

Through NZAID, all New Zealanders are making a difference in the lives of some of the poorest people in the Pacific, Asia, Latin America and Africa.

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NZAID'S OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

In an increasingly global society, New Zealand's aid programme is an important way New Zealand can play its part as a good international citizen. Helping to reduce poverty assists developing countries to fulfil their potential, and brings security and political gains for New Zealand and the wider international community.

New Zealand's aid helps to support sustainable development in developing countries in order to reduce poverty and to contribute to a more secure, equitable and prosperous world.

NZAID

NZAID is the New Zealand Government's international aid and development agency within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Through NZAID, New Zealand's aid efforts concentrate on activities that contribute to poverty reduction through sustainable economic development; create safe, secure and inclusive societies; fulfil basic needs; and focus on sustainability.

New Zealand's aid focuses on the Pacific, Asia, Latin America and Southern Africa.



A market in Cambodia. NZAID aims to help developing countries reach their potential.

Empowering people in poverty

To make a difference in the lives of people living in poverty, NZAID focuses on these key areas:

- economic growth and livelihoods
- governance and leadership
- education
- health
- law and justice
- human rights
- gender equality
- environmental vulnerability
- conflict prevention
- humanitarian support.

New Zealand's aid in 2009/10

- In 2009/10 NZAID will spend \$500 million on overseas development assistance (ODA)
- Further funding increases over the next three years commit New Zealand ODA to reaching a total of \$600 million in 2011/12.



Solomon Islands school children explore a globe provided through New Zealand's aid programme.

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The Pacific

The Pacific is a part of the world where New Zealand has the scale, resources, people and relationships that can influence positive and real change and make lasting differences in people's lives.

Over half of NZAID's expenditure is spent in the Pacific. NZAID has allocated \$756 million for Pacific development over the next three years. In 2009/10 NZAID's allocation for the Pacific alone is \$253.3 million.

An increasing proportion of ODA will be allocated towards economic-growth-focused activities in the Pacific. New Zealand's aid also focuses on outcomes central to development in the Pacific including:

- fostering sustainable economic growth and improved livelihoods
- investing in people through health and education
- strengthened governance, through improving the skills and knowledge of leaders and stronger state institutions
- reduced vulnerability, through safer and more resilient communities that are better prepared for natural disasters
- helping reverse the growing incidence of lifestyle diseases and HIV and AIDS
- meeting the basic needs of communities through the provision of access to clean water and good sanitation.

NZAID's largest bilateral programmes in the Pacific are in countries with the greatest basic needs: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. There are also major bilateral country development partnerships with Cook Islands, Tonga, Samoa, Kiribati, Fiji, Tuvalu, Niue, and Tokelau. NZAID's assistance to Polynesia (Samoa, Tonga, and the Cook Islands) will modestly increase until 2011/12. Key sectors supported are economic growth, infrastructure, education, law and justice, and health.

Asia

Asia has the largest portion of the world's poor people. New Zealand, with a wide range of links in Asia, helps to meet development challenges in six priority countries.

In 2009/10 NZAID will spend approximately \$57 million in Asia on priority areas including:

- support for basic education and the achievement of the goal of 'Education For All'
- sustainable rural livelihoods and linking farmers with producers in Viet Nam
- regional and bilateral country programmes in Cambodia, Lao and Timor-Leste, which are among the poorest countries in Asia
- bilateral country programmes in Indonesia and the Philippines.

Latin America

New Zealand is a modest donor with limited capacity in Latin America. NZAID's emphasis in the region is to therefore add value to the endeavours of those already working there.

NZAID's work focuses on three sub-regions in Latin America:

- Andean Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador
- Central America
- Brazil and the Southern Cone

NZAID has allocated \$5.5 million for 2009/10 to support development priorities in Latin America including:

- sustainable rural livelihoods
- governance.

Multilateral co-operation

New Zealand has a strong history of working with multilateral agencies to make sure our aid gets to those who need it the most. Key partnerships are with:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- World Food Programme (WFP)

- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- World Bank
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (DAC, OECD).

NZAID's multilateral partnerships enable New Zealand to contribute to sustainable development and poverty reduction, humanitarian responses and protection of human rights beyond our region, and demonstrate New Zealand's commitment to helping the world's poorest people. In the 2009/10 year NZAID will spend an estimated \$94.5 million on multilateral programmes.

Humanitarian and emergency assistance

NZAID's humanitarian and emergency assistance programmes ensure New Zealand can respond to natural or human-made crises. NZAID provides annual core funding to key international humanitarian agencies, which enables them to respond to humanitarian and emergency situations as they arise, as well as providing additional funds in times of specific need.

NZAID in Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, decades of war have taken their toll on the people and infrastructure. Through NZAID, New Zealand is contributing to rebuilding efforts.

The focus of New Zealand's assistance is in Bamyan province. NZAID supports a range of local partners in a programme that focuses on:

- sustainable rural livelihoods
- improving education - Bamyan University and the education of females are priorities
- maternal and child health.

NZAID has entered a three-year partnership with a locally based NGO, The Aga Khan Foundation, for its work in Bamyan. Funding will support

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activities such as strengthening leadership and capacity within Government, NGOs and the community, and improving access to quality health services for locals.

NZAID also supports the New Zealand Defence Force's Provincial Reconstruction Team's development activities as well as a NZ Police mentoring and training programme.

Working with New Zealand NGOs

New Zealand based NGOs work with their partners in many countries assisting community development and delivering humanitarian assistance. NZAID strongly supports the New Zealand development NGO sector and provides funding for a wide range of NGO programmes with partners on the ground overseas.

The main vehicle for support is the KOHA-PICD programme. NZAID also provides core funding for Volunteer Service Abroad, the Council for International Development, Global Focus Aotearoa, and Trade Aid.

Making aid effective

NZAID acknowledges the importance of positive aid outcomes - this is important for our development partners, as well as the New Zealand government and taxpayers.

Aid effectiveness principles include:

- stronger country ownership
- donor alignment to credible country-developed strategies
- improved coordination with other donors
- accountability and results.

Evaluating effectiveness

NZAID carries out reviews and evaluations to assess the performance and effectiveness of programmes activities.

Evaluations are intended to provide information for three key purposes: accountability, learning, and improvement. Summaries of evaluation reports are available through the NZAID website: www.nzaid.govt.nz.