



## **Update: Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme**

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### ***Executive Summary***

1. The Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme (PPDVP) is a five year programme funded by the New Zealand Aid Programme, delivered by the New Zealand Police and supported by the PICP.
2. The current five year phase concluded on 30 June 2011. PPDVP will operate in a transitional arrangement while an evaluation of the initial work is undertaken. Support will continue to be provided by the PPDVP to the recipient countries, but limited to the continuation of the current activities.
3. Towards the end of 2011 consideration will be given to the findings of the evaluation and recommendations in that review, which allow decisions to be taken on future activities.
4. Should a further cycle of activities be agreed, the specific needs and a design to meet those needs, will occur in early 2012. This would involve all member countries of the PICP to assess their needs.
5. PICP members, Pacific Islands Governments, regional and in country agencies and non government organisations will be canvassed during the analysis.
6. A strong finding for further programme activities from 2012 onwards, in principle, delivered through the PPDVP to the members of the PICP to continue to develop, process, and address domestic and family violence in the region, is sought from this meeting.

### ***Background***

7. The PPDVP commenced in 2005, with in country activities starting in 2006. The current five years of activities concluded in June 2011.
8. The components or objectives of the PPDVP are:
  - a. to increase Police capacity to prevent/respond effectively to domestic violence and to develop and maintain effective partnerships (at a regional level)
  - b. to increase Police capacity to prevent/respond effectively to domestic violence in Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati and Vanuatu.

- c. 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 Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati and Vanuatu.
  - d. to support the development of appropriate legislation on domestic violence and training for the judiciary/legal profession in Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati and Vanuatu.
  - e. to support development of appropriate national policy on domestic violence and incorporation of appropriate actions in national development plans in Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati and Vanuatu.
9. The PPDVP country level activities are delivered by New Zealand Police members who act as mentors or advisers and who work with the recipient countries through in country deployments of up to 8 weeks each year.
  10. In 2007 the PICP members entered into a Declaration of Partnership on domestic violence with the PPDVP. This declaration has been renewed each year at the PICP meetings by way of Resolution. PPDVP considers the Declaration with PICP to be a key founding document.

### ***Interim processes from 1 July to 31 December 2011***

11. The PPDVP has been funded by the New Zealand Government to continue work in the five participating countries and limited work in other countries to progress ongoing activities. This is limited to ongoing work and new activities are not funded in the interim period.
12. For instance, support will be provided in Samoa to develop and implement domestic violence policies for the Police and to share domestic violence cases with NGO's and agencies. In Tonga assistance will be provided to develop desk files for staff based on the recently adopted DV policy; and in the Cook Islands an awareness programme will be extended to the southern group as well as briefing Court officials and Members of Parliament on domestic violence.
13. PPDVP mentors will continue to be deployed within these constraints.
14. The Review of the PPDVP was presented to the New Zealand Aid Programme in mid-July 2011. The findings of this Review will be considered by them, the NZ Police and the PICP through the Secretariat. Decisions on any proposed extension of PPDVP and further activities will be taken and concluded by the end of the year.

### ***PPDVP processes from 1 January to 30 June 2012***

15. A draft work plan and budget has been developed for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2012. The initiation of these activities is subject to the overall decisions on the future of the PPDVP.
16. Key ingredients of this proposal include in country needs assessments and discussions on the scope and nature of any future activities. As in the earlier PPDVP work plan, while there may be overall aims and objectives, the exact nature of the delivery of those will be tailored for each country to meet the specific needs, rather than a "one size fits all" approach.

17. The need to address specific issues in some countries, as well as provide a regional approach and capacity to support all members of the PICP Police Services, is recognised.
18. Questions such as whether the scope of the PPDVP should extend from domestic violence into other areas, and how the support will be offered to each police service which is a member of the PICP, will be the subject of these discussions.

### ***Sexual and gender based violence survey***

19. The PPDVP has updated the four original Baseline Reviews – completed in the Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga and Kiribati – to identify changes that have occurred during the period of the PPDVP. A key finding in some of these updates was the identification of a group of police staff who were resisting change and who held views that domestic violence was a private matter and one that the Police or the Courts should not be involved in. This group is largely aged around 40 years and they may hold supervisory roles within the police services.
20. The findings reinforced the outcomes of at least one of the behavioural surveys completed by the PICP under the HIV/AIDS and Human Rights project concluded last year.
21. It is proposed that these findings are tested by a series of surveys with police staff in the five participating countries early in 2012. These surveys (if undertaken) will be confidential, as were the PICP surveys.
22. If the findings of the earlier work are confirmed, the results will guide the development of a response to address these attitudes and to commence the change process. This may potentially include workshops, awareness raising, the involvement of the churches and community agencies in each country, and specific training. Follow up assessments and programs may be required.
23. The initial composition of the proposed survey has been developed with the University which undertook the Baseline Review Updates.
24. Subject to positive outcomes on the next stages of PPDVP, discussions will occur with the police chiefs in the five countries with the aim of undertaking these surveys with staff in the first few months of 2012. These surveys may also meet the needs of other countries in the PICP and while the initial focus will be on the smaller group, consideration could be given in the future to these surveys being extended.
25. The Vanuatu Baseline Review completed in 2009 will be revisited in any future programme for PPDVP.

### ***Recommendations***

26. It is recommended that the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police:
  - a. **Note** the content of this paper;
  - b. **Note** the interim process in place while the future of the PPDVP is considered during 2011; and
  - c. **Note** the current evaluation of the PPDVP, and further

- d. **Note** the “decision steps” to be taken in considering any extension of the PPDVP to be concluded in 2011.
27. Subject to these steps being taken, it is further recommended that the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police:
- a. **Note** the forecasted assessment, design and development phase for a further period of the PPDVP;
  - b. **Note** the proposed sexual and gender based violence survey,
  - c. **Agree** to support this survey within the current PPDVP participating countries;
  - d. **Agree** that Family and Domestic Violence remains a key priority for action by the police services in the PICP and in their communities;
  - e. **Invite** the New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (New Zealand Aid Programme) to commit resources to a further period of the PPDVP to support and work with the Police Services who are members of the PICP to address domestic and family violence, and
  - f. **Direct** the PICP Executive Director to advance this proposal and PICP commitment “out of session”.