

Aid budget breakfast livestream

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Last December, the Coalition announced the **largest cuts to the aid budget** in the history of the Australian aid program: \$1 billion, or 20 per cent in a single year. **How and where** will these savings be made? To what extent will key bilateral partners, such as PNG and **Indonesia**, be protected – and which countries and regions will experience the brunt of the cuts? Will multilateral and NGO allocations be protected, or savaged? Which sectors will be cut? Will humanitarian aid again be compressed?

All will be revealed in the 2015-16 budget. It might not be pleasant, but will be perhaps the most important budget ever for aid.

Join us at the Development Policy Centre the morning after the 2015-16 budget for the third annual aid budget breakfast. For those who cannot make it to Canberra, we will be broadcasting a video livestream on the web.

Speakers include:

- Professor Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre, and colleagues, who will discuss aid volumes, allocations and policies.
- Dr Anthony Swan, Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre, who will analyse the macro and fiscal context of the budget.
- Dr Julia Newton-Howes AM, CEO of CARE Australia, and Ms Jacqui De Lacy, General Manager for Global Strategy at Abt JTA, who will provide commentary on what the budget may mean for NGOs and other members of the Australian development community.

The event and livestream begin at 9am AEST, Wednesday 13 May.

[Access the web livestream here.](#)

If you are planning to attend in person, **please register**—this is always one of our most popular events of the year, and spots fill up fast.

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