

# Regional Chief Nursing Officers Leadership Summit

Building Leadership Capacity  
and  
Disease Prevention in the Pacific

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# White Paper on the Australian Government's Overseas Aid Program *“Promoting Growth and Stability”*

New Aid Policy Document guiding the direction and delivery of Australian aid for the next 10 years.

Context for the doubling of Australia's aid budget by the year 2010



# Objective

Assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interests

Asia Pacific

Overarching principles of gender equality, untied aid and partnership

Focused on results (effectiveness of aid)



# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR AUSTRALIA'S OVERSEAS AID PROGRAM

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## ORGANISING THEMES

## EFFECTIVENESS STRATEGIES

ACCELERATING ECONOMIC GROWTH:	FOSTERING FUNCTIONING AND EFFECTIVE STATES:	INVESTING IN PEOPLE:	PROMOTING REGIONAL STABILITY AND COOPERATION:	STRENGTHENING PERFORMANCE ORIENTATION:	COMBATING CORRUPTION:	ENHANCING AUSTRALIA'S ENGAGEMENT IN ASIA-PACIFIC REGION:	WORKING WITH PARTNERS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Policy environment</li> <li>&gt; Promoting trade</li> <li>&gt; Drivers of growth</li> <li>&gt; Sustaining growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Economic management</li> <li>&gt; Political governance</li> <li>&gt; Public sector reform</li> <li>&gt; Law and Justice</li> <li>&gt; Emergency management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Women's and children's health</li> <li>&gt; Major diseases</li> <li>&gt; Education access and quality</li> <li>&gt; Scholarships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Transboundary responses</li> <li>&gt; Regional integration</li> <li>&gt; Regional governance in the Pacific</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Country strategies</li> <li>&gt; Performance Allocations</li> <li>&gt; Output-based aid</li> <li>&gt; Lessons learnt/ Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Mainstreaming</li> <li>&gt; Whole-of-government strategy</li> <li>&gt; Regional and global initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Coherence across government</li> <li>&gt; Engagement beyond government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Partner Governments</li> <li>&gt; Bilateral donors</li> <li>&gt; International Financial Institutions</li> </ul>

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Pacific Land Mobilisation Program	Building Stronger Leadership	Delivering Better Health	Strengthening Cooperation on Transboundary Threats	Office of Development Effectiveness	Anti-Corruption for Development	Larger and Diversified Development Research Program	IFI Replenishments
Infrastructure for Growth Initiative	Performance Incentives	HIV/AIDS – Leadership in the Region	Promoting Asian Integration			Mobilising New Australian Links to the Region	
Australia-Pacific Technical College	Enhanced Emergency Response Capacity	Tackling Malaria in the Pacific	Pacific Plan Support				
Rural and Business Development	Integrated Law and Justice Approach	Pandemics Preparedness					
Environment Strategy		Delivering Better Education					
		Australian Scholarships					

## Development lessons

Economic growth is central to poverty reduction.

Countries who have integrated into the global economy grow faster than those that have not.

Growth by itself not sufficient – needs to be sustained and shared.



Institutions matter.

Each country's path is different.

Aid only small part of the development equation.

Need new approaches.

Poor aid can do harm.



# Initiatives for the Pacific

## Accelerating economic growth

- Pacific Land Mobilisation Program
- Infrastructure for growth
- Australia-Pacific Technical College



# Initiatives for the Pacific

## **Fostering functioning and effective states**

- Building stronger leadership
- Performance incentives
- Enhanced emergency response capacity





# Initiatives for the Pacific

## Investing in People

- Delivering better health
- Delivering better education
- Tackling malaria in the Pacific
- Pandemic preparedness
- Leadership in HIV/AIDs
- Australian scholarships



# Initiatives for the Pacific

## Promoting regional stability and cooperation

- Strengthening cooperation on transboundary threats
- Support for the Pacific Plan



# Initiatives for the Pacific

## Combating Corruption

- Anti-Corruption for Development



# Aid Effectiveness

Prime Minister's announcement of doubling to \$4 billion by 2010 - Conditional on strengthened governance, anti-corruption efforts and aid effectiveness

Office of Development Effectiveness and Annual Review of Development Effectiveness linked to budget cycle



# Aid Effectiveness

Output based aid and greater use of incentives

Country strategies covering all ODA, performance frameworks and link to allocations

Australian engagement – research, linkages

Partners: delegated responsibility, leveraging multilaterals



# Conclusion

Geographic flows: rebalancing to Asia from Pacific

Not just more aid...but different way of doing business

- Greater focus on effectiveness.

- Less contracting out.

- More rigorous approach to corruption.

- Greater use of partner government systems and processes.



# Paris Declaration on Donor Harmonisation and Alignment.

Regional Solutions where appropriate.

Are they working?

Are national programs linked in effectively?



# AusAID and Pacific Chief Nursing Officers

Refining the regional strategic plan for nursing  
Human Resources for Health

Pandemic Preparedness  
Disaster Management





# Support for Regional Health Programs

Pacific Regional HIV/AIDS Program

RACS (visiting Surgeons)

Fiji School of Medicine

Pacific Islands Program Strengthening (Immunisation)

Medical Equipment Maintenance Program

UNICEF Life Skills Training

Sexual and Reproductive Health & Family Planning

SPC Public Health Program



# National Programs

Fiji – Health Sector Improvement Program

Kiribati – Tuberculosis Control

Solomon Islands – Health Institutional Strengthening

Vanuatu – Village Health Worker Project,

Blood Safety Program,

Health Sector Planning (TA).

Tonga – Surgeon      Samoa -



# AusAID and Pacific Chief Nursing Officers

Thank you

