

Programme Area Summary:

Inclusive participation and governance

NOTE: Please note that the Participation and Governance Programme and Disability programme in Papua New Guinea (PNG) have recently been merged into one programme. The new **Inclusive Participation and Governance programme (IP&G)** as it is called now is still under review and undergoing the process for a new merged programme area plan that will be fully developed and written by January 2010.

The inclusive participation and governance vision

Good governance, effective service delivery and reduction in rural disadvantage.

The new and revised IP&G programme aim is:

To promote good governance which is inclusive and responsive and which empowers all Papua New Guineans to exercise their fundamental human rights.

Strategic focus

The IP&G programme framework is developed with the recognition that, VSO directly supports government agencies to respond to the needs and upholds the rights of their citizens, particularly marginalised and vulnerable groups in rural communities.

The IP&G programme will promote rights based approach by working with partner organisations to raise the voices of marginalised groups; particularly people with disabilities and destitute women and children to demand their rights to better services and improved livelihoods.

The areas of focus will be:

- people in rural communities
- people with disabilities
- gender equity issues.

Desired approach and outcome

Through national and international development workers and volunteers, VSO PNG works directly with the national, provincial and local level governments as well as NGOs who share the same values and vision to improve:

- good governance that is efficient and accountable
- better service delivery through a responsive local level government in the areas of inclusive education, accessible basic health care services, livelihoods and accessible law and order justice systems

- linkages that bridge the gap between state and citizen working together and achieving common objectives
- inclusive local development through full participation of citizens including people with disability
- financial management and monitoring systems and process.