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Pacific Judicial Development Programme

PJDP Report

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- Since mid-1990s, PJDP has operated to promote the rule of law and strengthen the capacity of courts across the Pacific.
- PJDP operates under the oversight of the Pacific Judicial Conference, comprising the Chief Justice of the Pacific, which convenes biennially.
- PJDP is chaired by Chief Justice Sapolu of Samoa
- At present, it serves the judiciaries of 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICs), being: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Judicial leadership



Current 5-year program

Since PJC's in Guam and Honiara



- Current phase :1 July 2010 - funded by NZ MFAT
- Federal Court of Australia manages PJDP
 - Court-owned, judge-led,
 - Independent, not-for-profit
 - World-class professionals: region, Aust, NZ, UK, US ...
- 12-month extension: July 2012 - June 2013
- 24-month extension: July 2013 - June 2015.

Program

Thematic framework



Component 1.0 Access to Justice	Component 2.0 Governance	Component 3.0 Systems & Processes	Component 4.0 Prof. Development
Access to Justice Project	CoJC & Complaints Handling Project	Judicial Administration Project	Regional Training Capacity Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ToT Workshop •Advanced Workshop •RTT Mentoring Network
Family Violence and Youth Justice Project	Governance and Leadership Meetings	Court Annual Reporting Project	
Public Information Project	NJDC Project		Core Judicial Development Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regional & Local Orientation •Regional & Local Decision Making
Enabling Rights Project	Project Management Project		
	Responsive Fund		



Activities



·**Access to Justice**

1. Access to justice (CDR) project
2. Family violence and youth justice project
3. Public information project
4. Enabling rights project

·**Governance**

3. Codes of judicial conduct & *complaints handling* project
4. Leadership meetings
5. National judicial development committee project
6. *Project management* project
7. Responsive Fund: locally-designed projects



Activities (cont'd)



·*Systems and processes*

8. Judicial administration: time standards & delay reduction
9. Court annual reporting project

·*Professional Development*

10. Regional ToT capacity-building project
 - a) Advanced Regional Training Team (RTT)
 - b) Certification-level ToT
11. Core judicial development project
 - a) Judicial orientation: regional / local
 - b) Decision-making: regional / local

·*Regional Networks*

12. RTT Network
13. IT Network



Achievements



- Regional judicial leadership
- Capacity-building
 - Regional Training Team
 - National Judicial Development Committees
- Core training products
 - Judicial orientation
 - Decision-making
- Judicial administration
 - Annual reporting
 - Time standards
 - Delay reduction ...



Toolkits: x6



Pacific Judicial Development Programme - *Newsflash*

PJDP Launches New Toolkits

Toolkits - what are they?

The Pacific Judicial Development Programme (PJDP) is delighted to launch six new toolkits for the ongoing development of courts in the region. These toolkits aim to support partner courts to implement development activities at the local level by providing information and practical guidance on what to do and how. These toolkits relate to:-

- *Producing annual court reports toolkit*
- *Developing codes of judicial conduct*
- *Establishing national judicial development committees*
- *Conducting family violence and youth justice workshops*
- *Setting time-standards for case management*
- *Promoting access to justice*

The use of these toolkits will vary depending on the needs of each Pacific Island Country (PIC). These toolkits are designed to support change by promoting the local use, management, ownership and sustainability of judicial development in PICs across the region. By developing and making available these resources, PJDP aims to build local capacity to enable partner courts to address local needs and reduce reliance on external donor and adviser support as much as possible.

Where are they?

We hope that you will use these toolkits as / when required. They are currently available on-line at <http://www.fedcourt.gov.au/pjdp/pjdp-toolkits> and will also be made available via the PaCJII website shortly.

To download a toolkit: click on the relevant toolkit link above and you will be taken to the location for downloading the toolkits. Simply click on the link for the toolkit and type of file you prefer (all documents can be saved in either *Adobe Acrobat* or *Microsoft Word* format), and the document will begin to download automatically.

Need any help?

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Toolkits – piloting: +8 > 14.



7. Judicial orientation – regional / local
8. Decision- making
9. Enabling rights
10. Delay reduction
11. Public information
12. Complaints-handling
13. Project Management
14. Training of Trainers (ToT).

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The future ...



- NZ MFAT tender for Activity Concept Note, Jan. 2014
- NZ MFAT tender for new phase: 1 July 2015+

