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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

La Trobe University acknowledges that our campuses are located on the lands of many traditional custodians in Australia.

We recognise their ongoing connection to the land and value their unique contribution to the University and wider Australian society

We are committed to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians, both as individuals and communities through teaching and learning, research and community partnerships across all of our campuses.

La Trobe University pays our respect to Indigenous Elders, past, present and emerging and will continue to incorporate Indigenous knowledge systems and protocols as part of our ongoing strategic and operational business.

The Centre also acknowledges the Indigenous owners and managers of the Northern Territory's lands and seas. We value our ongoing relationships with past, present and emerging Indigenous leaders, constituents and staff of the Aboriginal-controlled organisations that we work with in the Northern Territory.

We would also like to acknowledge the Indigenous people and local organisations who have generously gifted us their knowledge during the course of our ongoing research in the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Cover photo: Taken outside the Malvatu Mauri Office, depicting timber posts being prepared by local carvers to rebuild the Malvatu Mauri Nakamal (meeting house). It is a requirement that every province across Vanuatu donates trees to be used as the foundational pillars for this Chiefly meeting structure. It is representative of the commitment of all provinces to collectively uphold this traditional institution.

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ABOUT CHSSC

The Centre for Human Security and Social Change (CHSSC) is a research centre based at La Trobe University in Melbourne which conducts world-class research, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), education and outreach on locally led and inclusive social change.

The Centre works collaboratively with other researchers, evaluators, practitioners, local organisations and international development agencies to better understand, support and enable the practice of social change.

Our goals are to:

- better understand the front-line practice of social change agents and the institutional arrangements which help or hinder their practice at individual, organisational and system levels.
- directly support social change agents – individuals, organisations and alliances – that work for positive social change.
- help create enabling capacities and institutional arrangements for the practice of social change.

As outlined in our current [strategic plan](#), we aim to contribute to two interlinked outcomes in the development sector by end 2026 i.e.

- More locally led, inclusive development practice in which development actors collaborate as equals.
- More evidence-based, critically reflective and learning oriented development practice in which lessons endure.

We directly support social change initiatives with diverse partners in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Indigenous Australia and we have expertise in several sectors, including governance, leadership, law and justice, gender equity, disability and social inclusion.

We deliver research and evaluation support to our partners in contextually relevant ways and integrate political economy analysis, thinking and working politically,

adaptive programming, coalition building and partnership brokering approaches. Rather than provide one-off support to partners, we build long term relationships based on equity, mutual respect and solidarity. We deliver support in developmental ways, incorporating different world views and perspectives, amplifying the voices of people that projects are designed to benefit, building partner and participant capacity and directly addressing cultural and gender diversity, race and power dynamics.

We extend our reach and influence beyond our partners by translating and communicating research and evaluation findings through diverse outlets, by directly engaging with practitioners, policy makers and academics and by designing and delivering professional development courses which target mid-career professionals and emerging leaders in the development sector.

Our interdisciplinary team includes Pacific Islander, Indigenous Australian and non-Indigenous Australian researchers and MEL practitioners, supplemented by an extensive network of researchers and MEL practitioners in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Indigenous Australia that we work with on an as needed basis.

We receive funding from a range of sources including La Trobe University, grants from the Australian Research Council and a diverse portfolio of research, evaluation and professional development consultancies with government agencies, non-government organisations, philanthropic foundations and Aboriginal-controlled organisations.

The Centre has built an international reputation at the forefront of research and debate on inclusive locally led development, politically informed monitoring and evaluation and contextually appropriate practice. It is renowned for working in genuine partnership with local organisations, researchers, practitioners and international development agencies and now occupies a unique niche in Australia's development ecosystem.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PROFESSOR CHRIS ROCHE

Welcome to the Centre for Human Security and Social Change Annual Report for 2023.

Our Centre has a particular interest in exploring the front-line practice of social change, which we believe is under-researched, often poorly understood and therefore often poorly supported.

Over the course of 2023, we sought to better understand local knowledges and worldviews across Indigenous Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. While the 'turn to the local' has been underway in the social sciences for some time, many government and international development efforts continue to overlook these perspectives and in doing so miss unique opportunities to fundamentally change ways of working and to increase impact.

In this year's annual report, we share several examples of how better understanding and incorporating local knowledge leads to improved development practice and outcomes. This includes our work with ASEAN ACT on disability and trafficking which explored the lived experience of victim-survivors of trafficking with disabilities, a topic which the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons Professor Siobhan Mullaly notes has been neglected in international law, policy, and practice. It also includes research on citizen's understandings of and approaches to accountability in the Pacific undertaken with UNDP, what empowerment means for marginalised groups in Indonesia with the INKLUSI program, and how the 'good-life' and well-being is described by Warlpiri communities in the Northern Territory of Australia and how they see this changing over time, with the Central Land Council and the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust.

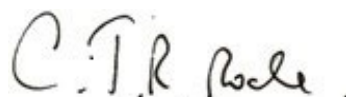
We have also explored how successful policy reform happens through the eyes and words of key reformers themselves in our collaboration with The Asia Foundation Coalitions for Change program, as well as how men can be better engaged in support of women's leadership in the Pacific through our partnership with the Women Leading and Influencing program.

Whilst subjective measures of well-being can arguably be used to justify the status-quo, these examples make clear that incorporating local, culturally specific understandings of the lived experience of both continuity as well as change and reform can make a demonstrable difference to development practice and impact.

These examples are drawn from the thirty-one research consultancies and other projects that we undertook in 2023 in collaboration with fourteen partners in Indigenous Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Drawing on the results of these projects, we produced 35 peer-reviewed publications and commissioned research reports, delivered twenty-nine presentations to industry forums and generated \$1.4 million in external revenue.

I am particularly proud to note – as evidenced by the testimonials in this report – that our partners think that the work that we do, and in particular the way that we do it, is not only highly valued but is helping to shape the ideas which inform their policies and practices.

I hope you enjoy reading this report.



Professor Chris Roche

Centre Director



HIGHLIGHTS



35



Academic publications and
other research outputs

7

Blogs



17

Teaching and
professional
development



2564

followers
(newsletters &
social media)



29

Conferences
and workshop
presentations



Our team

9

(7 FTE)



31

Research projects and
other consultancies



\$1.4 million

External Funding



4

HDR students



44

Engagements
with industry

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

PROFESSOR NICK BISLEY

I am pleased to introduce the Centre for Human Security and Social Change's annual report for 2023. As detailed in this report, the Centre has had another successful year delivering on its mission i.e. to understand, support and enable the practice of social change.

During 2023, the Centre continued to undertake high quality research and evaluation addressing issues of local, national and global importance in Indigenous Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. The School particularly values the work undertaken by the Centre that aligns with the University's Research Themes Social Change and Equity and Healthy People, Families and Community. This includes research and evaluations commissioned by industry partners, professional development, outreach and policy engagement, much of which is informed by and promotes local knowledges and world views.

The Centre's standing in the research and evaluation community was reflected in its success winning 13 new contracts in 2023. Over the course of the year, the Centre delivered 12 industry-commissioned research and evaluation reports with 14 partners, including the UN, government, non-government and Aboriginal controlled organisations. In line with its partnership approach, the Centre worked closely with these organisations to strengthen their ability to learn and adapt, informed by robust, locally led and culturally appropriate research and evaluation which draws on local knowledges and word views. This contributes to and models best practice in La Trobe University's strategic focus on being a partner of choice for industry, NGOs and others outside the tertiary sector.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the Centre's commitment to working with and through researchers and evaluators from Indigenous Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. As profiled in this year's report, it does so in ways which strengthen local research and evaluation capability, particularly through the integration of Indigenous and non-Indigenous forms of knowledge. In doing so, it is making a significant contribution to the development of Aboriginal and locally led approaches to research and monitoring and evaluation, furthering La Trobe's goal of embedding Indigenous knowledge and perspectives in its teaching and research.

Over the course of 2023, the Centre continued its strategic partnership with the University of Birmingham to deliver the Developmental Leadership Program, culminating in the production of a well-regarded synthesis report which was launched at the Australasian Aid Conference in December. It also continued the implementation of an ARC-funded research project on youth leadership in the Pacific in collaboration with the University of Otago, The Pacific Commission, the Samoa Ministry of Women and The Asia Foundation. In doing so, it contributes substantially to the University's internationalisation ambitions.

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is very pleased to support a research centre that has such a positive impact in Indigenous Australia and across our region. Its focus on changing the ideas, policies and institutional arrangements and the underlying power relations that shape the practice of social change is particularly strategic. I congratulate the Centre's staff, post-graduate students and associates on its success.



Professor Nick Bisley

Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences.



OUR WORK IN INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

INTRODUCTION

In 2023, the Centre continued to work with Aboriginal-controlled organisations in the Northern Territory to monitor the implementation of some of their key programs and understand how they were contributing to wellbeing in their communities. These projects focus on facilitating Aboriginal communities' autonomy and control over their lives. The Centre aims to ensure that monitoring and evaluation activities help to track and meaningfully assess change in a way which reflects community values and strengthens community capacity to manage their lives. Working with Aboriginal researchers, the Centre aims to conduct culturally safe research by co-designing research approaches, data collection tools and data visualisations in collaboration with Indigenous communities. The Centre also aims to share the learning from these partnerships in ways which influence the ideas, policies and practices of development and social change organisations.

THE WARLPIRI EDUCATION AND TRAINING TRUST TRACKING AND LEARNING PROJECT

The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) is a community development project governed and funded by Indigenous people in the Tanami Desert, Central Australia. A portion of gold mining royalties have been directed to WETT to be used to strengthen education and training in the Warlpiri communities of Lajamanu, Yuendumu, Willowra and Nyirripi. The Centre helped design and now supports the implementation of the Tracking and Learning project (YWPP) alongside the Central Land Council (CLC). The Centre's work aims to strengthen Warlpiri control of WETT's monitoring, evaluation and learning processes to track WETT's education and training programs, governance and community engagement, including learning about what is and is not working and what could be done differently as a result.

In 2023, the Centre and the CLC held the first YWPP researcher workshop, led by the Senior Yapa researcher from the Centre, Markirdi Rose, and supported by Senior Research Fellow Danielle Campbell, Research Fellow Alex Gyles and CLC staff Aysia Rogers and Emma Brown. This brought together senior women from the WETT advisory committee and other key project stakeholders, senior researchers and emerging younger researchers for the first time. The younger researchers helped design the research approach and

interview questions in ways relevant to younger people.

In the workshop the team developed the foundations for doing this research effectively and safely in their communities, with particular attention to working in the right way culturally. This informed the fieldwork that followed in Yuendumu and Willowra communities. After collecting stories from community, the team held a sense making session and then presented the findings back to the community at a community barbeque at the end of the week. This validated the findings, informed the community and ensured the research was not extractive in nature.

The research approach and the preliminary findings have been shared with the community development and evaluation communities through presentations to the World Community Development Conference in Darwin in June 2023 and the Australian Evaluation Society Conference in Brisbane in September 2023.



YWPP researchers Christos Dickson, Natalie Morton, Belinda Wayne and Glenda Wayne at a WETT community feedback barbeque in Willowra.

SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL WITH MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING

The Central Land Council (CLC) supports Aboriginal people in Central Australia to manage their land, make the most of the opportunities it offers, and promote their rights. In partnership with the Community Development Unit, the Centre has supported the CLC for more than 10 years to monitor and evaluate its community development (CD) programs which currently supports 35 Central Australian Aboriginal Communities. These programs aim to maintain Aboriginal identity, language, culture and connection to country and to improve health, education and employment outcomes.

“La Trobe has provided expert analysis, critical thinking and a deep understanding of the objectives and complexities of the Central Land Council’s development work. This has contributed to key improvements to the approach of the work that the Central land Councils undertakes.

Testimonial from Ian Sweeney, Manager, Community Development Programs, CLC

In 2023, Danielle Campbell and Alex Gyles undertook an assessment of the Matched Funds Initiative (MFI), which provides additional government funding which ‘matches’ Aboriginal income through land use agreements which Aboriginal communities allocate to community development projects. The MFI aims to increase the impact of community development projects and address income disparities between regions. The Centre’s assessment found that the MFI funds were being used for projects which Aboriginal people prioritise and value and the outcomes they are achieving are making a meaningful difference to people. It also found that MFI has successfully incentivised Aboriginal groups to allocate income to community benefit projects,

with a significant increase in Aboriginal groups joining the CD program. Furthermore, the assessment concluded that the MFI has helped to address the disparity in income across regions. This was the first report that engaged with the program’s new framework which aims to promote transformational change. The Centre and the CLC are increasingly considering how the program can make more meaningful and sustained change in Aboriginal communities through employing the strategies of lobbying and advocacy and partnerships and networks to address systemic issues.



Kids enjoying the opening day of the GMAAAC funded Lajamanu Water Park

EMPOWERING THE LAJAMANU COMMUNITY

The project aims to empower the Lajamanu community to understand and describe what change is happening in their communities to inform community driven social change. In particular, the project seeks to determine a contextually appropriate measure of wellbeing by drawing out what is required for a good life in the remote Aboriginal community of Lajamanu. The project then aims to support the community to monitor changes in wellbeing over time using participatory research approaches which promote community ownership of the data and support them to decide any actions to take in response. This includes helping the CLC and other organisations working in Lajamanu to adapt their programs in response to the evidence emerging from the research.

Commencing in 2021, Centre researchers Danielle Campbell and Allan Illingworth, supported by Indigenous researcher Marlkindi Rose Napaljarri, worked with the Lajamanu community to draw out seven domains which were considered critical for a good community life. The domains that were chosen by the community included Yapa decision-making and control; Warlpiri country, culture and language; Kids and young people supported; Family and community unity; Health; Housing; and Employment and training.

In 2023, Marlkindi Rose, Alex Gyles and Louise Stanley worked with community researchers to identify the changes the community were seeing in the seven domains. At the beginning of the fieldwork a researcher workshop was held to

trial and refine research tools and activities and a card sorting technique termed the circles of change activity was selected as the data collection tool by the team. The Centre engaged three local Yapa (Indigenous peoples) male researchers and four local Yapa women researchers who worked closely with senior Yapa researchers who are helping to guide the project. The research provided employment for local community members and is continuing to support Yapa autonomy over the research project and their lives more broadly.

In 2024, the Centre and its partner researchers will determine a data sharing arrangement with the community and will support them to consider what actions they want to take to address community challenges and opportunities which have emerged from the research.



Community researchers Glenda Wayne and Ricashe Jigili interview Lajamanu community members

OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK

Over the course of 2023, the Centre worked with nine international partners to complete sixteen projects in the Pacific and Southeast Asia with another nine projects continuing into 2024. As shown in the table on pp. 22-23 our partners included higher education institutions, managing contractors, not-for-profit agencies, and intergovernmental organisations. In addition to delivering highly regarded pieces of research and evaluation, we increasingly provided technical advice and support to our partners on an as needed basis, including in areas such as research design and delivery, the development and implementation of monitoring and evaluation frameworks, political economy analysis and coalition building. A selection of our projects is described below.

RESEARCH ON THE FUTURE OF THE PACIFIC: YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

In 2023, the Centre's Director Chris Roche and Research Fellow Aidan Craney worked with Chief Investigator Helen Lee to continue implementing the ARC Discovery research project: The Future of the Pacific: youth leadership and civic engagement. With approximately two thirds of people in the Pacific aged under 35, the research aims to better understand the pathways and barriers to their individual and collective leadership development. The project is being delivered in partnership with the University of Otago, The Asia Foundation, the Pacific Community and National Advisory Committees in each country.

In 2023, Aidan spent one month in each of Fiji and Tonga. While there he followed up with emerging leaders he met with in 2022 for updates and to observe their leadership journeys, as well as to workshop preliminary findings with The Asia Foundation, the Pacific Community and members of the National Advisory Committees. The focus for 2024 is on working directly with these stakeholders to develop strategies to ensure the findings from the project will have positive implications practically, academically and in the communities within which the project is taking place.



Young leaders from Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change lead a workshop on the Rainbow Warrior

POLITICAL ECONOMY ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTABILITY ECOSYSTEMS IN THE PACIFIC

This research project is part of UNDP's EU-funded 'Vaka Pasifika' project working on accountable governance and finance. The research documents Pacific understandings of and approaches to accountability with a view to improving the relevance and effectiveness of support provided to accountability mechanisms in the Pacific. Through country case studies in [Vanuatu](#), [Solomon Islands](#) and [Tuvalu](#) (with three more planned in 2024), Centre and local researchers have identified:

- How accountability is understood.
- How these understandings and practices are shaped by the context and formal and informal rules.
- The power and relationship dynamics at play between key accountability actors; and
- Opportunities and constraints for supporting accountability initiatives going forward.

Picking up on the research findings, UNDP is now supporting the establishment of 'Fellowship Schemes' in the three countries, bringing together influential actors identified by the research to pilot new approaches to progressing accountability in their country contexts. The Centre will undertake action research alongside the Fellowship Schemes, synthesizing learning about alternative approaches to working on accountability and the role of external actors in facilitating local coalitions.

The research is being conducted by a team made up of Centre staff and locally engaged researchers including Principal Research Fellow Lisa Denney, Research Fellow Aidan Craney, Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Illingworth and Research Officer Serena Ford together with Gregoire Nimbtki (Vanuatu); Ali Tuhanuku (Solomon Islands); Tala Simeti (Tuvalu); and Vasa Saitala (Tuvalu).

“ I’ve just presented the summary of the reports’ findings to the regional UNDP senior management and policy group for the Pacific. The level of response and engagement and the depth of conversations were incredible. Thanks to the detailed research and the ability of the La Trobe team to adapt to our specific context and programming targets we’re able to utilize the information for our targeted in-country engagements.

Testimonial from Marine Destrez, Public Financial Management Program Manager, UNDP Pacific:



Iconic Tuvaluan cultural handicrafts of the recognisable star-shaped pendant (Tui) made of white cowrie shells and brown shells and a Tuvaluan intricate woven fan.

NAVIGATING SUCCESSFUL POLICY REFORM

Understanding how policy reform happens is key to supporting developmental change around the world. Funded by The Asia Foundation’s Coalition for Change Program, [this project](#) explored three instances of successful policy reform related to [environmental protection in Kenya](#), [women’s political participation in Vanuatu](#) and [disability rights in Indonesia](#). The researchers developing the case studies

engaged directly with the leaders of the reform processes, documenting their stories and, in doing so, distilled how local leaders and coalitions worked in politically smart, learning-oriented ways to achieve change in challenging political contexts.

The case studies and a forthcoming synthesis examines the extent to which the case studies demonstrate the relevance of The Asia Foundation’s ‘Development Entrepreneurship’ approach outside of the Philippines, contributing to ongoing debates about how policy reform can effectively be supported. The findings have also been integrated into Coalitions for Change’s [‘Development Entrepreneurship’ online training course](#), which exposes developmental reformers to ways of working that can help them to progress change in their own contexts.

The research was conducted by a team made up of Centre staff and local researchers including Principal Research Fellow Lisa Denney, Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Illingworth and Senior Research Fellow Elisabeth Jackson together with Clare Cummings, Francis Oremo, Elizabeth Faerua, Joni Yulianto and Adi Suryadini.

“ The Centre for Human Security and Social Change is a highly competent, reliable and pragmatic partner. Their broad and deep knowledge of international development theory, practices, and specific projects helped us to identify and document the policy reform experiences that we were looking for.

Testimonial from Rene Sanapo, Leadership Component Lead, Coalitions for Change, The Asia Foundation



Persons with disabilities dressed in the traditional clothing of their regions take to the streets of central Jakarta in August 2015 to urge the parliament to pass the Draft Disability Law. Credit: Kompas.com/RodericlAdrianMozes

DISABILITY AND TRAFFICKING IN ASEAN

In 2022-2023, Senior Research Fellow Elisabeth Jackson led a three-country study of the intersection between disability and trafficking in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. The study was commissioned by the Australian Government funded ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking program, which works with regional and country-level stakeholders to improve the responses to human trafficking. The study was undertaken in collaboration with disability researchers Cucu Saidah (Indonesia), Abner Manlapaz (Philippines) and Alisa Sivathorn (Thailand).

People with disabilities are widely recognised as a group at risk of trafficking. But very little is known about the specific vulnerabilities they face, what types of trafficking they experience, and how well existing counter-trafficking efforts and recovery services are meeting their needs. The study aimed to fill this gap and help ensure that people with disabilities are not left behind in counter-trafficking efforts.

A key part of the study was understanding the lived experience of victim-survivors of trafficking with disabilities. In addition to interviews with government and non-government organisations working in counter trafficking prevention and response, researchers also spoke to 24 victim-survivors of trafficking. This included people with existing disabilities as well as those who had acquired disabilities as a result of the abuse or trauma they experienced during trafficking.

Counter-trafficking actors from the three countries were closely engaged throughout the study. Workshops in each of the three countries brought together representatives from counter trafficking task forces, police, court officials, social workers, NGOs and organisations of persons with

disabilities – some for the first time – to identify concrete ways to address the challenges.

The study has contributed important evidence to a significant human rights issue that is receiving growing international attention. It was recently launched at a side event during the 24th Conference of the Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons in Vienna by a representative of the Australian Government and the ASEAN Lead Shepherd on Trafficking in Persons which was attended by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



Philippines' researcher Abner Manlapaz presents at the International Conference on the Nexus of Disability and Trafficking in Bangkok in December 2023. Credit: ASEAN-ACT

UNDERSTANDING WHAT EMPOWERMENT MEANS FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS IN INDONESIA.

How do marginalised people themselves define empowerment? Senior Research Fellow Elisabeth Jackson and Adjunct Associate Professor Linda Kelly are currently working on a study with the Australia Indonesia Partnership towards an Inclusive Society (INKLUSI) which aims to understand how women, people with disabilities, Indigenous minorities, youth, and people who are LGBTIQ+ see empowerment and what impact the INKLUSI program has had on their lives.

Existing ways of measuring the impact of empowerment programs often focus on the things that development organisations or other outsiders see as important, rather than what is important to marginalised people themselves. This not only overlooks aspects of people's actual experiences of empowerment, but it also contributes to disempowering them.

The study involves participatory research with marginalised groups to understand their experiences and identify key 'domains' of empowerment. This will then be used to develop a tool that can capture change in people's experiences in these domains over time.

The findings of the study will support INKLUSI and the Indonesian government to improve the effectiveness of programs to empower marginalised groups. It will also contribute valuable learning about qualitative approaches to understanding impact that centre the perspectives and experiences of marginalised groups.

The study is being undertaken in collaboration with two Indonesian research partners, Saraswati and Cakra Wikara Indonesia.

ENGAGING MEN IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN THE PACIFIC

As the research and learning partner for the Australian Government funded Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing (WLI) program, the Centre works closely with WLI program staff to support regular learning and

reflection, undertake research and analysis, and contribute to dissemination of knowledge.

While the focus of WLI is on emerging women leaders from the Pacific, the program has increasingly recognised the importance of engaging with men to build their support for women's leadership. To help design the program's approach, Senior Research Fellow Elisabeth Jackson worked with Pacific researchers Mercy Masta and Sarah Garap to review existing literature and consult with WLI alumni and Pacific practitioners working with men to address gender-based violence and gender equality.

The recommendations of the review have already been integrated into WLI's leadership development programs for women and men, including the framing of key concepts, and the provision of both separate and joint spaces where men and women can reflect on gender norms that contribute to inequality.

Key insights have also been shared with the broader development community in Australia and the Asia Pacific with a view to influencing practice beyond WLI, including through an online public event, the DT Global Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Community of Practice, and the TokSave knowledge repository for gender research on the Pacific.



Mercy Masta and male allies at the WLI residential intensive in Brisbane in September 2023. Credit: Quince and Mulberry Studios

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Centre seeks to extend the reach and influence of our research and evaluation by translating and communicating the findings through our website, newsletter and social media and by actively engaging with academics, policy makers and practitioners. This often includes creating or contributing to platforms which stimulate discussion about the ideas, policies and practices which inform social change and development work in different contexts, and which profile our research and evaluation partners from Indigenous Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Some of our more strategic communication and engagement initiatives are described below.

EXTENDING THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM RESEARCH

2023 was the final year of Phase 3 of the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP), an international research partnership between DFAT, the University of Birmingham and La Trobe University which explores how leadership, power and political processes drive or block successful development.

Between 2019 and 2023, DLP worked with local and international partners across seven countries in the Indo-Pacific region to explore how leadership is understood, how leaders emerge, how they work collectively to achieve change and how they can be supported.

A synthesis of the seven research studies - [Navigating Everyday Leadership: Spaces of Contestation in the Indo-Pacific](#) – was launched by Chris Roche, Kate Pruce and Tanya Jakimow at the Australasian Aid Conference (AAC) in December 2023. In the subsequent discussion chaired by Nicola Nixon from The Asia Foundation, Pacific leaders and development practitioners [Mereani Rokotuibau](#) (Balance of Power) and [Fremden Yanhambath](#) (Vanuatu Skills program) drew out the implications of the research for donor policy and practice both in the region and internationally.

An independent evaluation of DLP3 completed in 2023 highlighted how the research is contributing to change in the Indo-Pacific region, including through filling critical knowledge gaps regarding localised leadership processes

in difficult and politically sensitive contexts and doing so in ways which were action and empowerment orientated; helping participants to strengthen their own leadership roles and contributing to their networking and coalition building which will contribute to policy and practice change at the country level; and by generating insights and tools that have already started to inform the policies and practices of DFAT and other donors in the region.

Over the course of 2023, the Centre drew on the DLP research to design and deliver training for DFAT staff. Lisa Denney, the Deputy Director of the Centre, used the research to design and deliver political economy analysis training for DFAT staff and to adapt DFAT's political economy analysis frameworks in contextually relevant ways. Also in 2023, Lisa Denney, Chris Adams and Chris Roche in collaboration with colleagues from the University of Birmingham also used the research to design and contribute to the delivery of a five-module course on developmental leadership which featured Pacific speakers and which engaged DFAT staff from Canberra and from posts across the Asia Pacific. The successful delivery of this course contributed to the Centre and its partners – the Humanitarian Advisory Group and the Development Intelligence Lab - then being awarded a three-year contract with DFAT's Diplomatic Academy to design and deliver training and other learning opportunities for all DFAT's development staff as part of its attempts to rebuild development capacity and skills.



Professor Chris Roche launching the DLP Synthesis report at the Australasian Aid Conference.

CONTRIBUTING TO MONITORING, EVALUATING LEARNING PRACTICE IN THE PACIFIC

Over the course of 2023, the Centre increased its engagement with Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) practitioners in the Pacific Islands. This work was led by Fiji-based Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Illingworth. Allan is a monitoring and evaluation specialist of Pacific Island heritage who specialises in the design and implementation of locally led and participatory approaches to monitoring, evaluation and learning approaches, systems and tools. He is a keen supporter of Pasefika ways of knowing and seeding a new generation of Pacific Island evaluators.

Allan plays a key role in several country and regional MEL-focused bodies, including as a member of the steering committee for the Pacific Community PACMEL project which serves as the governance mechanism and strategic guidance body for a New Zealand MFAT funded project which aims to transform evaluation practice and Pacific governments MEL capacity.



Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Illingworth presenting at the Fiji MEL Community of Practice

Allan is also a member of the Pacific Community Industry Advisory Committee which in November 2023 endorsed the creation of a Pacific Regional Qualification Diploma in Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning which is tailored specifically to the Pacific region.

Allan is also a member and regular speaker at the Fiji MEL community of practice (COP). At a recent event hosted by the COP, Allan reflected on his personal journey and career in evaluation:

“I’ve had the incredible fortune to work across our beautiful Pacific islands and beyond. I’ve met amazing people, faced challenges, and celebrated successes. My journey has been about bridging the traditional with the contemporary, ensuring that our voices are heard, our values respected, and our development sustainable and inclusive.”

Allan has recently established ‘[Insight Pasifika](#)’, an organization committed to empowering Pacific development practitioners and communities and strengthening their expertise. With a focus on the development consulting industry in the Pacific, Insight Pasifika champions research, monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) methodologies that support local participatory approaches, ownership and storytelling.

Looking ahead, the Centre will continue to work with Allan and with Insight Pasifika to both strengthen and learn from Indigenous evaluation approaches and practices in the Pacific Islands.

In February 2023, Allan and Centre Director [Chris Roche](#) joined other Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) practitioners, development partners and government officials from the Pacific in Nadi for a four-day ‘Second Pacific MEL Convening’. The meeting was a follow-on from the [inaugural MEL Convening](#) which was held in 2019 and helped develop the [Pacific Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Capacity Strengthening Rebbilib](#). This second convening brought together a broad range of MEL stakeholders with an interest in strengthening MEL capacity in the region and with a focus on strengthening MEL visibility, awareness, accessibility and leadership in and with Pacific countries.



Professor Chris Roche and Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Illingworth at the Pacific MEL Convening.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCES

Drawing on our work with industry partners in Indigenous Australia, the Pacific Islands and Southeast Asia, Centre staff made well-regarded contributions to several key industry conferences in 2023.

At the AES Conference in September 2023, Centre Research Associate Markkirdi Rose and Research Fellow Alex Gyles each contributed to a panel discussion moderated by Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Illingworth which sought to challenge the norms of monitoring and evaluation, drawing on the Centre's experience with co-designing and supporting the delivery of an Indigenous led monitoring and evaluation framework for the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust. At the same conference, Allan Illingworth and Markkirdi Rose drew on their experience with Pacific-led and Indigenous-led monitoring and evaluation respectively to contribute to a panel discussion chaired by Chris Roche. In line with this report's focus on bridging different forms of knowledge, this discussion focused on what is enabling and hindering the flourishing of Indigenous evaluative approaches and methodologies.



Centre Research Associate
Markkirdi Rose

PhD Scholar Ujjwal Krishna contributed to a panel presentation at the AAC on the political economy of research uptake which explored the bureaucratic perceptions, institutional imperatives, intrinsic biases and individual motivations which help or hinder research uptake in DFAT. He also presented findings from his doctoral research at the 2023 Development Studies Association Annual Conference at the University of Reading, UK.

At the International Conference on the Nexus of Disability and Trafficking in persons in Bangkok in December 2023, Senior Research Fellow Elisabeth Jackson presented the



Senior Research Fellow Elisabeth Jackson speaking at conference on the nexus between disability and trafficking of persons.

findings of [research](#) commissioned by the DFAT-funded ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Program which explored the intersection between disability and trafficking in persons in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. She was joined by the researchers who led the research in each of the three countries: Cucu Saidah (Indonesia), Abner Manlapaz (Philippines) and Alisa Sivathorn (Thailand).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDUSTRY FORUMS

In addition to presenting to industry conferences, Centre staff also made contributions to seventeen other industry-focused workshops, seminars and roundtables in 2023. In our experience, these contributions can be more impactful than inputs to larger, more academically orientated conferences. These contributions included an invitation-only discussion on DFAT's new international development policy (see boxed text below); a panel on place-based Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning at ChangeFest; a webinar hosted by The Asia Foundation on experiences with coalition building across the Asia-Pacific; and a webinar hosted by the Humanitarian Advisory Group on the role of Indigenous knowledge in humanitarian response.

INFLUENCING AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Over the course of 2022, the Centre contributed to the development of DFAT's new International Development Policy through making a submission and participating in policy roundtables. In February 2023, our Deputy Director Lisa Denney participated in the Development Intelligence Lab's Situation Room discussion on the policy, alongside twenty development and foreign policy experts, to debate what ideas should make it into the policy and its implementation.



Deputy Director Lisa Denney speaking at a Development Intelligence Lab Situation Room.

HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH, TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Centre staff supervised or co-supervised four PhD candidates in 2023 as shown below

PHD



UJJWAL KRISHNA

The political economy of development research and policy

Supervisors: Chris Roche and Jasmine-Kim Westendorf (Politics)

Continued, Proposed completion March 2024



MARÍA PAULA HERNÁNDEZ RUIZ

Datafying Gender: On Quantification, Statistics and Networks in the Data for Development Space

Supervisors: Jasmine-Kim Westendorf (Social Inquiry) and Aidan Craney (co-supervisor)

Continued, Proposed completion - February 2026



KOLAIA RAISELE

A critical realist exploration of youth leadership and civic engagement in Vanuatu

Supervisors: John Taylor (Social Inquiry) and Aidan Craney (co-supervisor)

Continued, Proposed completion - November 2025



MAUD MUKOVA-MOSES

Monitoring and Evaluation Practice in Locally Led Development: Exploring Intersections and Impact

Supervisors: Amy Gullickson, Ghislain Arbour (Assessment and Evaluation Research Centre, University of Melbourne) and Chris Roche (co-supervisor)

Part-time, Continued, Proposed completion - February 2029

In addition to supervising PhD students, Centre staff contributed to teaching at La Trobe and to professional development for industry partners in a variety of ways in 2023. Lisa Denney, the Deputy Director of the Centre, delivered political economy analysis training on five separate occasions to DFAT staff in partnership with The Asia Foundation. In collaboration with colleagues at the University of Birmingham, Lisa, Director Chris Roche and Outreach and Learning Advisor Chris Adams designed and then contributed to the delivery of a five-module course on Developmental Leadership for DFAT's development staff both in Canberra and at posts across the Indo-Pacific. At La Trobe University, Research Fellow Aidan Craney delivered a subject on research skills in March and PhD scholar Ujjwal Krishna completed the supervision of Master in Development student Jaryd Stobaus' thesis on localisation and politics in development and delivered a guest lecture on how change happens as part of the Master in International Development in October. Finally, Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Ilingworth contributed to the design of a Pacific Diploma in Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning which was put forward for accreditation in 2023.

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PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER OUTPUTS

BOOKS (TOTAL: 2)

1. Winterford, K., **Rhodes, D.**, and Dureau C. (2023) A Strengths-based Approach for International Development: Reframing Aid, Practical Action Publishing, Rugby UK
2. **Wild, K.**, Langford K, **de Araújo, G.** (2023). Gender-based Violence and Healthcare in Timor-Leste. Melbourne: La Trobe eBureau

BOOK CHAPTERS (TOTAL: 4)

1. **Titifanue, J.** and **Kant, R.** (2023) Information and communication technologies as a catalyst for social activism and "bottom-up" regionalism in the Pacific. Chapter in Handbook of Civil Society and Social Movements in Small States, Routledge, ISBN 9781003341536.
2. **Roche, C.** (2023) Oxfam. Entry in the Elgar Encyclopedia of Development
3. **Finau, G.**, Vereia, R., Michael, S., Neef, A. (12 June 2023) Coastal grabbing by extractive industries in the South Pacific: The case of Fiji. Routledge Handbook of Global Land and Resource Grabbing.
4. **Kant, R.** (June 2023) Chapter 4 Fiji in Climate Change and Democracy: Insights from Asia and the Pacific. International IDEA. <https://doi.org/10.31752/idea.2023.25>

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (TOTAL: 13)

1. Larson, S., Jarvis, D., Stoeckl, N., Barrowei, R., Coleman, B., Groves, D., Hunter, J., Lee, M., Markham, M., Larson, A., **Finau, G.**, Douglas, M. (15 Jan 2023) Piecemeal Stewardship activities miss numerous social and environmental benefits associated with culturally appropriate ways of caring for country. Journal of Environmental Management, Volume 326, Part B.
2. **Jackson, E.**, Cordeiro, M., **Adams, C.**, Roche, A., **Denney, L.** (2023, May 2). Overcoming barriers to research use in international development organisations: learning from an action research project. Development in Practice. Link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09614524.2023.2206593>
3. Grant, Melita Louise; Nguyen, Therese Tam; Vieira, Ajerino; Niner, Sara Louise; **Roche, Christopher** (2023): Working together: A study of civil society partnerships between WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) and GESI (gender equality and social inclusion) organisations in Timor-Leste. La Trobe. Journal contribution. <https://doi.org/10.26181/22302379.v1>
4. Fukufuka, P., Scobie, M. and **Finau, G.** (2023) "Indigenous practices of accounting on the ground: a Bourdieusian perspective", Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, Vol. 36 No. 1, pp. 96-119. <https://doi.org/10.1108/AAAJ-11-2021-5529>.
5. Morrison, L.J., Alshamari, A. and **Finau, G.** (2023) "Interrogating the environmental accountability of foreign oil and gas companies in Basra, Iraq: a stakeholder theory perspective", Meditari Accountancy Research, Vol. ahead-of-print No. ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/MEDAR-08-2021-1425>.

6. **Finau, G.**, Jarvis, D., Stoeckl, N., Larson, S., Grainger, D., Douglas, M., Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation, Barrowei, R., Coleman, B., Groves, D., Hunter, J., Lee, M. and Markham, M. (2023) "Accounting for Indigenous cultural connections to land: insights from two Indigenous groups of Australia", Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, Vol. 36 No. 9, pp. 370-389. <https://doi.org/10.1108/AAAJ-08-2022-5971>.
7. Angelina da Costa Fernandes, Stefanus Supriyanto, Chatarina Umbul Wahjuni, Hari Basuki Notobroto, **Kayli Wild** (October 2023) Factors associated with disrespect and abuse of women during labour and birth in health facilities in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Pharmacy Education Volume 23, Issue 4 pp 53-59.
8. Meg Taylor, Priestley Habru, Solstice Middleby, Anna Naupa & **Joep Tarai** (2023) Perspectives from Melanesia: Aboriginal relationalism and Australian foreign policy, Australian Journal of International Affairs, DOI: 10.1080/10357718.2023.2268013.
9. Theresa Meki and **Joep Tarai** (July 2023). How can aid be decolonized and localized in the Pacific? Yielding and wielding power. Development Policy Review. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12732>.
10. **Kelly, P.**, Simeonova, B., Karanasios, S. and Galliers, R. (2023). Power as Present-in-Actions in mundane information systems work. Journal of the Association of Information Systems. (In Press).
11. Anthony J. Regan, Coel Kirkby & **Romitesh Kant** (2023) 'Between Two Worlds': The Origins, Operation, and Future of the 2013 Fiji Constitution, The Journal of Pacific History, DOI: 10.1080/00223344.2023.2271124.
12. **Tarai, J.** (2023). Social media and democracy: The Fiji 2022 National Election. Pacific Journalism Review : Te Koako, 29(1 & 2), 96-112. <https://doi.org/10.24135/pjr.v29i1and2.1306>.
13. Allen-Leap, M., Hooker, L., **Wild, K.**, Wilson, I. M., Pokharell, B., & Taft, A. (2023) Seeking Help From Primary Health-Care Providers in High-Income Countries: A Scoping Review of the Experiences of Migrant and Refugee Survivors of Domestic Violence. Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 24(5), 3715-3731. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380221137664>.

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH REPORTS (TOTAL: 4)

1. **Jackson, E.**, Liu, E., Salim, I., Saidah, C., Yulianto, J., Ramadhan, N.S., Yuningsih, Y. Robandi, Sahetapy, S., Sendjaya, S. and Wilson, E. (2023, May). Finding Self, Leading Others: Leadership Journeys of Persons with Disabilities in Indonesia. Developmental Leadership Program. <https://dlprog.org/publications/research-briefs/finding-self-leading-others-leadership-journeys-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-indonesia/>

2. Masta, M, Garap, S., Ford, S., **Jackson, E.** and **Gyles, A.** (2023, June) Approaches to engaging men in support of women's leadership in the Pacific. Report for Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing.
3. McLoughlin, C., Nanau, G., Hiriasia, T., Eteri, L., Irosaki, E., Maeni, P., Malosi, N., and **Roche C.** (2023) 'Co-producing local public goods in rural Solomon Islands: evidence from Malaita', Developmental Leadership Program.
4. Hudson, D., McLoughlin, C., Pruce, K., **Roche C.**, and Wilson-Cleary, I. (2023) 'Navigating everyday leadership: spaces of contestation in the Indo-Pacific', Developmental Leadership Program.

OTHER RESEARCH OUTPUTS (TOTAL: 12)

1. **Campbell, D.** & **Gyles, A.** (2023) Central Land Council Community Development Program and the Matched Funds Initiative – Independent Monitoring July 2020 – December 2022.
2. **Jackson, E.** (2023, February) Development entrepreneurship case study: Securing legal recognition for the rights of persons with disabilities in Indonesia.
3. **Jackson, E.** (2023, March) Evaluation Research on the COVID-19 RCCE Response in Papua New Guinea: Phase 2 Learning Workshop Report.
4. **Jackson, E.** (2023, June) Engaging with men in support of women's leadership: Recommendations for WLI Report for Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing.
5. **Jackson, E.** and **Kelly, L.** (2023, May) INKLUSI Impact Study Design.
6. What Works – and What Doesn't – in Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination in Papua New Guinea, 2023, 32 pages Humanitarian Advisory Group, Co-authors **Jackson, E.**, Phillips, S., Sutton, K., Singip, S., Harrington, K., **Roche, C.**
7. Cope, G., Beckerman, B., Dicker, K., Liston, T., Staltari, E., Chand, R., Docking, K., Hutchesson, M. and **Jackson, E.** (2023, June). Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing Year 2 Annual Report 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.
8. Wilson-Cleary, I., Corbett, J., Denney, L., Hudson, D., McLoughlin, C., Nazneen, S., **Roche, C.** (2023) Understanding developmental leadership: leaders, coalitions and change, Developmental Leadership Program Research Brief <https://dlprog.org/publications/briefing-notes/understanding-developmental-leadership-leaders-coalitions-and-change/>
9. **Gyles, A.**, **Campbell, D.** (2023) The Central Land Council Community Development Program Monitoring Report July 2021 - June 2022 <https://www.clc.org.au/files/CLC-CD-Monitoring-Report-2021-22.pdf>.
10. **Denney, L.**, Nimbtki, G. and **Ford, S.** (2023) 'UNDP Accountability Ecosystem Political Economy Analysis: Literature Review', May 2023.

11. Kate Sutton, Sara Phillips, Kylie Harrington, Josie Flint, **Elisabeth Jackson, Chris Roche** (April 2023) Risk communication and community engagement in the Australia Humanitarian Partnership's COVID-19 response in PNG. Evaluation and Learning Report. Humanitarian Advisory Group and La Trobe University.
12. Cummings, C. and Oremo, F. (2023) 'Reducing Plastic Pollution in Kenya,' Navigating Successful Policy Reform Series, Coalitions for Change and the **Institute for Human Security and Social Change**, La Trobe University.

OUTREACH (TOTAL: 69)

1. **Krishna, U. & Roche, C.** (2023, 30 June). The influence of research on Australia's international development policy and programming. Panel presentation at the 2023 Development Studies Association Annual Conference at the University of Reading, UK.
2. **Roche, C.** Moderation of a panel at the 2023 Humanitarian Leadership conference at Deakin University on Who decides? The politics, personalities and publics in humanitarian decision making. (April 2023)
3. **Gyles, A., Rose, M.,** Wayne, B., Wayne G., Rogers, A., Morton, A., (June 20, 2023) Yitakimaninjaku, warririnjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku 'Tracking and Learning': breaking the traditional model of monitoring and evaluation on Warlpiri country. Presentation at World Community Development Conference in Darwin by WETT, CLC and IHSSC.
4. **Roche, C., Illingworth, A.,** Gandanju, H., Marklirdi, R., and Kiessler, T., (2023, 27 Sept) 'Bringing a Multi-Focus lens to bear on a complex and diverse world' Panel Session at the Australian Evaluation Conference 2023 Brisbane.
5. Rose, M., Morton, N., Wayne, B., **Mua-Illingworth, A.,** Gyles, A (2023, 27 September) Yitakimaninjaku, warririnjaku, payirinjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku – challenging norms of monitoring and evaluation through Indigenous co-design on Warlpiri country. Panel discussion at 2023 Australian Evaluation Society Conference organized by the Institute for Human Security and Social Change.
6. **Roche, C.,** Jakimow, T., Rokotuibau, M., Yanhambath, F. Panel Presentation and launch of 'Navigating everyday leadership: spaces of contestation in the Indo-Pacific' at AAC 2023, Canberra.
7. **Krishna, U.** (2023, December) The political economy of research uptake at DFAT: bureaucratic perceptions, institutional imperatives, intrinsic biases, and individual motivations. Panel presentation at the 2023 Australasian Aid Conference. Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra. https://devpolicy.org/2023-Australasian-Aid-Conference/AAC2023_Panel2e_Krishna.pdf
8. **Campbell, D.** (2023) ChangeFest, panel discussion on place-based Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning.
9. **Denney, L.** (2023, 2 February) Invited roundtable participant, Development Intelligence Lab Situation Room on DFAT's new International Development Policy, Canberra.
10. **Roche, C.** and **Illingworth, A** (2023) Attendance at, and facilitation of SPC's Second Pacific MEL Convening, Nadi February 2023.
11. **Denney, L.** (2023, 16 May) Moderator, 'On the Right Track: Reflections on Coalition-Building Initiatives Across The Asia Foundation, Online webinar, Asia Foundation.
12. **Gyles, A., Mua-Illingworth, A., Roche, C.,** (2023, July 27) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, presentation by Balance of Power on their MEL approach.
13. **Gyles, A., Mua-Illingworth, A., Roche, C.,** (2023, August 31) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, presentation by the Northern Land Council on the Community Planning and Development Program's MEL approach.
14. **Gyles, A., Mua-Illingworth, A., Roche, C.,** (2023, July 6) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, presentation by Peni Tawake on Partnership Approaches and Values.
15. Iese, V., **Illingworth, A.,** Ilolohia, E. Panel presentation and discussion on: Understanding the Role of Indigenous Knowledge in Humanitarian Response. Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) Webinar Series.
16. **Gyles, A., Illingworth, A.** (2023, Feb 24) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, presentation on WETT Tracking and Learning (TAL) experiences with Emma and Aysia.
17. **Gyles, A., Illingworth, A.** (2023, Mar 30) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, presentation on Pacific-led approaches to MEL in the PacMEL Project – Kaia and Fiona.
18. **Gyles, A., Illingworth, A.** (2023, May 25) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, presentation on Sports Matters Project – sport for development and MEL – Jackie Lauff.
19. **Gyles, A., Illingworth, A.** (2023, Oct 5) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, AES Reflection session – debrief and discussion.
20. **Gyles, A., Illingworth, A., Kelly, L.** (2023, Nov 2) Hosting the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice, 2023 Year in review- presentation by Linda Kelly on DFAT new performance reporting and Allan Illingworth on Pacific context MEL updates.
21. **IHSSC** Learning Forum on locally led development. 23 November 2023. La Trobe University and online.
22. Nanau, G., Hiriasia, T. & **Krishna, U.** (2023, 28 April) Citizen-state engagement in rural Solomon Islands. Presentation to the Solomon Islands Ministry of Public Service and the Institute of Public Administration and Management. Honiara, Solomon Islands.
23. **Krishna, U.** (2023, 14 June) Participated in a roundtable on 'Opportunities for Applying a Human Security Lens to Indo-Pacific' organised by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and Kubernein Initiative.
24. **Craney, A.** (2023, 14 June) Youth in Fiji and Solomon Islands: Livelihoods, leadership and civic engagement. Tok Stori presentation at Solomon Islands National University.
25. **Roche, C.,** and **Denney, L.** (2023, 13 Sept) Presentation and Workshop on Localisation and Locally-Led Development: Our experience with facilitating organisational conversations to the Australian Red Cross.
26. **Roche, C., Denney, L., Gyles, A.,** and **Illingworth, A.** (2023, 11 Oct) Presentation and Workshop on MEL and Locally Led Development to the Australian Red Cross.
27. **Illingworth, A.** (Nov 2023) Chairing of the 2nd SPC PACMEL steering committee meeting (virtual).
28. **Illingworth, A.** (2023) Board presentation as Vice Chair of the Pacific MEL (PACMEL) Steering Committee. SPC.
29. **Gyles, A.** (2023) YWPP researcher workshop in Alice, fieldwork in Yuendumu and Willowra re WETT funding for youth programs for WETT and CLC.
30. **Campbell, D.** (2023) YWPP researcher workshop in Alice, re WETT funding for youth programs for WETT and CLC.
31. **Gyles, A.** (2023) YWPP workshop at the WETT Advisory Committee meeting re findings of fieldwork in Yuendumu and Willowra for WETT and CLC.
32. **Jackson, E.** (2023, January 10) Presentation of disability and trafficking Inception Report to ASEAN ACT Research Advisory Board.
33. **Jackson, E.** (2023, February 15) Women's leadership: What does the evidence tell us? Presentation at WLI Women's Developmental Leadership Program Intensive, Canberra.
34. **Denney, L., Mua-Illingworth, A.** and **Jackson, E.** (2023, February 21) Presentation of development entrepreneurship case studies to The Asia Foundation Philippines.
35. **Adams, C., Jackson, E.** and **Roche, C.** (2023, March 27-28) Facilitation of Women Leading and Influencing Six-monthly Reflection and Refocus Workshop. Melbourne.
36. **Jackson, E.,** Phillips, S., Harrington, K., and Singip, S. (2023, March 13) Facilitation of Phase 2 Learning Workshop for the Evaluation Research on the COVID-19 RCCE Response in Papua New Guinea.
37. **Jackson, E.** (2023, April 11 and 13). Presentation of INKLUSI Impact Study design to INKLUSI Partners.
38. **Jackson, E.,** Phillips, S., Harrington, K., Flint, J. and Singip, S. (2023, May 8) Facilitation of Briefing Workshop for the Evaluation Research on the COVID-19 RCCE Response in Papua New Guinea.
39. **Jackson, E.** (2023, May) Presentation of INKLUSI Impact Study design to DFAT.
40. **Gyles, A** (2023) CLC CD Program Monitoring Report Analysis Workshop.
41. **Jackson, E.** (2023, 24-26 May) Presentation and facilitation of workshop for INKLUSI impact study in-country research team.
42. **Jackson, E.** (2023, 30 May) Presentation of INKLUSI impact study design to DFAT Jakarta Post.
43. **Adams, C.** (with **Jackson, E.**). (2023, May 8) Facilitation of WLI Quarterly staff reflection meeting.

44. **Jackson, E.**, Harrington, K., Philipps, S and Flint, J. (2023, May 10) Facilitation of PNG COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement Evaluation Research Briefing for AHP Partners.
 45. Docking, K., **Jackson, E.** and Cope, G. (2023, June) Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing Implementation Phase Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, Learning and Adaptation Plan.
 46. Cope, G., Beckerman, B., Dicker, K., Liston, T., Staltari, E., Chand, R., Docking, K, Hutchesson, M. and **Jackson, E.** (2023, June) Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing Annual Work Plan July 2023 – June 2024.
 47. **Gyles, A.**, Rose, M., Stanley, L., Lapinski, E., (2023, May) Good Community Life for Yapa in Lajamanu Project, Researcher workshop and fieldwork including trialling of research methodology in Lajamanu.
 48. **Gyles, A., Rose, M.**, (20 April, 2023) Good community life for Yapa in Lajamanu project planning including methodology development with key CLC staff, online.
 49. **Gyles, A** (2023, May) CLC CD Program monitoring report analysis meeting, online
 50. **Gyles, A.** (2023, June) WETT TAL contract reporting and discussion on redesign of component 3 with key CLC staff, online.
 51. **Roche, C.** and **Denney, L.** (2023, 14 June) ACFID Board Workshop, Canberra, Australia.
 52. **Jackson, E.** and Saidah, C. (2023, July 31) Facilitation of Indonesia expert workshop on disability and trafficking in persons.
 53. **Jackson, E.** and Manlapaz, A. (2023, September 7) Facilitation of Philippines expert workshop on disability and trafficking in persons.
 54. **Jackson, E.** and Sivathorn, A. (2023, September 22) Facilitation of Thailand expert workshop on disability and trafficking in persons.
 55. **Jackson, E.** (2023, September) Participation in Women's Developmental Leadership Intensive, Clear Mountain, Queensland.
 56. **Gyles, A., Roche C** (September 6, 2023) CLC CD Monitoring methodology and case study meeting with CLC.
 57. **Gyles, A** (July 18, 2023) CLC MEL agreement 2023/2024 planning meeting with CLC staff.
 58. **Gyles, A** (July 19, 2023) WETT TAL variation agreement planning meeting with CLC staff.
 59. **Illingworth, A., Roche, C., Campbell, D.** (February 2023) Facilitation of 3 Day Reflection and MEL workshop for The Voice Inc (TVI), Port Moresby, PNG.
 60. **Illingworth, A, Roche, C.** (November 2023) Facilitation of 3 Day Reflection and MEL workshop for The Voice Inc (TVI), Port Moresby, PNG.
 61. **Denney, L.** (2023, 11 December) Presentation at ODI-ASEAN-Australian Counter Trafficking Program public event, 'The political economy of exploitation of labour migrants' vulnerability to human trafficking in Southeast Asia,' Thai Foreign Correspondent's Club, Bangkok.
 62. **Denney, L.** (2023, 11-12 December) Presentation at ODI-ASEAN-Australian Counter Trafficking Program workshop, 'The political economy of exploitation of labour migrants' vulnerability to human trafficking in Southeast Asia,' Bangkok.
 63. Saidah, C. and **Jackson, E.** (2023, October 23) ASEAN ACT Disability and Trafficking Study Stakeholder Validation Workshop – Indonesia.
 64. **Jackson, E.** and Cope, G. (2023, November 1-2) Design and facilitation of WLI R&R workshop.
 65. Sivathorn, A. and **Jackson, E.** (2023, November 3) ASEAN ACT Disability and Trafficking Study Stakeholder Validation Workshop – Thailand.
 66. Manlapaz, A. and **Jackson, E.** (2023, October 27) ASEAN ACT Disability and Trafficking Study Stakeholder Validation Workshop – Philippines.
 67. Qoiriah, N., Pietropaoli, L. and **Jackson, E.** (2023, November 14) Presentation to Global Prosecutors Consortium quarterly meeting.
 68. **Jackson, E.** (2023, December 6-7) Presentation at International Conference on the Nexus of Disability and Trafficking in Persons, Bangkok, Thailand.
 69. **Jackson, E.** (2023, October 18) Presentation of research findings to ASEAN ACT Research Advisory Board.
- ## TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (TOTAL: 17)
1. **Crane, A.** (2023, Semester 1) Lecturer and Subject Coordinator, HUS5ADR Research Skills, La Trobe University.
 2. **Denney, L.** (2023, 9 March) Delivered professional development training on political economy analysis to Australia-Papua New Guinea Subnational Program, delivered by Zoom to team in Port Moresby.
 3. **Denney, L.** (2023, 2 and 4 May) Practitioner course on Political Economy Analysis for DFAT, delivered online in conjunction with The Asia Foundation.
 4. **Denney, L.** (2023, 22-23 May) Practitioner course on Political Economy Analysis for DFAT, Canberra, Australia.
 5. **Denney, L.** (2023, 22 May) Foundational course on Political Economy Analysis for DFAT, Canberra, Australia.
 6. **Denney, L.** (2023, 6 September) DFAT Political Economy Analysis Training Course for Locally Engaged Staff.
 7. **Gyles, A.** (2023, 25 September) The Lajamanu Good Community Life for Yapa Project, presentation at La Trobe University RED Workshop Series on 'Innovations in evaluation'.
 8. **Illingworth, A.** (October, 2023). Participation and input into the design workshop for the Qualification: Diploma in Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning submitted for accreditation.
 9. **Denney, L.** (2023, December) 2-day Practitioner course on Political Economy Analysis for DFAT, delivered in person in conjunction with The Asia Foundation.
 10. **Denney, L.**, Hudson, D., McLoughlin, C. and **Roche, C.** (25 October 2023) Module 1: What is Developmental Leadership? Developmental Leadership: Supporting local leaders to collectively achieve change. Delivered online for DFAT staff.
 11. **Denney, L.**, Hudson, D., McLoughlin, C., **Roche, C** and Rokotuibau, M. (1 November 2023) Module 2: Where do developmental leaders come from? Developmental Leadership: Supporting local leaders to collectively achieve change. Delivered online for DFAT staff.
 12. **Denney, L.**, Hudson, D., McLoughlin, C., **Roche, C** and Saidah, S. (8 November 2023) Module 3: How do developmental leaders work collectively? Developmental Leadership: Supporting local leaders to collectively achieve change. Delivered online for DFAT staff.
 13. **Denney, L.**, McLoughlin, C., **Roche, C.** and Yembath, F. (15 November 2023) Module 4: How do developmental leaders secure change? Developmental Leadership: Supporting local leaders to collectively achieve change. Delivered online for DFAT staff.
 14. **Denney, L.**, Egan, A., Faustino, J., Gibert, A., Hudson, D., McLoughlin, C. and **Roche, C.** (29 November 2023) Module 5: How can DFAT better support developmental leadership? Developmental Leadership: Supporting local leaders to collectively achieve change. Delivered online for DFAT staff.
 15. **Krishna, U.** (2023, October). Guest Lecture – How Social Change Happens module, Master of International Development program. La Trobe University, Melbourne.
 16. **Krishna, U.** (2023) Transnational VET. Skills Masterclasses 8&9: VET opportunities in India's burgeoning industries and transnational education models. Melbourne: Australia India Institute. <https://aii.unimelb.edu.au/skills-masterclasses-89-vet-opportunities-in-indias-burgeoning-industries-and-transnational-education-models/>
 17. **Krishna, U.** (2023) Exploring Transnational VET Models in India. Skills Masterclasses 8&9: Lessons learned. Melbourne: Australia India Institute. <https://aii.unimelb.edu.au/skills-masterclass-10-lessons-learned/>
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1. **Denney, L.** (2023, 20 February) Beyond a criminal justice response to human trafficking in Southeast Asia. DevPolicy Blog. <https://devpolicy.org/beyond-criminal-justice-response-to-human-trafficking-in-se-asia-20230220/>.
 2. **Krishna, U.** (2023, 25 May) What's the next step in encouraging research-informed policy?. The Intel. Development Intelligence Lab. <https://www.devintelligencelab.com/intel/25may2023>.
 3. **Denney, L.** and Nimbtik, G (27 July 2023) Understanding accountability ecosystems in the Pacific. DLP Blog.
 4. **Denney, L.** (18 May 2023) What's the case for doubling down on governance efforts in the development program? The Intel. Development Intelligence Lab.
 5. **Denney, L.** (2023, 20 February) Beyond a criminal justice response to human trafficking in Southeast Asia. DevPolicy Blog. <https://devpolicy.org/beyond-criminal-justice-response-to-human-trafficking-in-se-asia-20230220/>.
 6. **Denney, L.** (7 September 2023) What will make the recent policing increase money well-spent? The Intel. Development Intelligence Lab.
 7. **Crane, A.** (17 August 2023) Youth bulge in the region: what are the development opportunities? The Intel. Development Intelligence Lab.

CENTRE FUNDING 2023

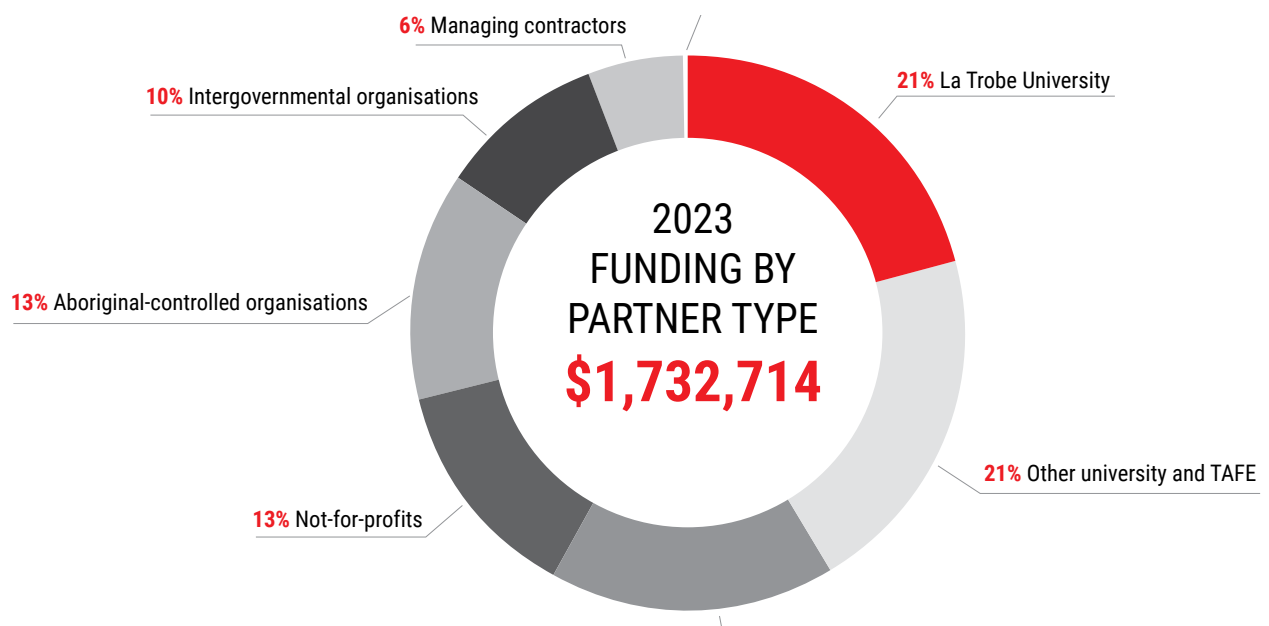
OUR PARTNERSHIPS

This table provides an overview of the work that we did with 14 partners in 2023. This included delivering 31 projects with a total value of \$1,444,771. The partners are listed in order of the total funding that we received from them in 2023, from largest to smallest.

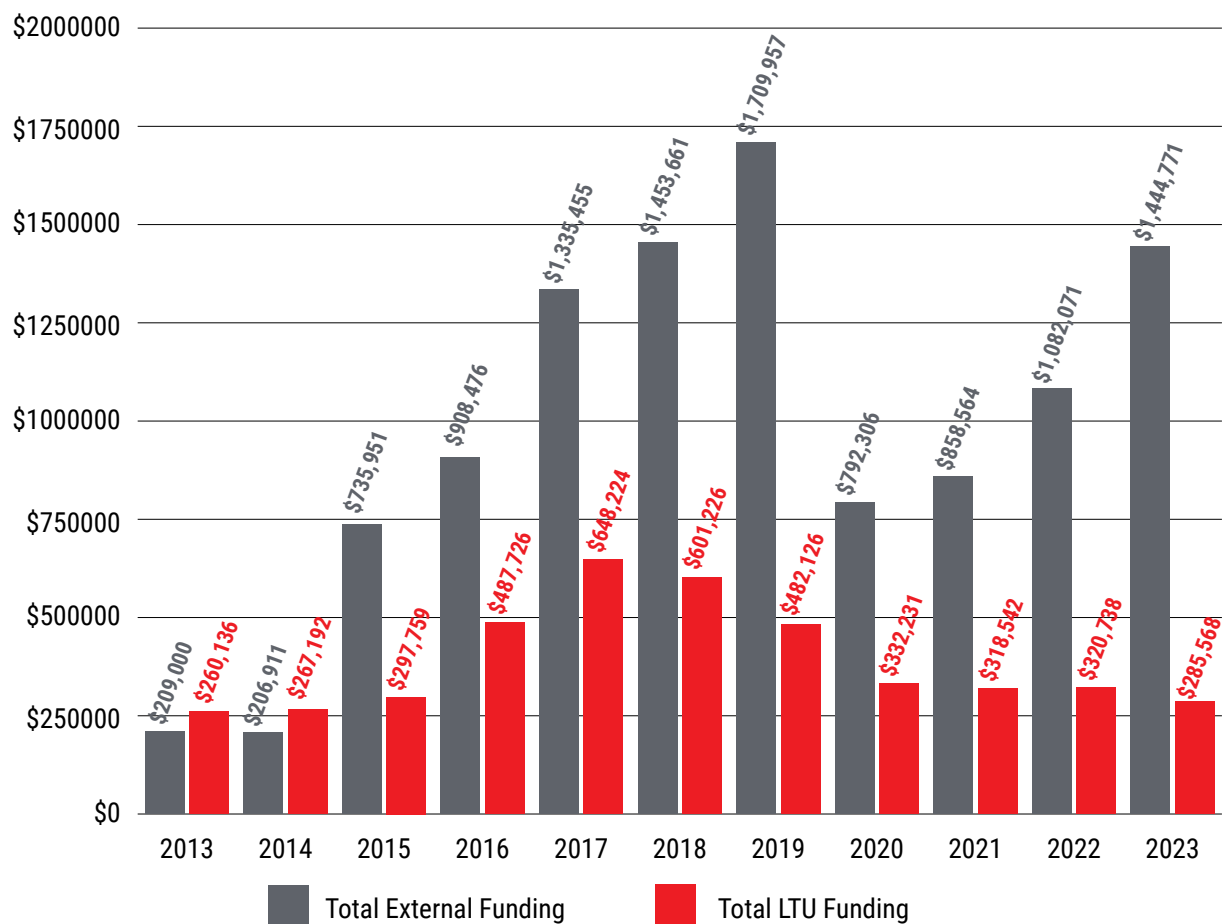
Partner	Work undertaken with this partner in 2023	Number of active projects in 2023	Funding Sources	Funding Period and total value of active projects	Total funding 2023	Status of work at end 2023
UNFPA	Supporting health system responses to violence against women in Timor-Leste and PNG	2	UNFPA	2021 to 2023 384,513	270,922	Continued
DT Global	Supporting research and/or evaluation on women's leadership in the Pacific; the nexus between disability and trafficking in ASEAN; and on law and justice in Vietnam.	3	DFAT	2021 to 2024 400,867	185,727	Continued
Australian Research Council	Undertaking research on the future of the Pacific – youth leadership and civic engagement	1	ARC Discovery Grant	2022 to 2026 500,000	170,200	Continued
The Asia Foundation	Undertaking research and training on behalf of The Asia Foundation	5	DFAT	2021 to 2023 226,351	166,575	Continued
Warlpiri Education and Training Trust	Supporting tracking and learning.	2	Newmont Corporation via Kurra Aboriginal Corporation.	2021 to 2024 81,143	115,946	Continued
University of Birmingham	Contributing to the leadership, delivery and evaluation of the Developmental Leadership Program – Phase 3 and associated professional development program for DFAT staff	3	DFAT	2019 to 2023 524,296	97,359	Completed
UNDP	Research on the accountability ecosystem in the Pacific	1	DFAT	2023-2024 187,927	92,229	Continued
Central Land Council	Supporting monitoring, evaluation and learning for the CLC's community development program.	3	Aboriginal Benefit Account and Newmont Corporation.	2021 to 2024 247,208	85,095	Continued

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Humanitarian Advisory Group	Supporting a longitudinal evaluation of DFAT's COVID-19 Pacific and Timor-Leste Preparedness Recovery NGO partnership.	2	DFAT	2021 to 2023 116,050	71,187	Completed
Cowater	Designing and collecting baseline data for a longitudinal impact evaluation of the INKLUSI program in Indonesia	1	DFAT	2022 to 2024 149,446	65,688	Continued
The Voice Inc	Learning partnership	2	DFAT	2023-2024 69,665	54,259	Continued
Abt Associates	Supporting adaptive management in three DFAT funded programs in PNG	4	DFAT	2022 to 2024 74,796	32,720	Continued
Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory	Undertaking an evaluation of the Aboriginal and Governance Management Program	1	Aboriginal Benefits Account via National Indigenous Australians Agency	2022-2023 44,418	28,719	Completed
Australian Council for International Development	Political economy analysis of the aid sector with the ACFID Board	1	Membership fees.	2023 6,600	6,827	Completed
Miscellaneous					1,318	
TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING					1,444,771	
La Trobe University	School of Humanities and Social Sciences – salary and non-salary support		La Trobe University		270,568	
	Research Centre Support		La Trobe University		15,000	
	Internal Research Grant Scheme		La Trobe University		2,375	
TOTAL LTU FUNDING					287,943	
TOTAL FUNDING ALL SOURCES					1,732,714	

CENTRE FUNDING – BY PARTNER TYPE



CENTRE TOTAL FUNDING 2013-2023



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OUR PARTNERS



Aboriginal Governance and Management Program

The Aboriginal Governance and Management Program (AGMP) is the Northern Territory's only not-for-profit, Aboriginal-controlled governance provider. Created by the Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT alliance (APONT) in 2013, AGMP provides unique tailored, culturally appropriate training, mentoring and support in 'two-way governance' for Aboriginal board directors and leaders. This recognises the importance of traditional cultural leadership and decision making alongside corporate compliance requirements for Aboriginal community-controlled organisations operating in a remote NT context. AGMP's work builds strong Aboriginal board leadership and decision making towards more effective Aboriginal organisations, services and self-determination.



Abt Associates

Abt Associates is a mission-driven consulting and research firm, which uses data and bold thinking to improve the quality of people's lives worldwide. Abt partners with clients and communities to tackle their most complex challenges. Abt's global staff of 3,600 spans diverse geographies, methods, and disciplines to deliver tailored approaches grounded in evidence. Abt Associates' main offices are in the U.S., Australia, and the U.K., with program offices in more than 50 countries. Abt's approach centres on equity and inclusion, is politically-informed and adaptive, and prioritises sustainable, locally led solutions



Australian Council for International Development

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) is the peak body for Australian non-government organisations (NGOs) involved in international development and humanitarian action. Our purpose is to lead and unite our members in action for a just, equitable and sustainable world.



DT Global

DT Global is a global international development firm, majority owned by a charitable trust. With corporate offices in Africa, Australia, Europe, the United Kingdom, and the United States, DT Global's portfolio—from infrastructure to economic growth to conflict and transition programming to learning and innovation—spans more than 90 countries. DT Global manages the ASEAN-Australia Counter-Trafficking Program, a 10-year partnership to support ASEAN Member States to strengthen justice responses to human trafficking and advance the rights of victims, and Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing, on-Award (in-Australia) and reintegration (in-Pacific) enrichment program which supports Pacific women's developmental leadership.



Central Land Council

The Central Land Council (CLC) represents Aboriginal people in Central Australia and supports them to manage their land, make the most of the opportunities it offers and promote their rights. It emerged from the Aboriginal struggle for justice and land rights. The CLC divides its area covering almost 777,000 square kilometres into nine regions roughly based on 15 different language groups.



Cowater

Cowater International is a global development consulting company headquartered in Ottawa, Canada that provides technical assistance, policy advice and implementation support across a wide range of economic, human and sustainable development areas. Cowater manages the Australia-Indonesia Partnership Towards an Inclusive Society (INKLUSI), Australia's flagship investment in gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) in Indonesia.



Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) promotes and protects Australia's international interests to support our security and prosperity. DFAT works with international partners and other countries to tackle global challenges, increase trade and investment opportunities, protect international rules, keep our region stable and help Australians overseas.



Parks Australia

Parks Australia is responsible for the management of six commonwealth national parks, 60 marine parks and the Australian National Botanic Gardens. This includes the Uluru-Kata Tjuta and Kakadu National Parks in the Northern Territory and the Booderee National Park on the New South Wales south coast, all of which are owned by Aboriginal people, leased to the Director of National Parks (DNP) and jointly managed by the DNP and the Traditional Owners. The purpose of Parks Australia is to protect, conserve and enhance the values of these parks and gardens for the use and well-being of all Australians.



Humanitarian Advisory Group

Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) was founded in 2012 to elevate the profile of humanitarian action in Asia and the Pacific. Set up as a social enterprise, HAG provides a unique space for thinking, research, technical advice and training that can positively contribute to excellence in humanitarian practice.



The Asia Foundation

The Asia Foundation (TAF) is a non-profit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Informed by six decades of experience and deep local expertise, our work across the region is focused on good governance, women's empowerment and gender equality, inclusive economic growth, environment and climate action, and regional and international relations.



Kurra Aboriginal Corporation – Warlpiri Education and Training Trust

Warlpiri teachers and traditional owners of the site of Newmont's Tanami gold mine set up the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) in 2005 to use royalties from the mine to improve education and training outcomes for Warlpiri people in the Tanami region. The Kurra Aboriginal Corporation, whose members are traditional owners for the mine site, is the Trustee for WETT.



The Voice Inc

The Voice Inc. (TVI) is a leading civil society organization in Papua New Guinea that was established in 2007 and incorporated in 2010. It was formed by a group of law students at the University of Papua New Guinea who recognized the need for citizens to be active agents of change in their communities. TVI has now has Centers for Leadership delivering programs on multiple University Campuses across the country, with an alumni of over 5,000 people and a footprint of over 30 change projects across 16 provinces in the country. Through its Local Leadership and Collective Action Program, funded by the Australian Government, TVI is now supporting a network of development leaders and partners achieve policy reform and sustainable change on some of PNG's most challenging problems.



United Nations Development Program

As the United Nations lead agency on international development, UNDP works in 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities, and to build resilience to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Our work is concentrated in three focus areas: sustainable development, democratic governance and peace building, and climate and disaster resilience.



United Nations Population Fund

UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Our mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.



University of Birmingham – International Development Department

The University of Birmingham's International Development Department has over 50 years' experience undertaking ground-breaking research, teaching, and policy advice on the most pressing global challenges.

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