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PNG Studies at Divine Word University in Papua New Guinea

What is it about?

„PNG Studies“ – preparing university students for participation in PNG’s development.

Why an intervention?

The PNG Studies program supports students in order to develop a deep understanding of the political, socio-economic, judicial, and religious traditions of the diverse communities of PNG, to help understand the effects of rapid exposure to the outside world, and to learn develop solutions for themselves and their communities to manage the change.

What does it change?

- Preparation of students for jobs in an active civil society (e.g. NGOs and/ or HORIZONT3000 partners/ programmes)
- Increases the number of female actors in PNG’s civil society (majority of students is female)
- Favours a positive attitude towards common national objectives, while preserving and enhancing the positive relationship with students communities of origin
- Contributes to build an active and critical civil society

How does it work?

- Content of the Bachelor Programme in “PNG Studies”: social, economic, political, cultural, ethical, religious, historical as well as gender topics; community development and research methodology
- “Community Engagement Programme” - students engage in development activities in their village/ community and are encouraged to carry out the final research there as well
- Make use of DWU’s network and partners to provide opportunities and support students
- Research of the faculty in order to contribute to the public debate
- Peer tutoring – for students from remote regions aimed at “widening participation”
- Admit “non-school leavers” - students who left school years ago, with work and life experience
- Cultural program celebrating the cultural wealth in PNG’s ethnic diversity

Who are the beneficiaries?

- Students (*many later became key NGO-staff*)
- Their communities (*that benefit both through student’s community engagement projects, as well as through contributions later in life*)
- Their employers

Who could use that approach?

- Universities of the South, in particular those that (also) serve an indigenous community.
- Universities that wish to support the building of an active civil society.

Who is already using it?

“Divine Word University”, “Department for PNG Studies”, Madang, Papua New Guinea

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