Local Learnings: Guna-Goreku Stretim Hauslain Association

Stories of positive change in Papua New Guinea: A Case Study

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Introduction
Goreku Community
Sinesine Yongomul District, Simbu Province

Why did we undertake this case study?

• To gain a deeper understanding on how change happen;

• Insights into local solutions;

• To support community driven development; and;

• To understand underlying process of social change
How did we capture the story?
Methods and Approaches

Qualitative & Participatory methods:

• 20 focus group discussions
• 15 individual interviews
• 5 key informants group discussion
• Visual data collection

Analysis workshops

• Internal QA
• Peer Reviews
• Community validation
How does change happen?
## Change in Goreku

**Six disruptive issues**

- Tribal fighting
- Illegal firearms
- Drugs and alcohol
- SARV
- GBV
- Block voting

**8 development pillars**

- Spiritual
- Socio-economic
- Human Resource
- Family, Community Care and Adult Literacy
- Infrastructure
- Health, Sanitation and Community Beautification
- Law and Order
- Sports and Recreation
Four key findings...
Finding 1: Process of change depends on strong and committed leadership from within
Finding 2: Factors and motivations for change are multifaceted

Leaders: Desire for safe and prosperous community

The Community: Biblical Examples

The People: Real Changers
Finding 3: Key drivers & enablers of positive social change are based on power sharing & co-creation of the change process

Leaders

Churches and ecumenicalism

GGSHA 8 Pillars

The revitalised Hausman system

Power sharing and the co-creation of the change process
Finding 4: Role of Theology of Gender Equality and training provides a meaningful reference point

- Bible adult literacy training
- Awareness of Gender Equality
- Social Inclusiveness & Community Rehabilitation
So what?

The story of GGSHA illustrates that it is possible for social change to happen within a short period of time if there is:

- a strong committed leaders from within
- a meaningful governance structure in place.

Implications for programming

- Knowledge sharing
- Social change motivated by committed local leadership
- Supporting Locally led Gender Equality Initiatives
Thank you

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