

<p>Project</p> 	<p>Girls' Empowerment Through Cricket Program</p>	<p>Partner</p>	  
<p>Purpose</p> 	<p>Girls' Empowerment Through Cricket (GET) program is an initiative under the Australian Government's Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) scheme, managed through a partnership between the International Cricket Council, Cricket Australia, Cricket PNG and the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. At its inception in 2015, the GET program was directed at increasing the self-efficacy of girls and subsequently empowering them through cricket participation, in combination with educational and social messaging. The program also provides opportunities for female staff to undertake roles as development officers and program managers.</p> <p>The aim of this research project was to undertake a qualitative research evaluation of the GET program initiative to identify challenges and outcomes of the program in Papua New Guinea (PNG).</p>		
<p>Method</p> 	<p>Data was collected through qualitative research methods; a variety of data gathering tools were designed and implemented to gather a diverse range of perspectives and generate a rich understanding of program impacts, which have been experienced or observed. Interviews were conducted and young women participating in the program have engaged with a reflective journaling exercise.</p> <p>Data analysis was undertaken using a hybrid inductive/deductive model. Emerging themes were identified that were relevant for the GET program.</p>		
<p>Application</p> 	<p>There were initial positive outcomes achieved for women's cricket in PNG as a consequence of the GET program. The main outcomes relate to increasing the self-efficacy and altering the behaviour of women across a variety of situations and contexts.</p> <p>Pertinent issues that could potentially impact on the development of the program were identified.</p>		

