

Introduction

It is intended to divide this project into two parts. Part I will be devoted to a discussion of the factors involved and the problems encountered during the establishment and operation of land settlement (and resettlement) schemes. Particular emphasis will be placed on the complex question of land tenure, as it is felt that this factor will be one of the most important to be considered in the establishment of future land settlement schemes within the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Part II will entail a review of some settlement schemes in various tropical countries, with particular emphasis on Africa, as most of the principles involved in the schemes reviewed in that country could well be applicable to New Guinea. This review will take the form of a brief outline of the history of the individual schemes, summarising their aims and assessing their achievements. An attempt will be made to draw conclusions as to the degree of success of each scheme, and tender any possible suggestions for its improvement.