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Bougainville Community Policing Proj

In 1999, the New Zealand police entered Bougainville a Community Policing Project (BCPP) to formally establis this autonomous region of Papua New Guinea.

The joint NZAID/AusAID project involved the recruitment and subsequent training of suitable candidates to the newly established Community Auxiliary Police (CAP).

New Zealand police designed the training syllabus specifically for the CAP and drew heavily on indigenous conflict-resolution techniques.

NZAID identified the need for such a project after Bougainville emerged from a long period of civil war and sought to establish itself as an autonomous state from Papua New Guinea. At that time, there was no visible and effective law and justice systems in place.

In 2001, the BCPP project was ceased after the successful establishment of the Community Auxiliary Police, however the project was re-started again in April 2005 to allow the establishment of effective court and penal systems.

In this stage of the project, New Zealand police are working at village-level with a council of elders and village board to establish a restorative justice system.

General tasks

The broad goals of the BCPP project are to:

- successfully recruit candidates for the Community Auxillary Police
- develop and maintain a training programme for local police recruits.
- increase the capability of the community police service
- develop effective, 'home-grown' law and justice systems

Timeline

- 1999 New Zealand police enter Bougainville as part of the Bougainville Community Policing Project.
- 2001 After the successful establishment of Community Auxillary Police, NZ police withdraw from Bougainville
- 2002 Bougainville Peace Agreement Act implemented, providing greater autonomy for Bougainville and laying the foundations for referendum on independence in 10-15 years time.
- April 2005 New Zealand police return to Bougainville to help develop indigenous law and justice systems

Related sites

- NZ AID
- Papua New Goinea Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Further reading

- Papua New Guinea CIA World Fact Book
- Papua New Guinea's Daily Newspaper Post Courier

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smell of coconut. Much better than the diesel fumes!". Team Leader of the Bougainville Community Policing Project

There has been no noticeable change

in the vehicle's performance, with the

only obvious difference being that

the exhaust emission fumes now



Buka coconut processor Matthias Horn and Constable Tania Turner, with the coconut powered vehicle.

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