

Introduction

This is a report on the Law and Justice roadshow that was conducted in South Bougainville from the 09th to the 13th of March 2015. The roadshow showcased Law & Justice agency roles, as well as it also advertised the services that are available through each respective agency.

The team travelled into Buin on Monday 09th of March and started the roadshow on Tuesday the 10th of March at the Buin Town mini-Market. The team travelled to Siwai on the morning of Wednesday the 11th of March and conducted the roadshow. On Thursday 12th of March the team conducted the roadshow in Bana at the Sovele Market.

After completing the roadshow at Bana, the team proceeded on to Arawa in the afternoon to spend the night, before travelling back to Buka on the morning of Friday the 13th of March 2015.

The roadshow was conducted in the 3 Districts of South Bougainville namely Buin, Siwai and Bana Districts.

Venues of Roadshow

DISTRICT	VENUE
BUIN	BUIN TOWN MINI-MARKET
SIWAI	SIWAI GOVERNMENT STATION
BANA	SOVELE MARKET

In Buin the team conducted the roadshow at the Buin Town mini-Market on Tuesday 10th.

In Siwai, it was conducted at the Siwai District Government Office on Wednesday 11th and in Bana, Sovele Market was the venue on Thursday the 12th of March 2015.

Purpose

The purpose of this consultative Law & Justice Roadshow is to inform the people at the district and community level about the role of each agency and the services that each agency provides or which can be accessed by the people. It is common knowledge that people at the village level do not know the availability of justice services that are available through the law and justice agencies under both the ABG Departments of Justice & Principal Legal Adviser, and the Department of Police and Corrections.

Rationale

The rationale behind this report is to basically take the Department of Justice & Principal Legal Adviser, as well as the Department of Police & Corrections down to the community or village level.

To further specify, it is about informing people at the community level about the roles of each of the agencies under the two departments. This information extends to the services that the people can actually access through these agencies. So in a way, each agency was actually advertising their services at the community level as well.

Composition of Team to the Roadshow in South

The Team of Law and Justice agency heads and representatives under the ABG Departments of Justice, and Police and Corrections who conducted the roadshow in the South are;

1. Bougainville Police Service
2. Village Courts
3. Magisterial Services
4. National Court
5. Correctional Services
6. Community Based Corrections
7. Bougainville Women's Federation
8. Public Solicitor
9. Office of the Principal Legal Adviser

Secretariat Officials

10. Timothy Gaemate – Manager Administration
11. Pais Otima – Manager Policy
12. Pat Palmer – Lead Advisor PALIP Buka

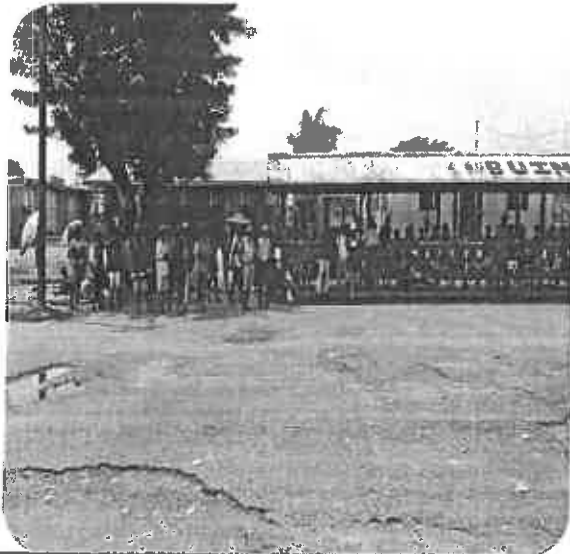
Included in the team is the President of the Bougainville Womens Federation. The inclusion demonstrates the recognition of the important role that BWF as a recognized NGO is playing in terms of advocating human rights issues in Bougainville especially in gender abuse at all levels. BWF was recently endorsed by the Bougainville Executive Council as an active participant in any gender justice related agenda.

SECTION 1: THE ROADSHOW AT BUIN

After arriving and settling in at the Liz Guesthouse in Buin Town, the team was briefed on the roadshow venue by Mr Timothy Gaemate.

The roadshow at Buin was conducted at an open air market setting (ie. the Buin town Mini-Market) in the heart of town.

The roadshow started at 10:30am and ended at around 2:30pm. The crowd at the scene was just a little over 250, with an attentive fraction of people numbering 80. The number of males was equal to the number of females.



People at the Ruin Town mini Market



Agencies Presenting at the roadshow in Ruin

CATEGORY OF ISSUES AND NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED

TYPE OF ISSUE	NO. OF QUESTIONS ASKED IN BUIB
Traffic Complaint	
Transparency	
Land Mediation And Village Court Issues	2
Law & Order And Substance Abuse	2
Domestic family issues	1
Comments --- Positive	1
Comments --- Negative	None
Other Comments	None
TOTAL	6

Before the Roadshow began, Mr Joe Maineke, a learned man and Community Leader in the South introduced each of the Law & Justice team members to the people who converged at the roadshow venue.

After Mr Maineke's introduction, Bougainville Southern Regional Police Commander Sergeant Popui also introduced the purpose of the roadshow, which was well received by the people at the roadshow.

The order of presentation began in the following order:

- **Magisterial Services**
- **District Courts**
- **NJSS**
- **CBC**

- **Public Solicitor**
- **Village Courts & Land Mediations**
- **Principal Legal Advisor**
- **Bougainville Police Service**
- **Correctional Services**
- **Bougainville Womens' Federation**

(Note: The order of Presentations was to be amended soon after picking out the sequence in which the different presentations were actually linked to each other.)

The market setting was with the number of people except that they did not concentrate on the presentations as sellers were busy attending to their market items, and buyers were also busy concentrating on choosing what to buy.

For the Roadshow in Buin, there were fewer questions and comments than expected.

Those few questions and comments were centred around land mediation decisions, justice on child maintenance emanating from unprecedented premature pregnancies within the female youth population, improved police discipline, and the desperate expression for Magisterial Services to establish in Buin as soon as possible.

In the afternoon back at the Guesthouse, Advisor Pat called the team together for a debrief and evaluation so that improvements can be done in preparation for the next scheduled venue which was Siwai.

Debrief was inspired by Martin Tisivua's demonstration of Justice as a 'coke' bottle going through certain process in the factory assembly line.

Changes made during the debrief:

1. Presentation arrangement
2. Venue arrangement in an enclosed area or building.

Recommendations

- That the next roadshow in Buin or any other place in the region should be conducted in an enclosed building setting to capture their attention more effectively.

That the next roadshow be conducted firstly in Buin Secondary School, before it is taken to any other public gathering place in Buin town, or each of the 4 Constituency in the South.

SECTION 2: THE ROADSHOW IN SIWAI

The Law & Justice Team arrived and settled in at the Panakei Lodge in Siwai at around 10:50 Bougainville Time in the morning after encountering the difficulties of the Sandy Mopiai River. The team met Secretary of Police and Corrections Mr Ephraim Eminoni who travelled in late due to commitments the day before.

The Team quickly moved on to the Roadshow venue at the Siwai District Office Chief Meeting House.

The audience which converged at the Chiefs' Meeting House was almost 90 percent.



People of Siwai at the 'Kaposo' in Siwai



Asking Questions at the Roadshow

Questions that were asked at the Roadshow in Siwai:

The team arrived at the venue at around 11:45am and began conducting the Presentations at around 12:30pm. Welcome remarks were given by the Executive Manager Mr John Itanu who gave a brief introduction of who the team is.

Mr Timothy Gaemate introduced the team in a sequential order depending on the suggestions made by Advisor Pat immediately after the road show in Buin.

The new arrangement of Presentations were in the following manner;

- ***Bougainville Police Service***
- ***Village Courts***
- ***Magisterial Services***
- ***District Courts***
- ***National Courts,***
- ***Correctional Services***
- ***Community Based Corrections***
- ***Bougainville Womens Federation***
- ***Public Solicitor's Office***
- ***Principal Legal Advisor***

Before the Presentations, Mr Martin Tisivua gave the same demonstration of the Justice System through his explanation of the 'coke bottle' outcome process in the bottling factory assembly line.

He stressed by example that enjoying 'Justice is the same as enjoying a bottle of coke which came through a refined process. In much the same way, Justice can be enjoyed if properly managed, discharged and accessed.

Mr Ephraim Eminoni also gave a brief rundown on the purpose of the roadshow. He Stressed that the most important reason of the roadshow was to inform the people of the region on the role of each agency, as well as informing them about the services that each of these agency can provide. In other words, its about informing the people about how they can access the services. Mr Eminoni also emphasized the importance of the agencies (listed) and the community to work together in this period towards referendum. He stressed the importance of being parents to teach the young at home as well as guide them as they venture out to face the challenges so they become good citizens to uphold the value of Justice.

Roadshow Questions in Siwai

Roadshow Questions in Siwai though interrelated, were focused mainly on three (3) areas which can be identified as:

- 1. land mediation and Village court issues**
- 2. social law & order and substance abuse**
- 3. domestic family issues**

Even though issues relating to the 3 main categories were raised by various locals, the most outstanding issue in Siwai seems to be social law & order and substance abuse.

And the general feeling among the locals (mostly elders) who attended is the uncertainty of social law & order improvements due to substance abuse in their villages and community.

The only different question was a traffic related question which was referred to BPS. It concerned damage done to a vehicle by another driver who was referred to the traffic Division at the Buka Police Station however, lack of action to lay charges on the person who bumped into the complainant's vehicle may have not been done or otherwise deliberately disposed.

CATEGORY OF ISSUES AND NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED

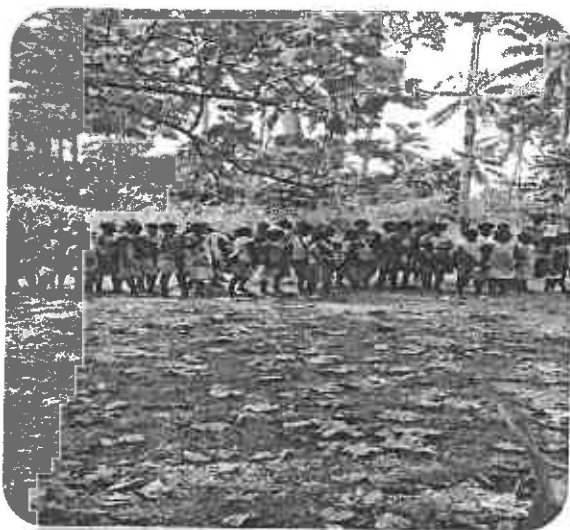
TYPE OF ISSUE/QUESTIONS		NO: OF QUESTIONS ASKED IN SIWAI
Traffic Complaint		1
Transparency		1
Land Mediation And Village Court Issues		4
Law & Order And Substance Abuse		7
Domestic family issues		4
Comments --- Positive		2
Comments --- Negative		None
Other Comments	Education	1
	Health	1
TOTAL		19

Recommendations

- That the next roadshow in Siwai or any other place in the Southern region should be conducted in an enclosed building setting to capture their attention more effectively.
- That the next roadshow be conducted firstly in Tonu High School and any convenient Primary School, before it is taken to any other public gathering place in Buin town, or each of the 4 Constituency in the South.

SECTION 3: THE ROADSHOW IN BANA

On Thursday the 12th of March 2015, the Law and Justice team of Agency heads conducted their Roadshow in Bana



Primary School Students at Bana



People of Bana at the Sovele Market

The Law & Justice team left Siwai at around 8:30am and arrived in Bana 10:30am Bougainville time. Presentations began at around 11:45am and ended at around 2:30pm.

In Bana, the Venue is the Sovele Market and though there were a few mothers doing their daily business, the team had to atleast wait for another 30 minutes as people were slowly flowing in to listen to the Presentations.

As soon as a large group of primary school students arrived and settled in to listen, Mr Pais Otima introduced the gathering on the purpose and composition of the law and justice team presentations.

Before the Presentations, Mr Martin Tisivua gave the same demonstration of the Justice System through his explanation of the 'coke bottle' outcome process.

In much the same way as he explained the justice track in Buin and Siwai, he again stressed by example that enjoying 'Justice is the same as enjoying a bottle of coke which came through a refined process. He related that Justice can be enjoyed in very much the same token if there is no breakdown somewhere in the middle.

Each team member introduced themselves to the people of Bana who converged at the Sovele Market. After the introductions, the team then did their presentations in the following sequential order in much the same order as it was in Siwai:

- ***Bougainville Police Service***
- ***Village Courts***
- ***Magisterial Services***
- ***District Courts***
- ***National Courts,***
- ***Correctional Services***
- ***Community Based Corrections***
- ***Bougainville Womens Federation***
- ***Public Solicitor's Office***
- ***Principal Legal Advisor***

CATEGORY OF ISSUES AND NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED

TYPE OF ISSUE/QUESTION	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED IN BANA
Traffic Complaint	
Transparency	
Land Mediation And Village Court Issues	
Law & Order And Substance Abuse	
Domestic family issues	
Comments --- Positive	
Comments --- Negative	
Other Comments	
TOTAL	

Recommendations

- That the next roadshow in Bana or any other place in the region should be conducted in an enclosed building setting to capture their attention more effectively.
- That the next roadshow be conducted firstly in Bana High School, before it is taken to any other public gathering place in and around, or each of the Constituencies in Bana.