

Participant Information Sheet

Researcher:

My name is Terence Wood and I am a Research Fellow at the Australian National University.

Project Title: 2018 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey

General Outline of the Project:

- **Description and methodology:** The 2018 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey aims to obtain feedback from a variety of stakeholders on the effectiveness of the Australian aid program and provide suggestions for their improvement. Survey respondents are being invited to participate in an online survey using both a targeted a selection procedure and a procedure involving self-selection.

In the first phase, invitations to complete the survey are being emailed to pre-identified members of the development contractor and NGO communities in Australia. The survey will be completed online (using the online survey platform SurveyGizmo), and pre-identified participants will be provided with a unique URL to access the survey. The first phase will run for one month.

In the second phase, the survey is being released publicly for interested individuals who were not contacted in the first phase to complete. An open URL to access the survey will be distributed through Devpolicy's blog, newsletter and website. The second phase will also run for one month.

- **Participants:** Participants will include development NGO employees, contractors and members of Australia's broader aid community.
- **Use of data and feedback:** We will present the data collected as part of the 2018 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey in a formal report, a series of blogs written by Devpolicy researchers highlighting notable aspects of the analysis, and a presentation. The core (de-identified) data will also be made publicly available for other researchers to use. The report and related information will be released in February 2018. It will be available from the following location:
<https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/aid-stakeholder-survey/>
- **Project funding:** This research is supported by a research grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Participant Involvement:

- **Voluntary participation & withdrawal:** Your participation in this research is voluntary, and you may decline to take part or to withdraw from the research without providing an explanation at any time. Within the research, you may also decline to answer any question. If you withdraw, the data you have provided prior to withdrawal will be destroyed and not used.
- **What does participation in the research entail?** You will be answering a survey of fewer than 50, mainly multiple choice, questions on the Australian aid program.
- **Location and duration:** The survey should take less than 15 minutes and will be conducted online.

- **Remuneration:** You will not be remunerated for completing the survey.
- **Risks:** We do not foresee any risks, discomforts, hazards or side effects that might arise as a result of the subject of research or the research method.
- **Benefits:** It is unlikely that you will personally benefit from participating in this research, but the survey will help researchers, the government and the public to better understand perceptions of the performance of the Australian aid program.

Confidentiality:

- **Confidentiality:** Confidentiality will be protected as far as allowed by law, unless you elect to be named within the research. Access to the data you provide will be restricted to the research team, and identifying details will be stored separately from the rest of the research data. Published results will only be reported in aggregate, and you will not be identifiable within published outputs. Although we will release the core data set once we have completed our analysis, any potentially identifying data will be withheld by the researchers.

Privacy Notice:

In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_010007 and it contains information about how a person can:

- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.

Data Storage:

- **Where:** Data will be securely stored on password-protected computers in the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. Physical records will be kept in a locked filing cabinet in my office.
- **How long:** All research data will be retained and securely stored for at least five years following publications arising from the research.
- **Handling of data following the required storage period:** After the storage period, all data will be destroyed.

Queries and Concerns:

- **Contact details for more information:** Any requests for information or queries regarding the study participants should be directed to:
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Ethics Committee Clearance:

- The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2018/264). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:

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