

Progress Report 1

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Administrative tasks

In 2011, the project established its website, to which all partners have previously been referred (

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In this context, as you will probably be aware we had a male PhD scholar working on the

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priority legal areas for communities in this jurisdiction, and we hope to be able to provide a brief overview of findings to partners in early 2011. The major NT issues appear to relate to housing, credit/debt, child protection and social security. However we will have a clearer idea once the data from the questionnaires has been fully analysed. We also note that discussing and identifying legal needs is a complex task. Some individuals identify issues they feel might have a legal solution, only to find that the behaviour or activity is lawful (eg actions by Centrelink). Others may be unaware of their legal entitlements (eg victim's compensation), making it difficult for them to identify legal problems.

We also hope to provide more qualitative feedback, informally, to *NT partners* specifically now that travel to this jurisdiction has been completed. This feedback will cover some key issues raised by community members and stakeholders in relation to service delivery. More detailed information will be provided more formally further down the track to partners in this regard. We hope to provide similar initial qualitative feedback to other partners once travel is completed in each jurisdiction.

Legal Aid visits Alpururulam

We are also currently working on ways in which key findings can be fed back into communities (at least in relation to the priority legal issues for relevant communities and State/Territory-wide). Many FG participants indicated that they would like to be kept informed about what the ILNP is discovering in this regard. Social media may be one method of achieving this.

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