

## Law and Justice



Crime and lack of security has a high economic and social cost. A transparent, accountable and accessible justice system plays a significant role in building democracy and safeguarding the rights of people. Cardno helps develop sound legal systems, improve access to justice for the poor and vulnerable and builds capacity of law and justice agencies worldwide.

Law and Justice sector development involves:

- ▶ Policing
- ▶ Corrections
- ▶ Courts (establishment and administration, including case management)
- ▶ Legal education and awareness
- ▶ Crime prevention and restorative justice
- ▶ Judicial policy and reform
- ▶ Legal system monitoring and evaluation
- ▶ Governance and legal institution strengthening.

Police, prisons and courts often have distinct political and cultural mandates with competing needs and priorities. The ability of agencies to undertake effective service delivery is challenged by individual and institutional capacity. As a result, heavy focus is placed on developing human resources,

facilitating skills transfer to develop local capacity, and promoting sustained outcomes. The provision of specialist support to institutions also focuses on establishing or reinforcing existing sector-specific policy and procedures.

Law and justice solutions must be holistic, incorporating both top-down and bottom-up approaches. Our programs promote partnerships between government and non-government stakeholders.

Supporting traditional, community-based justice systems in harmony with the formal law and justice sector, Cardno programs build shared strategic objectives to support effective justice systems at local, regional and national levels.

Cardno has worked successfully with a range of justice sector stakeholders, including: national agency heads; constitutional office holders; central, provincial and local level government; NGOs; community groups; and other non-state sectors.

We have built an outstanding record in the law and justice sector through a combination of local knowledge, cultural awareness and a highly participatory approach.

Cardno is committed to achieving sustainable improvement in the quality of life for people in developing nations. Cardno offers a unique depth of management experience across a range of complex and politically sensitive legal processes and law and justice systems.



Teams from Cardno provide high quality and appropriate law and justice solutions to meet client and partner government objectives.

**Law and Justice Sector Program, Papua New Guinea**

**Client** AusAID  
**Company** Cardno Acil

The Program seeks to promote the rule of law by supporting and revitalising service delivery mechanisms and processes in the Papua New Guinean Law and Justice sector. Cardno Acil assists the Program to promote:

- ▶ Institutional strengthening of formal law and justice agencies in planning, finance, human resources and corporate functions
- ▶ Partnerships between formal and traditional justice systems
- ▶ Integrated national development priorities such as gender equality, human rights and HIV/AIDS prevention.

**Support for Upgrading IT and DNA Testing Equipment for Serbian Border Police, Serbia**

**Client** European Agency for Reconstruction, EC Framework  
**Company** Cardno Agrisystems

The purpose of the Project was to assist the Serbian Law Enforcement Agencies, including the Border Police and Criminalistic Technical Centre to upgrade their knowledge, expertise and technical capabilities to fight organised crime. Cardno Agrisystems oversaw:

- ▶ Delivery, installation and handover of equipment for a DNA testing laboratory
- ▶ Drafting of methodology, supervision and monitoring specifications in compliance with EU procedures
- ▶ Monitoring of staff training in equipment operation.

**Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People Trafficking Project, Asia Regional**

**Client** AusAID  
**Company** Cardno Acil

This Project provides support to criminal justice agencies in a coordinated effort to stop trafficking and to improve victims' access to justice. Effective coordination helps to apprehend and prosecute traffickers. Cardno Acil provides project management and technical assistance to enable the Project to:

- ▶ Strengthen the region's criminal justice agencies
- ▶ Support a specialist police response to trafficking
- ▶ Strengthen the broader criminal justice system response
- ▶ Build relations between the criminal justice system and victim support agencies
- ▶ Promote regional cooperation.

**Correctional Services Development Project, Papua New Guinea**

**Client** AusAID  
**Company** Cardno Acil

Correctional Services has a critical role in the preservation of law. Cardno Acil provided assistance to Papua New Guinea's Correctional Services through capacity building, institutional strengthening and human resource development. The Project activities:

- ▶ Supported Correctional Services to manage effective, humane and secure prisons
- ▶ Developed a self-improving management culture and contributed to prisoner productivity, made the containment of prisoners more secure, and assisted in rehabilitation
- ▶ Increased HIV/AIDS awareness for both correctional staff and detainees.

**Support to the Royal Solomon Island Police Service, Solomon Islands**

**Client** Ministry of Police and National Security  
**Donor** European Union  
**Company** Cardno Agrisystems

The purpose of the Project was to review the capacity building needs of the Royal Solomon Island Police Service (RSIP) in relation to training, human resources, facilities, equipment, accommodation and logistics with a specific reference to rural areas. Through these mechanisms, Cardno Agrisystems enabled:

- ▶ Exploration and assessment of options for managing donor support to the RSIP
- ▶ Consultation with central government departments, civil society, the RSIP executive, PPF divisional heads and donor representatives under the guidance of the Ministry of Police and National Security
- ▶ Australian government support for the RSIP to address some of the operational, technical and human resource needs identified during the mission.

**About Cardno**

Cardno is an integrated professional services provider, locally delivering the specialist advice to create or improve physical and social infrastructure that underpins communities around the globe. Our team is comprised of leading advisors who plan, design, manage and deliver sustainable projects and programs.

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