

New Zealand's aid helps to eliminate poverty and create a safe and just world.

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Making a difference through Civil Society – Non-Government Organisations

## NEW ZEALAND HELPING PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE

### NZAID snapshot

- NZAID is the Government's international aid and development agency
- In 2008/09 NZAID will spend \$471.3 million on overseas development assistance
- In 2008/09 NZAID has allocated \$37 million for NZ Non-government organisations.

### What is "civil society"?

In international development the term "civil society" often refers to that part of society that is separate from the state and the private sector. It also refers to the values and institutions that promote and enable the participation of citizens in political and social decision making.

Civil society organisations include non-government organisations (NGOs), community based groups, women or youth groups, professional organisations, rights organisations, activist groups, indigenous people's organisations, faith-based groups, media organisations and voluntary organisations.

Governments around the world increasingly recognise the vital role that civil society plays in promoting sustainable development, democratic processes, human rights, good governance, citizenship, and a stronger sense of community and interdependence. They are also able to:

- Mobilise community resources to address local issues

- Advocate for those without power in communities
- Engage with those people who governments can't reach
- Provide rapid response humanitarian assistance in areas of greatest need
- Work to address poverty at community level
- Work to promote values of trust, tolerance, openness and participation in political and social processes
- Provide alternative views to those of government and the private sector and scrutinise developing country institutions and systems as well as the role and impact of international donors on the ground
- Provide information and services to communities



Education is an area where many NGOs can make a positive difference

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# NEW ZEALAND'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

## NGO snapshot

An NGO is a private, non-profit organisation which in this context, works in international development. They are often called voluntary organisations, although many also have paid staff.

New Zealand NGOs work at a community level by forming partnerships with local organisations in developing countries. Together they run development programmes which foster community development and self-reliance.

It is estimated that more than 15 percent of total overseas development aid worldwide is channelled through NGOs.

Major trans-national NGOs with multi-million dollar budgets include:

- Oxfam
- Save the Children
- Red Cross
- World Vision

## NZAID and NGOs

NZAID recognises the role and potential of NGOs in addressing poverty and promoting sustainable development worldwide.

NZAID provides core funding support to the following NGOs because of the unique roles they play: Volunteer Service Abroad, the Development Resource Centre, Trade Aid Importers, and the Council for International Development (CID), which is the umbrella organisation that represents New Zealand NGOs and provides training.

*The Strategic Policy Framework for relations between NZAID and New Zealand* sets out relationship principles and agreements regarding ways that NZAID and NGOs work together.

The following funding programmes are the key ways in which NZAID provides funding to other NGOs.

## Kaihono hei Oranga Hapori o te Ao – Partnerships for International Community Development (KOHA-PICD)

New Zealand NGOs can apply for funding for particular projects in developing countries, and these proposals are peer-assessed to determine how much funding they receive.

A co-funding programme jointly managed by NZAID and New Zealand NGOs, the scheme recognises the fact that NGOs are often able to work at a grassroots level with their partners, and form long-term partnerships with communities in developing countries.

This is a level of assistance that governments and donors are sometimes unable to provide directly, and so the contribution that NGOs can make is extremely important.

The KOHA-PICD scheme places particular emphasis on partnership, gender equality, participation and strengthening the capacity of developing country counterparts.

For more information visit

[www.nzaid.govt.nz/what-we-do/koha-picd.html](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/what-we-do/koha-picd.html)

## Asian Development Assistance Facility – Partnerships for Sustainable Development (ADAF-PSD)

### Latin American Development Assistance Facility – Partnerships for Sustainable Development (LADAF-PSD)

These provide funding opportunities for New Zealand organisations (in partnership with an organisation from an eligible Asian country for ADAF-PSD or an eligible Latin American country in the case of LADAF-PSD) to respond to development priorities by contributing knowledge, skills and innovative approaches that enhance in-country initiatives to reduce poverty.

ADAF-PSD and LADAF-PSD are targeted towards New Zealand Crown entities, Government department and the private sector.

New Zealand NGOs are not excluded but must be able to prove they are adding value in terms of their expertise and be able to operate on an

invoicing basis. For more information on ADAF visit [www.nzaid.govt.nz/adaf/](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/adaf/) and for LADAF visit [www.nzaid.govt.nz/ladaf](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/ladaf)

Note that there will be no ADAF-PSD round in 2008 as the 2008/09 budget is fully committed. LADAF's continuation is currently under review.

### **Humanitarian Action Fund (HAF)**

This is a contestable fund that is open to registered New Zealand-based NGOs that are partnered with developing country counterpart organisations for emergency and disaster relief, rehabilitation and mitigation activities.

For more information visit [www.nzaid.govt.nz/what-we-do/humanitarian-action-fund.html](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/what-we-do/humanitarian-action-fund.html)

### **Pacific Island Countries Participation Fund (PIC Fund)**

This supports attendance by Pacific Islanders at regional and international conferences, where their attendance will strengthen ownership of regional and international development processes. Applications can be accepted only from organisations, not individuals.

For more information visit [www.nzaid.govt.nz/pic](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/pic)

### **Global Education Fund (GEF)**

This is a contestable fund, open to not-for-profit organisations, for global education activities. The aim is to provide funding for small projects to develop awareness and understanding of global issues and perspectives among New Zealanders.

The fund is administered by the Development Resource Centre and details on application and criteria are found at:

[www.globaleducationfund.org.nz](http://www.globaleducationfund.org.nz)