



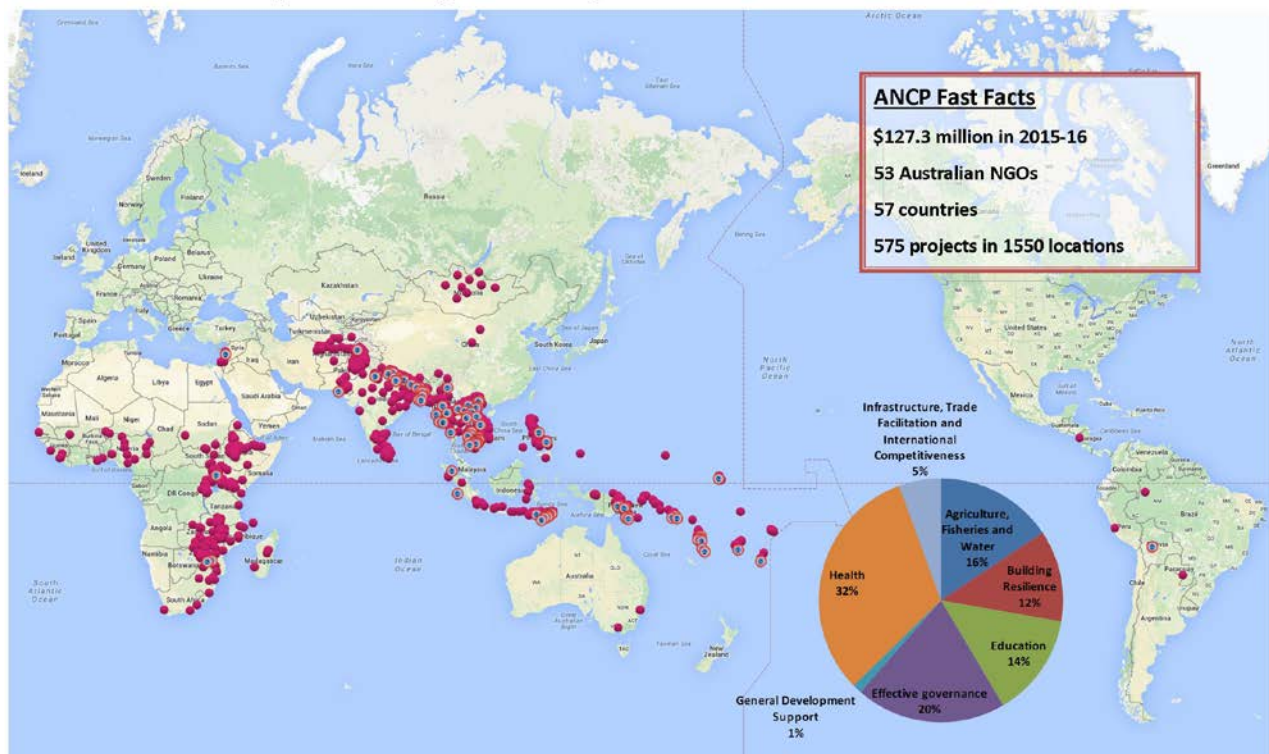
The Australian NGO Cooperation Program

Fact Sheet

What is the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP)?

The ANCP is DFAT's largest single support mechanism for accredited Australian non-government organisations (NGOs). It is an annual grants program that provides funding to accredited Australian NGOs working with communities to deliver projects in developing countries across a range of sectors, including education, health, water and sanitation, governance and economic development.

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Key ANCP Points

- The ANCP is the Government's longest running funding program for NGOs, introduced in 1974.
- In 2014-15, the ANCP reached 19.2 million people with 85% of projects addressing gender issues; 61% addressing disability inclusion; and 28% involving private sector engagement.
- The ANCP leverages NGO's community support by requiring them to commit \$1 for every \$5 in DFAT funding. However, NGOs have been able to provide greater matched funding; including funding from private sector donors, with the actual ratio closer to 1 to 4.
- The ANCP is a flexible program that extends the reach of the aid program, including through public diplomacy opportunities; it is highly aligned with aid program goals and produces significant results.

Global Results of ANCP in 2014-15

- 7.8 million people were provided with integrated community approaches to health and wellbeing.
- 2.6 million people have greater awareness of gender equality, women's equal rights and issues related to violence against women
- 2.5 million people gained increased knowledge of hygiene practices.
- 1.7 million people gained improved access to essential medicines and health commodities including HIV treatment.
- 1.6 million people exposed to awareness raising campaigns/activities in communities highlighting issues of violence against women including harmful cultural practices
- 1.3 million people were provided with health prevention services.
- 960 thousand people gained access to financial services.

Evaluation of the ANCP by the Office of Development Effectiveness

An independent evaluation of the ANCP by the Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) in 2014-15 confirmed the ANCP is a successful and highly valued program. The ANCP provides considerable value for money, particularly in the way the program is leveraged to access to other resources, including support from the Australian public.

The ODE evaluation is available at: <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/publications/Pages/evaluation-of-the-australian-ngo-cooperation-program.aspx>

How are ANCP grants awarded, managed and monitored?

Accreditation

Australian NGOs funded under the ANCP must pass a rigorous accreditation process that assesses an NGO's governance, program management capacity, partner management, links with and support from the Australian public, and risk management. Accreditation is carried out by a team of independent assessors and may take up to nine months to complete. To maintain accreditation, NGOs must be re-accredited every five years, and be available for spot checks and a rolling program of audits in the intervening period.

ANCP Partnerships

Under the ANCP, DFAT has a Partnership with ten of Australia's largest development NGOs (World Vision Australia, Oxfam Australia, Caritas Australia, PLAN International Australia, ChildFund Australia, CBM Australia, CARE Australia, TEAR Australia, The Fred Hollows Foundation and Save the Children Australia). ANCP NGO Partners play an enhanced role in policy dialogue and engagement in the aid program, due to the scope and scale of their networks and expertise.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The ANCP Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework (MELF) provides the evidence base to demonstrate the effectiveness of the ANCP in achieving results in poverty reduction.

The MELF consists of common reporting formats, biennial meta-evaluations, alternate biennial thematic reviews and an annual program of in-country visits.

More information

For queries about the ANCP, please email: ancp@dfat.gov.au
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