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Themes

Research for this program will centre on the key question: How can we build safer communities? This broad question will be addressed through three key thematic areas. The thematic areas are as follows:

Theme 1: Service Delivery within the Law and Justice Sector

Theme one focuses on the role of law and justice service providers in building safer communities. Specifically, it derives its motivation from the Papua New Guinea Law and Justice Policy and Plan (2000) of action. More specifically, this thematic area will concentrate on the role of key law and justice sector agencies and how the law and justice services they provide can be improved to address the needs of the community.

Theme Objectives

S1.1: Key government services required to achieve safer communities are strengthened through evidence-based research and policy advice.

S1.2: An analysis of service delivery by key law and justice sector agencies. S.1.3 An analysis of non-state agencies and their capacity to contribute to state interventions and initiatives.

Outcomes

- Policy advice relating to law and order is supported by sound analytical advice
- An understanding of how both state and non-state actors contribute to safety and security.

Theme 2: Reducing Violence

Violence is a major hindrance for development, security and peace within communities. This theme focuses on some of the main forms of violence including gender-based violence and sorcery accusation related violence and violence within institutions, such as school violence and police brutality. The main research questions are: What are the main causes of violence? And how can we address violence?

Theme Objectives

S2.1: The cultural/social logic of violence is understood. S2.3: Gender Based Violence

Outcomes:

- Evidence based policy advice on GBV
- Advocacy for better incidence and prevalence data
- Contribution to a more coordinated approach to GBV research as per the National GBV strategy
- Contribution to National Government priority of reducing Sorcery Accusation Related Violence as per the National Action Plan on Sorcery Accusation Related Violence

Theme 3: Promoting Peace

- Peace Building is an important aspect of creating safe spaces for men, women and children. This theme will focus on initiatives that promote peace and security within communities. The main research question under this theme is: What does peaceful and secure communities mean and how can they be developed in PNG?



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Theme Objectives S3.1: The drivers of peaceful and safe communities.

Outcomes Promotion of local peace and security initiatives throughout communities.