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NZAID'S ASSISTANCE TO THE ASIA REGION

NZAID Snapshot

- NZAID is the Government's international aid and development agency
- NZAID's total programme budget is approximately NZ\$333 million
- NZAID's total assistance to Asia in 06/07 will be \$47 million.

Asia - overview

- Enormous diversity – socially, economically, politically and culturally
- Includes some of the world's richest countries – Japan, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam
- Includes some of the world's poorest countries – Cambodia, Lao PDR and Timor-Leste
- More than half the world's 6.5 billion population live in Asia (approximately 3.9 billion)
- Population extremes in the region range from China with a population of 1.3 billion to the Maldives with only 359,000
- 2/3 of the world's poor live in Asia
- Living below their national poverty lines:
 - 27% of Indonesians
 - 42% of Timorese
 - 40% of Cambodians
 - 40% from Lao PDR

NZAID in Asia

- The Asia Strategy provides a framework for NZAID's development assistance in Asia through to 2015
- The main focus is on Southeast Asia
- New Zealand provides 0.5% of total aid to Southeast Asia, bilaterally, multilaterally and through NGOs.
- NZAID funding provided through multilateral agencies, international financial institutions, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) (primarily through the KOHA-PICD) and the private sector, (through the Asia Development Assistance Facility (ADAF)) complements NZAID's bilateral programmes
- NZAID provides scholarship assistance to South Asia, and a small development cooperation programme focused on the poorer western provinces of China.



A key focus for NZAID in Asia is in helping children, who are the most vulnerable to poverty

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NZAID priorities

NZAID provides bilateral assistance to Indonesia, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Lao PDR.

The programme focuses on sectors, themes and geographical areas where targeted assistance can make the most difference, giving priority to the interests and needs of people in rural communities where the incidence of poverty is greatest.

The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), extending the length of the Mekong River from Yunnan Province in the People's Republic of China in the north to Viet Nam in the south is the primary regional focus for NZAID's Asia programme.

NZAID concentrates its resources on the following themes and sectors in the six countries covered by the Asia Strategy.

- sustainable rural livelihoods

complemented by support for:

- education
- governance
- human resource development.

Sustainable rural livelihoods

As the central thematic focus in Southeast Asia, NZAID promotes sustainable rural livelihoods in all the areas where it works, although the context varies from country to country.



NZAID-funded eco-tourism project in the Philippines

In Cambodia and Lao PDR, the focus is on promoting eco-tourism, while in Viet Nam there is an emphasis on food safety, developing links between local producers and markets and assisting the government cope with the threat of avian influenza. In the Philippines, the focus is on coastal management in addition to eco-tourism while in Indonesia NZAID has been supporting local NGOs assist poor communities with income generation.

NZAID's trade and development programme in Asia complements the sustainable rural livelihoods focus through regional initiatives on food safety, plant health systems, standardisation of weights and measures and agribusiness development.

Education

Recognising the importance of education as a tool in eliminating poverty, NZAID is committed to helping its bilateral partners in Asia to reach the Education for All (EFA) goals.



NZAID has a focus on basic education

This is being achieved both through the promotion of basic education and also the provision of post graduate scholarships.

In Viet Nam, NZAID is providing budget support to help the Vietnamese Government implement their national EFA plan.

The education focus in Timor-Leste is around building up management capability by implementing a three to five year programme to improve the delivery of educational services.

In Indonesia, NZAID supports the Creative Learning Communities for Children project which aims to improve the quality of primary school education through promoting school-based management, community participation in the operation of schools, and interactive and child-centred learning through teacher training.

Governance

The goal of NZAID programmes is to promote peace, security and stability.

This can be done by building local capability and making sure that the processes used are transparent and accountable.

Improving both access to services and the way in which they are delivered also makes this goal more achievable.

Specific examples of direct support for good governance include a human rights training project in Indonesia, support for the Provedor's office (a combined Ombudsman/Human Rights Commission role) in Timor Leste and electoral support from time to time in a number of countries.

Human Resource Development

New Zealand has an established reputation in Asia for providing practical, inclusive, work related training targeted to officials on ways to improve public administration, the management of budgets and project management.

With this in mind, NZAID supports short term training offered by the Mekong Institute, the English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) programme and the Asia Development Bank's Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management.

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