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Australian aid budget forum and coverage

by Ashlee Betteridge 13 May 2015

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- Australian aid: the way we were by Stephen Howes
- The same, the bad, and the ugly: country allocations in the 2015-16 budget by Matthew Dornan
- Requiem for Australia's aid program in Africa by Joel Negin
- Flaws in the glass: allocation quirks in the 2015-16 Australian aid budget by Robin Davies
- Beyond country programs in the 2015-16 aid budget: losers, non-losers, and a winner by Jonathan Pryke, Camilla Burkot and Stephen Howes
- The mysterious case of the vanishing budget emergency by Anthony Swan
- In Brief: Julie Bishop on the aid cuts: "fair and appropriate" by Ashlee Betteridge

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