

National Campaigns

1. Say NO to Experimental Seabed Mining

We mobilised 24,000 signatures in 2012, for a public petition to the PNG Government to apply the precautionary approach to seabed mining and impose a moratorium on the “experiment” while more studies are conducted on social and environmental impacts that ensue. And we continue to maintain pressure on all stakeholders that there is a serious cause for pause.

2. Cancel the Special Agriculture Business Leases and stop Customary Land Grabbing

After the establishment and completion of a Commission of Inquiry into land grab, we continue to actively engage people in calling for the cancellation of illegal leases over customary land and forest clearance licenses, which encourage illegal forest clearances.

3. Stop the Stealing of Public Funds

We actively apply pressure through blog articles, press releases, public awareness and public events for enforcement of the findings of all official inquiries into stealing of public funds since 2009.

How to Get Involved:

We encourage people to get involved in creating a better Papua New Guinea:

1. Sign our petitions at www.actnowpng.org
2. Download our posters at www.actnowpng.org and distribute.
3. Contact our respective provincial representatives at info@actnowpng.org and get involved in organising provincial events.
4. Initiate an **ACT NOW!** Club in your school, college or institution
5. Be a regular contributor to our blog. Send us stories of your community activities contributing to change.

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Who We Are

ACT NOW! is an advocacy group formed in 2010, that provides a platform for people to ensure their voices are heard in relation to matters of national importance in Papua New Guinea. We are an independent organization registered in PNG as an NGO and is not affiliated with any corporation, political party, government, or non-government organization. ACT NOW! wants to help build a better PNG where the National Goals and Directive Principles in our Constitution guide our development, as we intended on Independence, in 1975.

Our Vision

We envision a nation where resources are shared equitably; government services meet the needs of the people; our environment managed sustainably while wise use is made of our natural resources.

Our Mission

We strive to ensure the voice of ordinary people are heard and that the relationship between the land, people, culture and nature is not only protected, but celebrated and used as a guide to any development.

Our Goal

To ensure that the spirit and intention of Papua New Guinea's National Goals is reflected in all its laws, resource development projects, government policies and decision making.

Papua New Guinea's National Goals and Directive Principles

The National Goals of Papua New Guinea provides 5 clear developmental guidelines for Papua New Guinea's socio-economic development. Successive PNG Governments have not recognised the *PNG WAYS* and systems in decision-making that would lead to a homegrown development path based on PNG Values. Unrestrained Capitalism has been promoted instead – a model of development that divides, exploits and rules in an attempt to increase profits at the expense of people. Unrestrained capitalism goes against the National Goals of Papua New Guinea.

Our Position

We believe; a more equal distribution of wealth will help improve education and health care. Greater localization of decision-making will increase accountability, help improve the distribution of wealth towards quality education and health care; Promotion of local industries will improve wealth distribution and help retain control of customary land. Our campaigns are therefore designed around what we believe are the 5 main pillars of just and fair society, which are described in the following narratives:

1. Localization

Corruption is thriving and bad decisions are being made because decision-making and expenditure is concentrated in Waigani where there is no accountability. We demand greater regional autonomy and localization of decision-making and expenditure to give local people and institutions a voice and improve accountability and transparency.

2. Equal Distribution of Wealth

There is a deliberate and systematic theft of our resources by foreign corporations and the outrageous accumulation of wealth by a few greedy individuals. We demand our government to establish a well resourced ICAC and no new resource projects until a full analysis of current operations and measures to ensure transparent, fair and equal distribution of costs and benefits

3. Land

Unscrupulous foreign corporations and greedy Papua New Guineans are stealing land, breaking up communities and depriving them of their sustenance using corrupt officials, lies and violence. We demand the protection of customary and state land. There must be no further land alienation or land registration schemes.

4. Local Industries

Successive governments have discriminated against local industries by failing to provide protection, proper infrastructure and technical and financial support. We demand our government recognize our future is an economy based on Papua New Guinean people and values. The government must actively promote local skills and industries by providing protection, investment and incentives.

5. Education and Healthcare

The healthcare and education conditions for staff, students and patients are shameful and appalling. We demand the government provide access to free quality healthcare and free quality education for all.