



2 February 2011

Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness Secretariat
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Via email to: submissions@aidreview.gov.au

Dear Chair,

ACFID Submission to Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Australian aid program (the Review).

ACFID is the peak council for Australian non-government organisations (NGOs) working in the field of international aid and development. Since 1965, ACFID has assisted the Australian aid and development sector to promote sustainable human development so that people can enjoy the full range of human rights, fulfill their basic needs free from poverty and live in dignity.

Our submission asks for development effectiveness to be judged from the perspective of the people and communities Australia is seeking to benefit, and success measured against their capacity to claim their rights as citizens. Our submission is structured in sections.

1. Summary of Recommendations and Reforms
2. Evidence Brief 1: Aid Effectiveness for Whom? Why the Aid Program will Fail Without Embracing Civil Society
3. Evidence Brief 2: Ten Essential Steps Towards Development Effectiveness
4. Evidence Brief 3: Why Gender Equity is Mission Critical for Development

We support the submissions of ACFID members, and endorse the submissions of Make Poverty History, the Australian Disability Development Consortium and the Australian Human Rights Commission. We look forward to our meeting with the Review Panel on 10 February and stand ready to help the Panel with their deliberations.

Kind Regards,

Marc Purcell
Executive Director

ACFID Member Organisations:

40K Foundation Australia	Australian Respiratory Council	Live & Learn Environmental Education
Act for Peace – National Council of Churches Australia	Australian Volunteers International	Mercy Works Inc.
ActionAid Australia	Baptist World Aid Australia	Mission World Aid Inc.
ADRA Australia	Burnet Institute	Muslim Aid Australia
Afghan Australian Development Organisation	CARE Australia	Nusa Tenggara Association Inc.
Anglican Board of Mission - Australia Limited	Caritas Australia	Opportunity International Australia
AngliCORD	CBM Australia	Oxfam Australia
Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund	ChildFund Australia	Oz GREEN - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network Australia Inc.
Assisi Aid Projects	Credit Union Foundation Australia	Partners in Aid
Australasian Society for HIV Medicine	Foresight (Overseas Aid and Prevention of Blindness)	PLAN International Australia
Australia for UNHCR	Fred Hollows Foundation, The	Project Vietnam
Australian Business Volunteers	Friends of the Earth (Australia)	Quaker Service Australia
Australian Conservation Foundation	Global Development Group	RedR Australia
Australian Doctors International	Habitat for Humanity Australia	RESULTS Australia
Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations	HealthServe Australia	Salesian Society Incorporated
Australian Foundation for the Peoples of Asia and the Pacific	Hunger Project Australia, The	Save the Children Australia
Australian Lutheran World Service	International Centre for Eyecare Education	Sexual Health & Family Planning Australia
Australian Marist Solidarity Ltd	International Christian Aid	TEAR Australia
Australian Medical Aid Foundation	Relief Enterprises Limited	Transparency International Australia
Australian Reproductive Health Alliance	International Help Fund Australia	Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA
	International Nepal Fellowship (Aust) Ltd	UnitingWorld
	International Women's Development Agency	WaterAid Australia
	Interplast Australia & New Zealand	World Education Australia Limited
	Lasallian Foundation	World Vision Australia
	Leprosy Mission Australia, The	WWF Australia