

Community Development

Sudan Odyssey

Through a contract arrangement between RedR Australia and UNHCR I participated in a multi-disciplinary team based in Sudan. It was tasked with planning for the return of refugees to Sudan after the Peace Agreement was signed late in 2004.

Working across South Sudan my role was to identify suitable sites for UNHCR to work from in the task of managing returning refugees. Negotiations were with local landholders and/or the local rebel group, the Sudan Peoples for Liberation Army (SPLA).

Care was needed to understand the local context and ensure negotiations were with a relevant decision maker.

Goroka Town Council, PNG Capacity Building

I led the scoping of and team selection for a multi-disciplinary team to work with Goroka Town Council to develop the capacity of local staff across a range of disciplines including rating, finance, debt control, budgeting, environmental management, waste management and strategic planning.

Funding was obtained from the GPF and it became a project of Hunter Councils with team selection made from the staff of 9 member Councils.

Republic of Kiribati, Training for Local Government

I led a scoping visit to develop a proposal to provide Local Government training to the Republic of Kiribati. Funding was provided by the CLGPF with data collection from the three largest local authorities in the Republic – two located on Tarawa and one on Kirimatati Island. The project was undertaken under the framework of the Local Government Training Institute, a division of Hunter Councils in NSW.