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## Themes

Careful assessments of the current population based data situation, the Development Indicators Research Program research themes are; Data Access, Indicator Development and Indicator Integration.

### *Data access*

This Program aims to gain access to population based data and support improvements to accessing these available national data from various custodians. Topics such as fertility, mortality, internal migration, urbanization, and employment at district, provincial, and national levels is difficult. Therefore, access to this population based data, including operational data from key government departments, is essential.

### *Indicator Development*

Key development indicators will be identified to assess major trends, drivers, and effects in relation to the well-being of PNG citizens. Other research activities to develop PNG contextual development indicators are core functions of the program. Continuous dialogue between this program, other research institutions, universities, government departments and development partners such UNFPA will reach a common goal of rolling indicators framework to reflect the government's plans.

### *Indicator Integration*

To enable use and understanding of the core indicators produced by this program and other government agencies, this program will partner with producers and users to conduct sessions on specific indicators. This will lead to improvements in understanding of key development indicators at national and sub-national levels. Multidisciplinary and cross-sectional initiatives will be explored to help turn the existing data and information into a substantial body of knowledge to address current and emerging development issues, such as the sustainable development goals. Interested stakeholders input towards building on existing knowledge on national development indicators will continue to be connected and be active in the national and international research efforts.