is required to be completed by 30 September 2010. The PPDVP Management Team of the three partner agencies (MFAT IDG, PICP and NZ Police) will use the updated Baseline Reviews to assist them in developing an appreciation of the impact of the PPDVP activities. The Baseline Reviews will be followed by a Programme Evaluation in late 2010 / early 2011 which will in turn inform any decisions on future activity or completion of the Programme.

Experience and knowledge required

The successful provider will have the following experience and qualifications:

- High quality research and evaluation skills
- Demonstrated track record in providing quality community development advice to projects and programmes working in the Pacific Region
- Knowledge of policing issues generally and in a Pacific context
- Knowledge of violence reduction initiatives and evaluation of the same
- Networks in the Pacific which will support the aims of the Project
- Specialist knowledge in development issues within Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands and Kiribati is an advantage
- Relationship management skills

Security and Vetting Clearance

Researchers and other staff working on the research will be required to complete security and vetting clearance through the New Zealand Police.

The Expression of Interest Process

Expressions of Interest close 5pm on Friday 4th June 2010

Expressions of interest will need to include:

- Proposed personnel, relevant skills and experience
- Identification of a lead contractor (if a team is proposed)
- Brief details of how this project would be addressed
- Indicative costs

Expressions of interest must be sent by **Friday 4th June 2010** to the PPDVP Programme Manager - Cam Ronald, by e mail on cam.ronald@police.govt.nz

Mr Ronald will be available to conduct a briefing if required. Please contact him on DDI 64 4 470 7213, or on mobile 021 645 155.

This is a limited tender due to the timing, scale and scope of the outcomes. The selection decision will be communicated to the bidders as soon as possible.

The invitation and any proposal received will be treated in strictest confidence.