





# Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness

## > Purpose

- Commissioned by Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, on 16 November 2010
- Thorough examination of the aid program
  - Opportunities for increased effectiveness and efficiencies
  - Improving strategic direction for the next 5 years and beyond
- Review panel:
  - Sandy Hollway AO (Chair), Prof Stephen Howes, Hon Margaret Reid AO, Bill Farmer AO, John WH Denton



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## > Method

- Public submissions
- Consultations
- Australian government
- Parliamentarians
- AusAID staff
- International discussions
- Commissioned studies
- Stocktake of other recent evaluations
- Online media
- Academic conference
- Disability Leaders Forum
- Academic literature

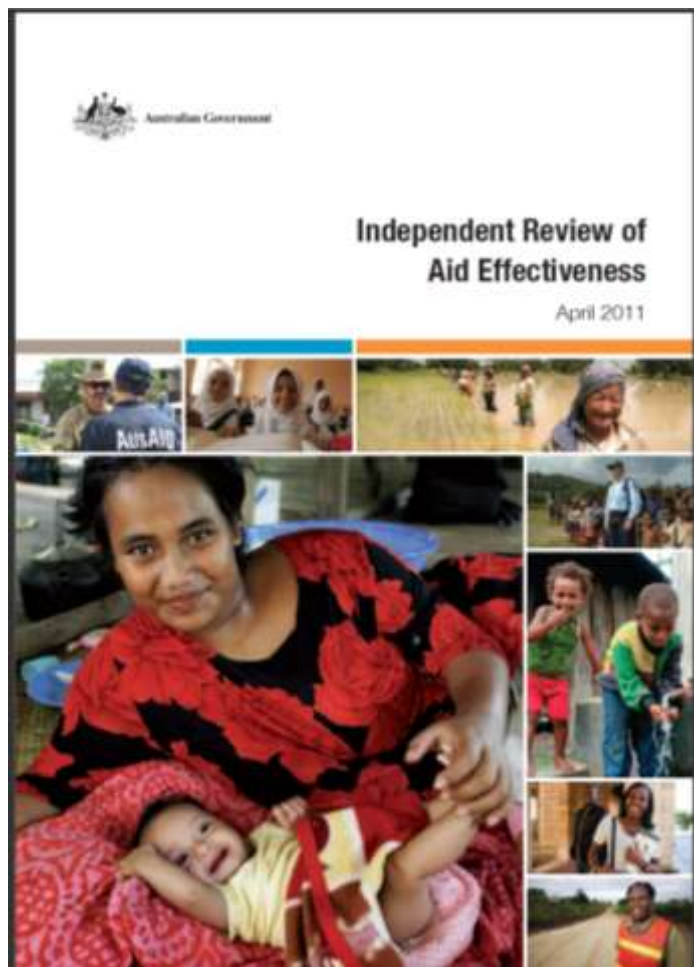


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## > Findings

- Current Australian aid program fundamentally sound
  - Proposed changes build on what already exists
- Main challenge: Rapid growth of the program
  - Quality can be maintained if a methodical program of improvement and change is pursued over the next five years.

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- > 39 recommendations including 4 high-level organising themes:
- Investing in pro-poor, sustainable economic growth
  - Promoting opportunities for all
  - Supporting social stability, improving the quality of government and strengthening civil society, and
  - Preparing for and responding to crises.

# An Effective Aid Program for Australia

## *Making a Real Difference – Delivering Real Results*



- > Government Response to the Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness
- > Agrees with 38 of the 39 recommendations (or agrees in principle)
  - One further recommendation noted and will be responded to later



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## An Effective Aid Program for Australia

### *Making a Real Difference – Delivering Real Results*

> Purpose of the Aid Program:

- Help people overcome poverty

> Also:

- Promote stability and prosperity in our region and beyond
- Focus our efforts
  - in areas where Australia can make a difference
  - where our resources can most effectively and efficiently be deployed



## **An Effective Aid Program for Australia**

### *Making a Real Difference – Delivering Real Results*

#### **> Making Australian aid more effective**

- A clear strategy
- Value for money
- Importance of consolidation
- Focusing on risk management and performance oversight
  - Fraud control
  - Performance management
  - Acting when aid programs are not delivering
- A transparent aid program focused on results
  - Transparency
  - Focus on results
- Involving the Australian community
- Effective aid management – the role of AusAID





## **An Effective Aid Program for Australia**

# *Making a Real Difference – Delivering Real Results*

### **> What will Australian aid focus on?**

#### **– 5 core strategic goals**

- Saving lives
- Promoting opportunities for all
- Sustainable economic development
- Effective governance
- Humanitarian and disaster response

#### **– 10 individual development objectives flow from these goals**

# An Effective Aid Program for Australia

## *Making a Real Difference – Delivering Real Results*

### Framework for the Australian Aid Program

**Promoting opportunities for all**

Giving more children access to school

Empowering women to participate in the economy, leadership and education

Enhancing the lives of people with disabilities

People overcome poverty.

poverty both in our region and beyond.  
s can most effectively and efficiently be deployed.

Effective governance

Improving governance to deliver better services, improve security, and enhance justice and human rights

Humanitarian and disaster response

More effective preparedness and responses to disasters and crises

Effectively

Transparency  
Results

Transparency Charter with  
clear and more accessible  
reporting of aid activities

Target reporting linked  
results

Proactive action on  
non-performing programs

Involving the Australian  
community

Increased volunteer and  
NGO support

Partnerships with business  
and academia

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## *Making a Real Difference – Delivering Real Results*

### > **Where Australia will provide aid:**



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- Asia-Pacific will remain the focus
- Aid to South Asia, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Africa and the Middle East, will increase
- Bilateral programs in China and India phased out
- Modest increases in aid to Latin America and the Caribbean

# *What does this mean for the AusAID DID team?*



- > Disability inclusive development (DID) is a priority
- > Australia is a leader in disability inclusive development
- > *Development for All* strategy
  - Increased profile
  - Renewed and expanded mandate



# *What does this mean for the AusAID DID team?*

## > Opportunities

- Increased profile with Parliament House



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- Increased profile with AusAID executive and AusAID staff



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# ***What does this mean for the AusAID DID team?***

## **> Opportunities**

- Need to continue mainstreaming



# *What does this mean for the AusAID DID team?*

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- Need to demonstrate results



# *What does this mean for the AusAID DID team?*

## > Opportunities

- Need to continue listening to the voice of people with disabilities
  - Disability Reference Group
  - In-country contacts



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## ***Where to next for the AusAID DID team?***

### **> Challenges**

- AusAID is a busy rapidly growing agency with numerous competing priorities
  - ODA doubling from 2007 level to 0.5% GNI in 2015
- Good momentum in some areas, but many areas where few signs of change
- Meeting demand
  - ability to respond to AusAID staff requests for advice and assistance
- Demonstrating results



## ***Where to next for the AusAID DID team?***

### **> Next Steps**

- Mid-term review
- Internal communication strategy
- Political and agency leadership
- Making disability inclusive development part of the way we do business
- Finalising the performance assessment framework/ results framework
- Continuing to play an active role on the international stage



# Working together to raise awareness of DID



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- > Working through the Disability Reference Group
- > Advocating for an increased focus on DID in the aid program
  - Focus on results
- > Sharing information





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# Thank You

AusAID Disability Inclusive Development website:  
[www.ausaid.gov.au/keyaid/disability.cfm](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/keyaid/disability.cfm)

*Development for All* strategy: [www.ausaid.gov.au/developmentforall.cfm](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/developmentforall.cfm)

DfA companion volume: [www.ausaid.gov.au/developmentforall-companion.cfm](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/developmentforall-companion.cfm)

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