



## Newsletter: Aid cuts analysis | 2015 Pacific Update | Ravallion on global inequality and poverty

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### **Aid budget 2015**

It was probably the most important budget ever for aid. Certainly the biggest cuts, and the biggest restructuring of the aid program in a single budget.

It certainly gave us a lot to talk about at our livestreamed annual breakfast aid forum the morning after the budget. If you missed it and want to catch up, the video is available [here](#), presentations [here](#) and a podcast [here](#).

You can read all our analysis [here](#): the way the cuts fell across [countries](#) and [organisations](#); the [logic](#) of the cuts, and its limits; the end of [aid to Africa](#); the [macroeconomic context](#); and the [implications for equity](#).

### **2015 Pacific Update: call for papers**

The Development Policy Centre, Asian Development Bank, and University of the South Pacific (School of Economics) are pleased to announce that the [2015 Pacific Update](#) will be held on 15-17 July 2015, at the University of the South Pacific (USP), Laucala Campus, Suva, Fiji.

A [call for papers](#) [pdf] is currently open, with abstracts due by 31 May.

### **Dr Martin Ravallion on global inequality and poverty**

Dr Martin Ravallion, formerly World Bank Research Director and now at Georgetown University, will be [speaking](#) on the topic of 'Global inequality: are the world's poorest being left behind?' in an event on 9 June (5.30pm-6.30pm, Crawford School). In his lecture, he will show there has been remarkably little progress in raising the world's consumption floor over the last 30 years, despite economic growth and greater social safety net coverage.

[Register here.](#)

Dr Ravallion will also be speaking at the [5th ACFID University Network Conference](#) and at the [Australasian Development Economics Workshop](#), both at Monash University next month.

## Upcoming events

*Global inequality: are the world's poorest being left behind?*

Dr Martin Ravallion. Tuesday 9 June, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. [Register here.](#)

*2015 PNG Update*

18-19 June, University of Papua New Guinea. [Details here.](#)

*2015 Pacific Update*

15-17 July, University of the South Pacific, Suva. [Details here.](#)

## Blog highlights

A [round-up](#) of our budget coverage

[Anthony Clunies-Ross: a remarkable Australian](#)

[Australian aid exceptionalism](#)

[Was DFAT the only winner in last week's aid budget?](#)

## On the blog

[PNG's foreign workforce is increasingly blue-collar](#) by Carmen Voigt-Graf

[Anthony Clunies-Ross: contributor to the common good](#) by Ross Garnaut and John Langmore

[Financing for development: this year's big debate](#) by Matthew Morris

[The mysterious case of the vanishing budget emergency](#) by Anthony Swan

[Beyond country programs in the 2015-16 aid budget: losers, non-losers, and a winner](#)

by Jonathan Pryke, Camilla Burkot and Stephen Howes

[Flaws in the glass: allocation quirks in the 2015-16 Australian aid budget](#) by Robin Davies

[Requiem for Australia's aid program in Africa](#) by Joel Negin

[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

[PNG's March monetary statement: the good, the bad, and the unclear](#) by Paul Flanagan

[Aid to PNG: a long game](#) by Stuart Schaefer

## **In brief**

[Weekend links: Malawi, PNG, graduating from poverty, remittances, hazard pay for Ebola workers, and the legacy of slavery](#)

[Violence in South Pacific has intergenerational impact: UNICEF report](#)

[Julie Bishop on the aid cuts: “fair and appropriate”](#)

[Powerful talk on family violence in Timor-Leste](#)

[Weekend links: TED talks, mobile coverage, NGOs in conflict, lotteries as HIV prevention, South Sudan, and more](#)

[2015 Pacific Update](#)

[Australian aid budget forum and coverage](#)

[Executions haven't changed opinions on Indonesia aid: poll](#)

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