

# Implementation Support Booklet

## For Head Teachers of Primary and Community Schools

**Supporting the Implementation of the Lower Primary Curriculum**



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## Secretary's Message


The work of head teachers is crucial to the success of the curriculum reform now being implemented in Papua New Guinea. As a result of these changes there has been a rapid increase in the number of elementary schools and in students attending elementary and primary schools to Grade 8. We have made significant progress in developing and implementing a new PNG relevant curriculum for elementary and primary education. This curriculum will meet the needs of our students in the twenty first century.

The Curriculum Development Unit of the Curriculum Development Division is reforming the curriculum for basic education from Elementary Prep to Grade 8. These officers have been working with teachers from all regions to ensure that the new curriculum is relevant to our country's needs. The *National Curriculum Statement*, the *National Assessment and Reporting Policy*, three new elementary syllabuses and seven new upper primary syllabuses and supporting teacher guides have been distributed to all schools in Papua New Guinea in 2003 and 2004. Work has now been completed on the new lower primary syllabuses and supporting teacher guides for Grades 3-5. These documents have been distributed with this Implementation Support Booklet.

This Booklet will help head teachers support the introduction and implementation of the new curriculum for lower primary education. But, the new curriculum materials will only assist our students and our country when you and your teachers breathe life into them. The publishing of these documents alone will not change the curriculum in our schools. You and your teachers need to understand and implement the new curriculum. This will require you and your teachers to adapt and improve current practices.

I am confident that you and your teachers will accept this challenge in the same way that you and they have supported the implementation of the reform curriculum in other grades. The new curriculum and the education reform are dramatically changing the face of education in this country.

I urge you to read this booklet thoroughly and plan carefully with your teachers and community how you will introduce the new lower primary curriculum by the beginning of 2006.



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