



Papua New Guinea

UN75 is a global conversation to discuss our priorities as a human family, and how we can build a better future for all. This conversation asked 7 questions on priorities, concerns and ideas to help shape our future.

In PNG, the UN75 initiative was launched in March 2020, with a dialogue led by UN Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammed, together with UN Youth Envoy Jayathma Wickramanayake, UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima and youth leaders from across the country.

These views, concerns and ideas will be presented to world leaders and senior UN officials at the official commemoration of the 75th Anniversary by the UN General Assembly in September 2020.



Yanamlyn Yana speaks with UN Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammed following UN75 Launch Dialogue in March, 2020. Photo: UN/Andrew Hau

Key Results

6,546 people from 15 provinces joined the global conversation.



The global trend that most respondents think will most affect our future is **climate change and environmental issues.**

54%



...believe the international community should prioritise **universal access to healthcare** to recover better from the pandemic.

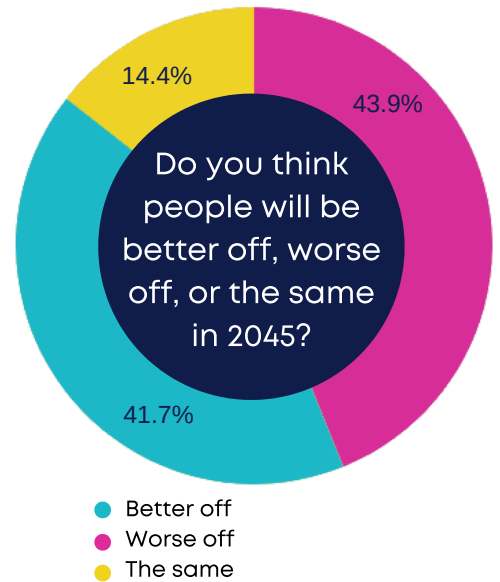
The three things that respondents most want to see in 25 years are:

-  More employment opportunities
-  Better access to healthcare
-  Better access to education

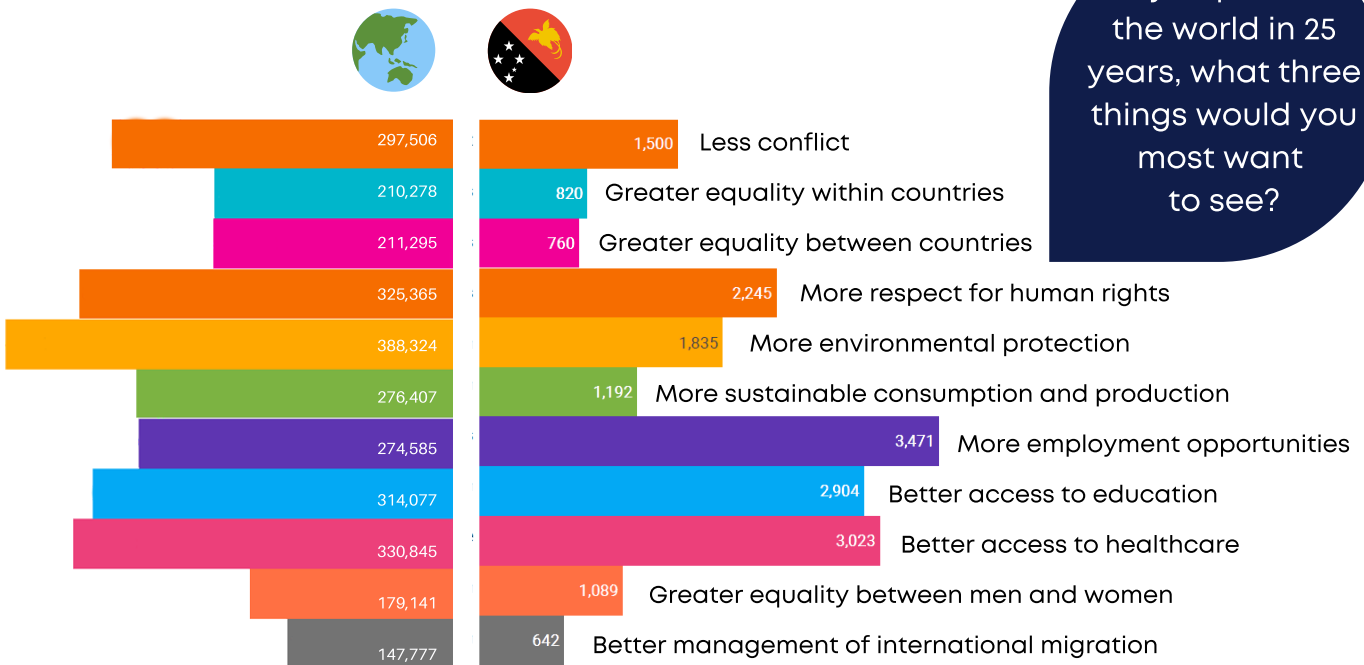
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In September 2020, the United Nations marks its 75th anniversary, as Papua New Guinea celebrates 45 years of independence. The UN75 survey asked participants to consider the world they want to see in 2045.

In Papua New Guinea, most respondents do not think people will be better off in 2045, believing people's lives will be either be the same (14.4%) or worse (43.9%). About 2 in 5 respondents thought people would be better off in 2045.



If you picture the world in 25 years, what three things would you most want to see?



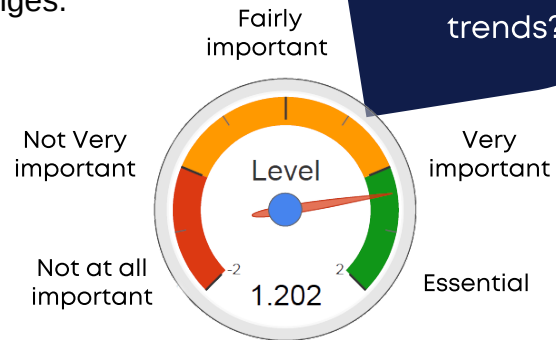
IOM's Sharon James leads a group of youth in joining the UN75 initiative in Kokopo. Photo: IOM/Sharon James

UN75 results show a significant difference in the things Papua New Guinean respondents most want to see in the next 25 years compared to the rest of the world. More employment opportunities is something for more than 50% of Papua New Guineans want to see, compared to 24.9% of global respondents. Globally, more environmental protection leads the changes that respondents most want to see, though in Papua New Guinea this falls well behind calls for greater access to education, healthcare and employment.

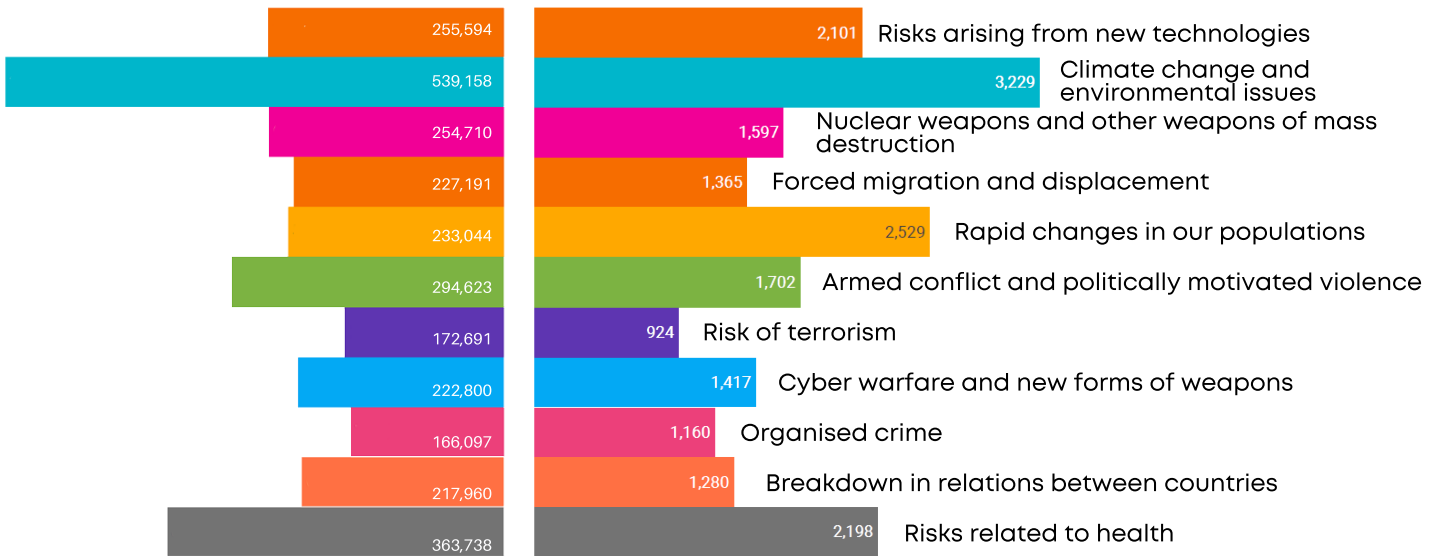
CONCERNS & COOPERATION

The UN75 survey sought to gather diverse perspectives and creative ideas on what is needed to address these emerging risks and opportunities. How can we collectively navigate the gap between the future we need and where we are headed, if these mega-trends continue? In Papua New Guinea and across the world, respondents indicated that cooperation is very important to addressing emerging challenges.

How important is it for countries to cooperate to address these trends?



Which three of these global trends do you think will most affect our future?



In Papua New Guinea and globally, 'climate change and environmental issues' was identified by most respondents as the trend most likely to affect our future. 'Rapid changes in our populations' was more of a concern to Papua New Guinean respondents than it was to global respondents. Unsurprisingly given the impact of the COVID pandemic, 'risks related to health' was also identified as a threat. Locally and globally, terrorism was not identified as a trend that will affect our future.

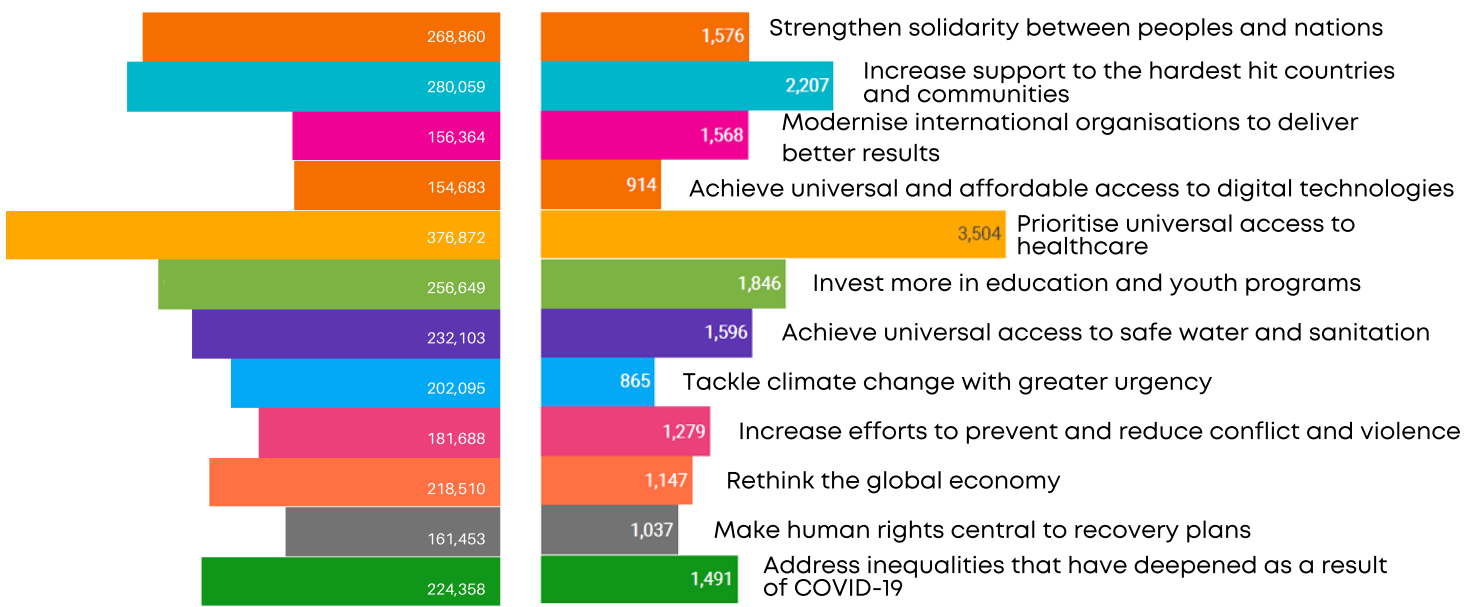


IOM's Philip Nere explains challenges being addressed by communities in North Fly, Western Province. Photo: UN/Rachel Donovan

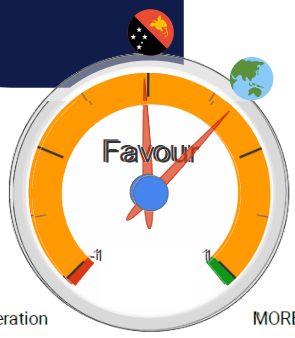
COVID-19 RECOVERY

In considering pathways to recovery from COVID-19, 54% of Papua New Guinean respondents and 34% of global respondents think the international community should prioritise universal access to healthcare. In general, local responses followed the priorities identified by global respondents.

What do you think the international community should prioritise to recover better from the pandemic?



Has COVID-19 changed your views on cooperation between countries?



"Everything we do during and after this crisis must be with a strong focus on building more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change and the many other global challenges we face."

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres at UN75 dialogue in New York. Photo: UN Photo/ Mark Garten

UN75 FORUMS

In October, the UN hosted five live forums across Papua New Guinea. These forums gave local voices a platform to discuss the issues affecting their communities and invited a global audience to hear the challenges and opportunities facing these diverse communities as we look ahead at the many issues still to be addressed.



Experiences in Peacebuilding
Tari, Hela Province



Rural Entrepreneurship, Trade and
Investment in Agriculture
Wewak, East Sepik



Realities of Sustainable Development
Port Moresby, NCD



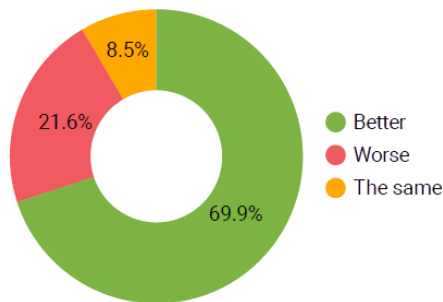
Placing Women and Girls at the Centre
Buka, Bougainville



Peaceful Home, Peaceful Community
Port Moresby, NCD

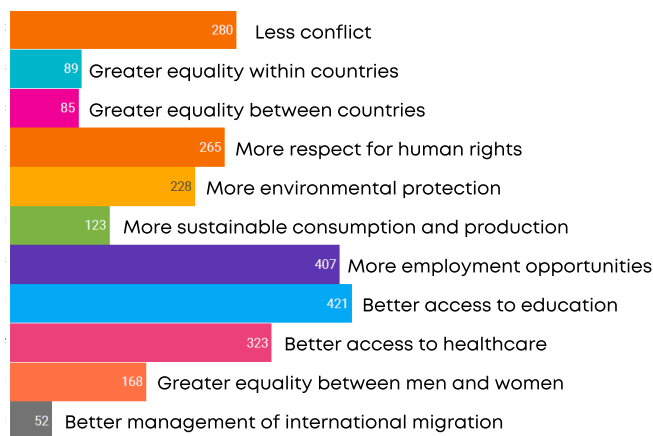


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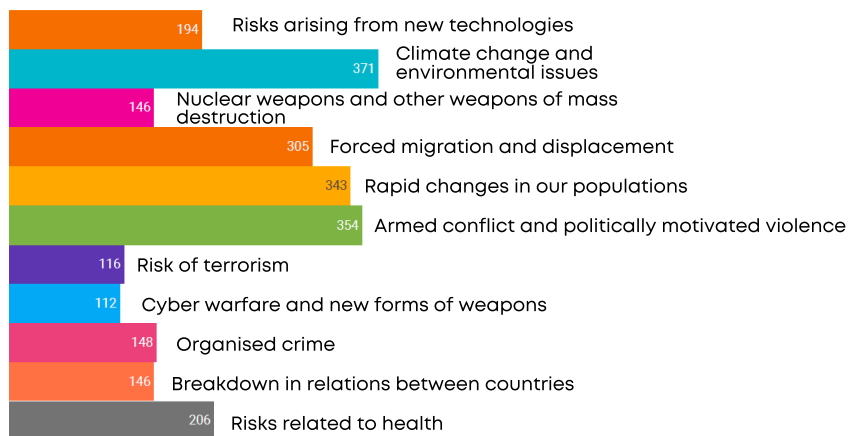


Teachers at St Pauls Primary in Komo, Hela Photo: Morris Edwin

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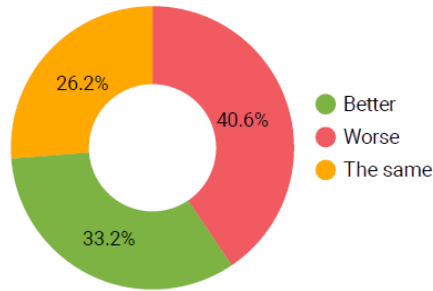
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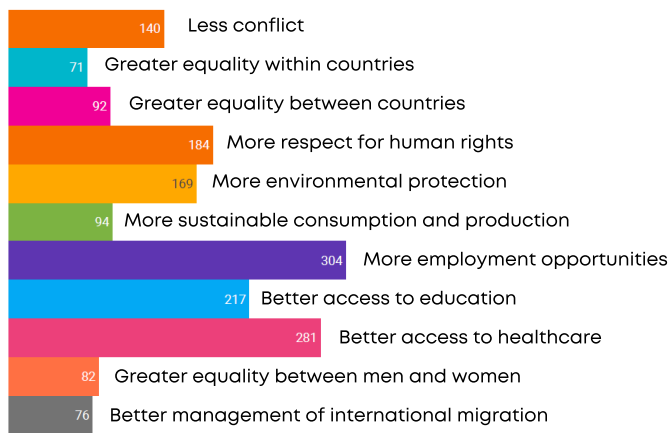


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Youth completing UN75 survey in Bougainville. Photo: Fiona Tipo

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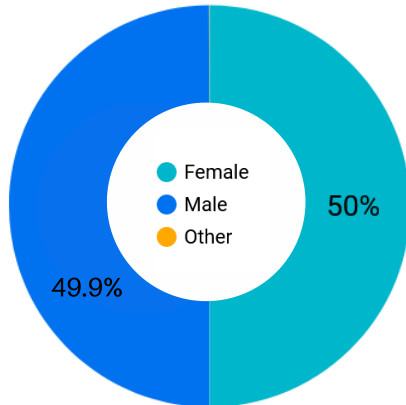
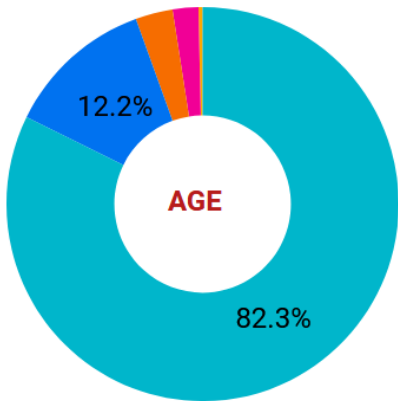
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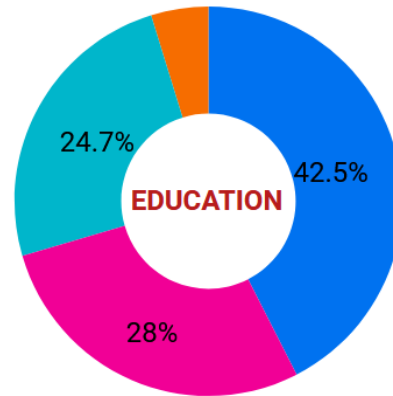


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Students from Kokopo Business College complete the UN75 survey. Photo: UNRCO

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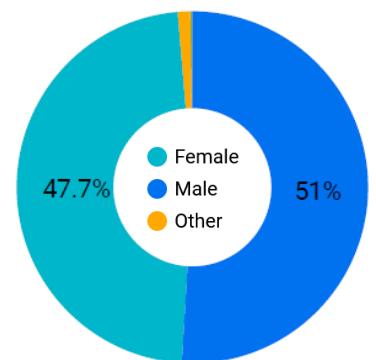


"When addressing issues within Papua New Guinea, local solutions and champions must be at the forefront of bringing about change."

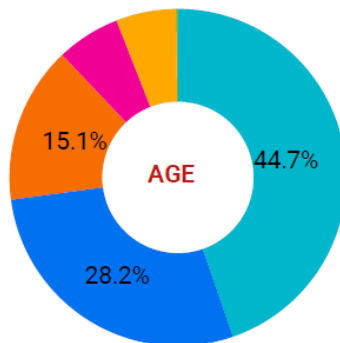
Dagia Aka from Transparency International participates in UN75 Launch Dialogue in Port Moresby. Photo: UN/Andrew Hau



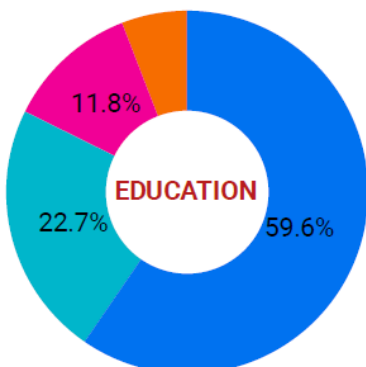
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