



## Scope of Initiative Better Governance and Leadership

The *Better Governance and Leadership* initiative aims to increase the participation of citizens in decisions that affect their lives and promote ethical and effective leadership in the Pacific. The major components of the initiative are:

1. A Pacific Leadership Program to promote leadership, good governance and accountability through new links with the public and private sector, civil society, churches, women and youth.
2. New investments in civic education and the media to increase citizens' knowledge and expectations of government so they demand better performance.
3. New investments in Government Accountability to work with civil society, churches, and directly with communities to call for increased transparency, accountability and service delivery performance.

The initial *Better Governance and Leadership* initiative investment will be \$41 million over two years. This comprises additional funding of \$16.6 million in 2007-08 and \$24.4 million in 2008-09.

As part of this investment, AusAID will undertake a range of activities to address priorities identified in key partner countries or through key partner organisations. Major activities planned include:

<b>Philippines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased understanding and participation of youth, women and the media in community and peace building in Mindanao.</li> <li>• Increased community involvement in government accountability for education service delivery, assessing the transparency and quality of local services.</li> </ul>
<b>Cambodia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a new demand for good governance partnership with the World Bank, increasing community access to information and debates on good governance through support for media content and access.</li> </ul>
<b>Indonesia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing approaches to election education and monitoring with government, faith based organisations and civil society.</li> <li>• Increased community, civil society and local government partnerships promoting effective and accountable local development.</li> <li>• Effective national and provincial capacity for independent research and analysis of government policy and local development challenges.</li> </ul>
<b>East Timor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased civic education through post-election community education, more effective media, and participation in peace building and local community development with government and civil society.</li> <li>• Increased community involvement in government accountability for water and sanitation service delivery, improving the transparency and quality of local services.</li> </ul>
<b>Pacific</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a Pacific Leadership Program promoting networks within the Pacific and in Australia of ethical and effective leaders, particularly involving women and youth.</li> </ul>
<b>PNG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased community demand for government accountability through analysis and work with the media, churches and researchers on drivers of change and reform.</li> </ul>
<b>Vanuatu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased community access to information about government performance and development challenges through media and church networks.</li> </ul>
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for church-community networks and partnerships to improve government accountability.</li> </ul>

<b>Global/Regional Partnerships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New partnerships with the Australian Electoral Commission and Australian Broadcasting Commission established on electoral education and monitoring and media effectiveness.</li></ul>
<b>Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New research investments increasing scholarship on local incentives for ethical leadership in the Pacific and effective civic engagement in the Asia – Pacific.</li></ul>