



# Transparency Charter

## Australian Aid Program

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The Australian public and the recipients of Australian aid have a right to know that Australian aid funds are spent effectively, achieve real results and help people to overcome poverty.

With good information, taxpayers and aid recipients can hold governments accountable and the risk of corruption is reduced. The Australian Government is committed to improving the transparency of the Australian aid program.

### To give effect to this commitment AusAID will:

Be transparent and open about Australia's international development programs.

Publish detailed information on AusAID's work - our policies, plans, processes, and the results of Australian aid activities and our evaluations and research - on AusAID's website to explain where Australia's money is spent and its impact on reducing poverty.

Publish this information in a timely fashion and in a format that is useful and accessible.

Welcome public feedback to help us further improve the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the aid program and achieve better value for money.

Allow anyone to re-use our information when AusAID is the source, provided AusAID is acknowledged.

### AusAID will implement our Charter immediately by:

Regularly updating information and data about AusAID country program activities – including expenditure, results and annual performance reports, within more comprehensive webpages.

Fully participating in the International Aid Transparency Initiative that provides data for comparison and critical analysis of aid program results.

Publishing local language summaries of Australian aid programs in local media and on the webpages for Australia's major aid programs.

Publishing annual targets for improvement of transparency in the aid program.

Increasing the number of documents published in AusAID's Information Publication Scheme.

Welcoming public feedback on this Charter and our performance against it.