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Gender, Security, and Development: A Bougainville case study

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Abstract

Research on contemporary alignments of development and security agendas has paid limited attention to how gender relations, roles and issues of equality are constructed and experienced within post-conflict contexts. While practices like gender mainstreaming have been committed to in principle and in policy by organisations and countries heavily involved in development and security interventions, more research is required into actual practices and outcomes.

This thesis utilises a case study, the Bougainville Community Policing Project, to examine the efficacy of gender approaches practiced within a merged security-development intervention. The research highlights how increased participation of women within such interventions, while important for meeting practical gender needs, is not in itself enough to enable more strategic gender needs to be met. In seeking to understand more fully the gendered impacts of such interventions on communities the prioritising of particular development issues over others, including gender equality, becomes visible.

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Abbreviations

ABG	Autonomous Bougainville Government
AROB	Autonomous Region of Bougainville
BCL	Bougainville Copper Limited
BCPP	Bougainville Community Policing Project
BPS	Bougainville Police Service
BRA	Bougainville Republican Army
BRF	Bougainville Resistance Forces
CAP	Community Auxiliary Police
CEDAW	The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CPE	Complex Political Emergency
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration
GBV	Gender Based Violence
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NZPOL	New Zealand Police
ODA	Official Development Assistance
PGK	Papua New Guinean Kina
PMG	Peace Monitoring Group
PNGDF	Papua New Guinea Defence Force
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands
RPNGC	Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary
SCR1325	Security Council Resolution 1325
SSR	Security Sector Reform
TMG	Truce Monitoring Group
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNOMB	United Nations Observer Mission Bougainville