



Research

The PNG ASC is agnostic in its approach to research. We work with Government, the private sector, research institutions and non-government organisations. The PNG ASC is proud to deliver a range of research initiatives in its first year in operation.

Working with **researchers from the PNG NRI**, the PNG ASC has been able to support **research examining the energy and water sectors**. Both papers explore regulation and policy with the view to expand competition and access to these important basic public services.

Both studies are critical for PNG as it moves towards providing basic energy and water needs to its people. In 2018, over 80% of PNG's households do not have access to reliable and safe energy. Approximately 50% of the population do not have access to reliable and safe water and sanitation. These numbers highlight the situation of ordinary households across PNG. The need to invest in basic services has never been stronger. Research, policy advocacy and awareness of the political economy have an important role to play.

The PNG ASC is also proud to work with PNG NRI developing a **paper on contemporary land issues in PNG and the impact on opening up customary land for development**. The paper was prepared for partners [New Zealand Institute of Pacific Research's](#) Island and Ocean's conference.

The PNG ASC has also commenced in November 2018 a **partnership with a Youth Entrepreneurs Group (YEG)** which has established an **Agribusiness Incubation Hub** to support applied research in a range of sectors including Cocoa farmer in East New Britain and Bougainville. The PNG ASC will work with implementing partner [i2i Development](#) to provide funding for a national coordinator and support research work across the project.