

Summary of findings

This summary report is about the implementation and early impacts of the introduction of Voluntary Income Management (VIM) in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. This study looks at how VIM is operating in the short-term, after its introduction in October 2012. The study is based on face to face interviews with community members in Pukatja (Ernabella) and Amata – two of the biggest communities in the APY Lands.

The main findings are:

The majority of community members and other stakeholders who participated in this study were positive about income management being introduced into the APY Lands.

The fact that the communities had requested income management, and had been consulted about its introduction, appears to have had a major influence on the communities' view of income management.

