Project Summary

Project Background
The present EC assistance to PNG funded under the 9th EDF targets two focal sectors namely 1) education and human resources development and 2) rural water supply and sanitation. Institutional capacity building and governance is the non-focal sector under which special attention is being paid to the capacity building of non-state actors. The implementation of the 9th EDF has been slower than foreseen. However, the funds allocated to the programmes in the focal sectors were expected to be fully committed by the end of 2005.

Evaluation Objectives
Main objective of this country level evaluation was “to provide the Commission services and the PNG authorities with key findings and lessons from the past and current cooperation with PNG with a view to preparing a new Country Strategy Paper for the country”. This entailed a judgement in respect of the achievements in terms of poverty alleviation as well as detailed recommendations regarding the future strategy of interventions.

Evaluation Activities
- Desk phase in Europe to study all relevant background papers and reports, and to derive the evaluation questions, judgement criteria and preliminary indicators.
- Desk phase report, which also outlined the methodology for the field work.
- Field phase in PNG consisting of three weeks of intense interviews and dialogue with all stakeholders. The findings were presented to the EC Delegation in a de-briefing session.
- Further presentation to the “reference group” and preparation of the Final Report.

Implementation Features
- The analysis encompassed in particular the following aspects: governance, management of natural resources, gender, regional economic, integration and trade, local ownership and donor coordination.
- The evaluation was to consider the findings of the evaluation carried out in 2000 of the Country Strategy for PNG 1996-99. It had to be innovative and present a critical analysis of the current EC Country strategy and its implementation upto 2005. Emphasis was on the validity and relevance of the current strategy and its sectoral concentration, the coherence with previous strategies and the specific challenges facing the effective delivery of EC aid to Papua New Guinea.

Services Provided
- Programme ex-post evaluation
- Desk research of 110 papers and reports
- Field work by 4 experts comprising more than 80 interviews
- Special desk research report
- Final report after intensive dialogue

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Client
European Commission / EC

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Personnel
Team of 4 STEs (7 PM)
- 1 Team Leader (evaluation specialist)
- 1 Education specialist
- 1 Specialist in rural development
- 1 Country policy expert