



THE AUSTRALIAN NGO COOPERATION PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE ANCP?

The ANCP is a unique global program and is DFAT’s largest single support mechanism for Australian non-government organisations (NGOs). Established in 1974, the ANCP supports accredited Australian NGOs through annual grants to implement their own projects and strategic priorities, consistent with the goals of the Australian aid program. Accredited Australian NGOs are required to co-fund their community development projects, and in any given year, ANCP NGOs deliver more than 400 projects in over 50 countries, in a range of sectors including education, health, water and sanitation, food security and civil society strengthening. The program is managed by the NGO Programs, Performance & Quality Section (NPQ) within DFAT.

ANCP IN 2019-20



\$132.5 million
Additional \$35.6 (27%)
million from NGO
contributions



57 Accredited Australian
NGOs working with over
2,000 local partners



Over 18 million people
expected to benefit



427 projects
57 countries
81% projects in
Indo-Pacific



2019-20 ANCP project locations





ANCP GLOBAL RESULTS FOR 2017-18¹

- 11.7 million people benefitted from integrated community approaches to health and wellbeing (49.7 per cent women and girls, 0.5 per cent people with disabilities)
- 10.5 million people received increased access to essential medicines and health commodities including HIV treatment (49.5 per cent women and girls, 0.1 per cent people with disabilities)
- 2.9 million people increased hygiene practices (51 per cent women and girls and 0.2 per cent people with disabilities)
- 521,784 adults and children participated in preventative and awareness raising activities related to child protection (53.5 per cent women and girls and 1.2 per cent people with disabilities)
- 300,778 people were exposed to awareness raising campaigns/activities highlighting climate change and environmental issues (51.8 per cent women and girls and 1.3 per cent people with disabilities)
- 15,536 births were attended by a skilled birth attendant



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 renewed every five years and is carried out by a team of independent assessors. Spot checks and a rolling program of audits provide coverage in the intervening period.

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

The ANCP principles of engagement aim to maintain the long-standing relationship, policy dialogue and shared learning between DFAT and NGOs. They apply to all current and future ANCP participants from smaller NGOs with base accreditation receiving \$150,000 per year through to large, international NGOs receiving several million dollars per year. The principles are based on DFAT's NGO Engagement framework: DFAT and NGOs: Effective Development Partners and were agreed on by NGOs in 2017. The four main principles include:

- transparency: open communication and dialogue;
- mutual accountability for results;
- continuous improvement: shared learning, collaboration and innovation; and
- respect for independence.

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.

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.

MORE INFORMATION

For queries about the ANCP, please email: ancp@dfat.gov.au or visit the [ANCP webpage](#)

For more information about DFAT working with NGOs, please email: ngoengagement@dfat.gov.au

¹ ANCP Global Results for 2018-19 will be available in October 2019

