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Government Partnerships for Development Facility

Briefing

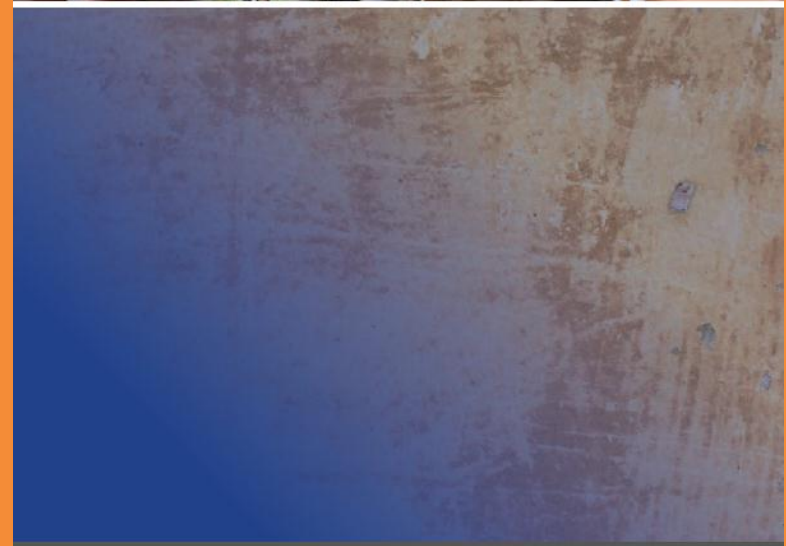
Whole of Government Branch
25 February 2013

Overall Directions in Australia's Aid

- 2010 Aid Effectiveness Review
- New Aid Policy in 2011
 - *Fundamental purpose is poverty reduction*
 - *Clarity on strategic goals*
 - *Greater accountability and transparency*

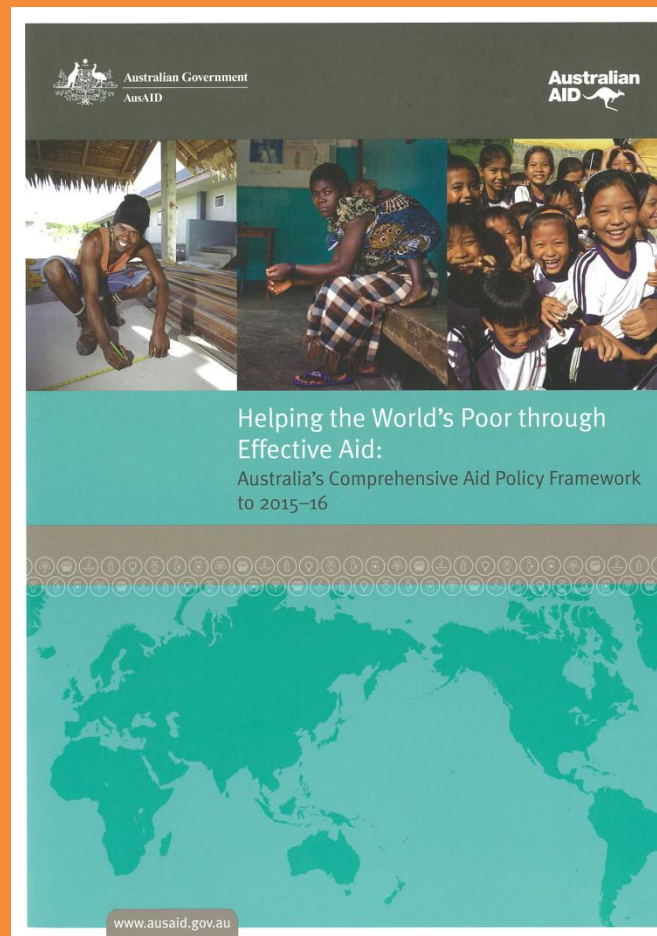


An Effective Aid Program for Australia
Making a real difference— Delivering real results



Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework - 2012

- **Indicative budget allocations to 2015-16 – allows us to have longer term funding facilities**
- **Reiterates the purpose of aid – poverty reduction**
- **Reiterates - strategic goals**
 - *Saving lives*
 - *Promoting opportunities*
 - *Sustainable economic devt*
 - *Effective governance*
 - *Humanitarian and disaster response*





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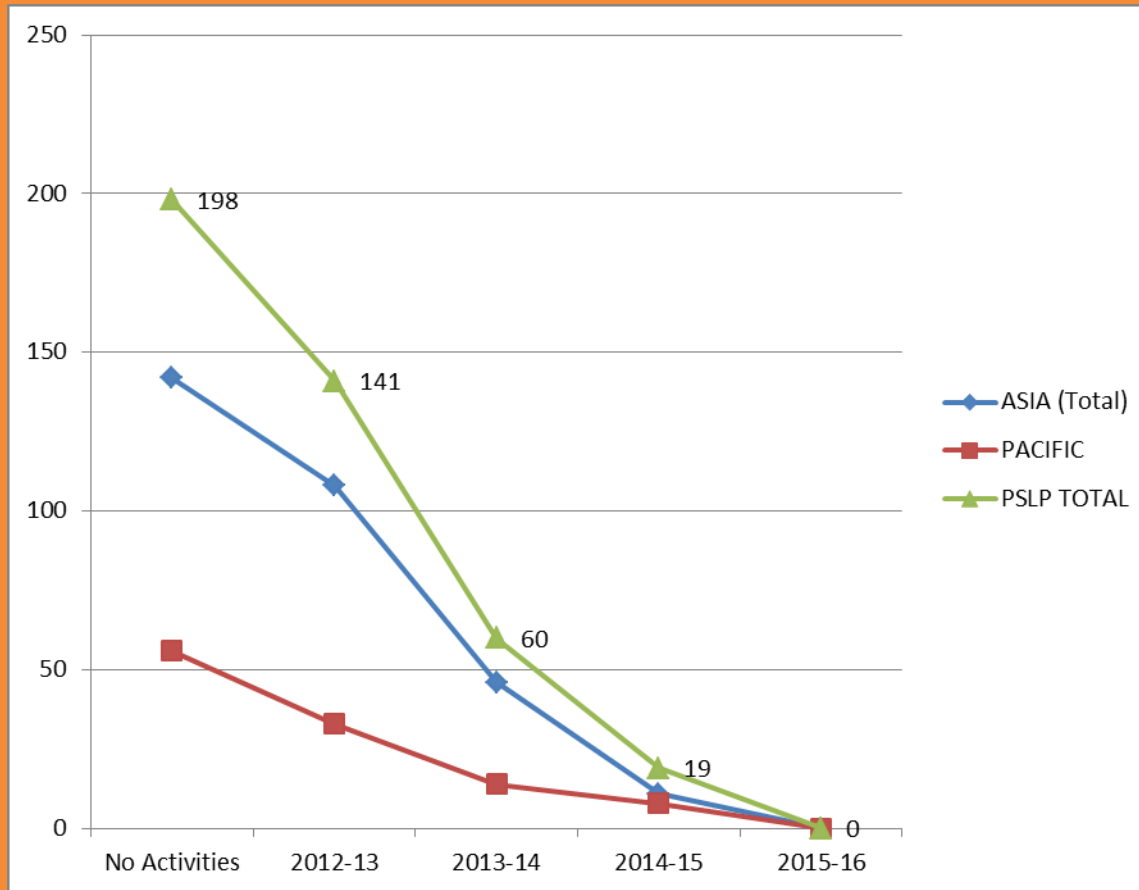
Public Sector Linkages Program

**GeoScience Australia
Risk Modelling for
Natural Hazards
Workshop**

Pacific & ASEAN countries
Brisbane, July/August 2012



PSLP Activities to 2015





PSLP Secretariat – Staffing & Strategy

- **Single PSLP Secretariat Asia, Latin America and Pacific Activities**
- **Revisions to PSLP Design, Implementation and Acquittals**
- **Integration of PSLP with GPF model**



Implementation

- **Travel advice cables**
- **Media releases, publications**
- **Variations for extensions and changes to programs**
- **Acquittals including progress and completion reports**
- **Issues management**



DSEWPaC – Strengthening World Heritage & Protected Area Governance

Participants from Solomon Islands, Vanuatu & PNG at the Pacific Asia Indigenous Tourism Conference, Darwin, March 2012





GPFD - What is it meant to do?

GPFD is designed to help achieve Australia's ODA purpose, goals and objectives by:

(1) establishing sustainable public sector to public sector linkages

- involving knowledge, expertise, skills transfer
- between Australian and ODA-recipient country public sector organisations

(2) Addressing identified development needs

(3) for the benefit of the ODA-recipient country.



GPFD Facility features

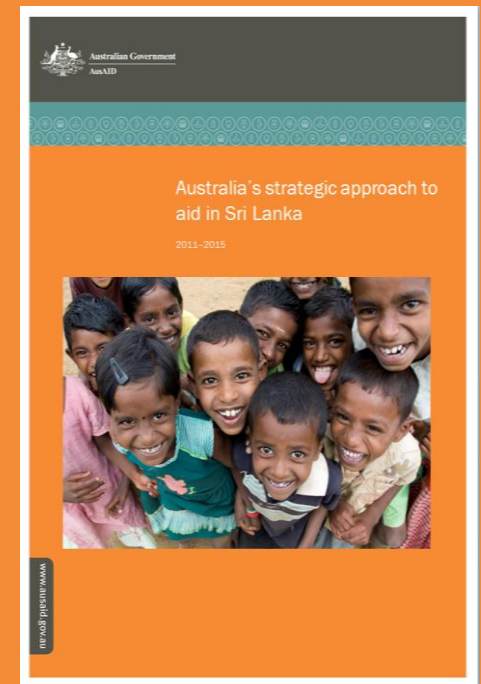
- Funding fewer, larger, longer activities/program of activities (\$1m-\$4m for 1-3 years)
- Close link to *Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework* and country and regional strategies; recognition of cross-cutting issues
- Designed to address identified development needs through public sector to public sector linkages to benefit the ODA-recipient country
- Focus on outcomes and outcome reporting
- Electronic application, approval and management (*Smartygrants*)
- Inter-government assessment panel: DESC/DEWG – concept proposal assessment and then full proposal stage for short-listed concept proposals

Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework, Country/Regional Strategies and Cross-Cutting Issues

Australia's strategic approach to aid in Sri Lanka 2011-2015

The program's key priorities include:

- (i) recovery of conflict-affected areas and provision of **essential infrastructure**
- (ii) access to **sustainable livelihoods and income** generating opportunities
- (iii) **social protection** for excluded and vulnerable people including through better access to government services.





Eligible Organisations - Designed for Sustainable Public Sector to Public Sector relationships

- Australia's public sector organisations – Commonwealth, state and territory government agencies and public universities.
- Counterpart organisations must be
 - public sector agencies of an eligible developing country ('the partner country') or
 - certain regional inter-governmental organisations operating in eligible developing countries, such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- A partner country public sector organisation cannot apply directly for GPFD funding



Eligible Activities

- Must have the economic development and welfare of the partner country as their main objective
- deliver **technical assistance and capacity building** to benefit partner countries (delivered in Australia or in-country), like:
 - institutional strengthening and/or capacity building in counterpart organisations in partner countries
 - a series of short-term training sessions or workshops
 - a program of secondments, internships and work placements
 - twinning arrangements (peer to peer exchange between professionals) over longer term agreements
 - applied policy research, or
 - joint large-scale project evaluations.
- CAPITAL PURCHASES **NOT** THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF GPFD.

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Outcomes Focused Output and Outcome Reporting

- **Links to the CAPF:**
 - **Millennium Development Goals**
 - **Strategic Goals and objectives**
 - **delivering aid efficiently and effectively**
- **Monitoring and evaluation**
 - **Facility level (AusAID Whole of Government)**
 - **Activity level (funded PSO + AusAID program areas)**
 - **Bi-annual progress reporting (end June and end December)**
 - **End of activity COMPLETION REPORT/EVALUATION**

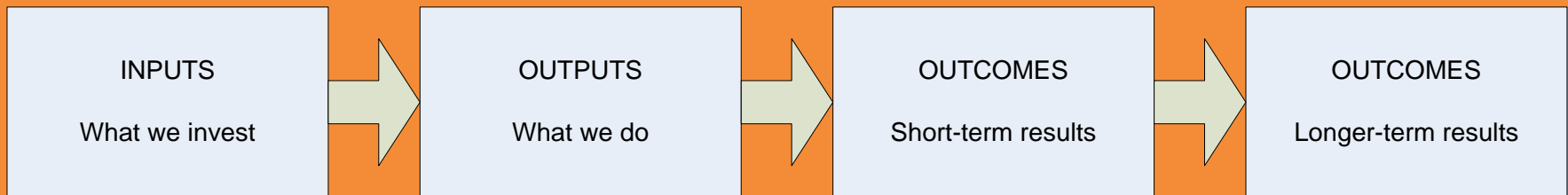
Smartygrants ©

- A web-based (online) grant management system
- Access anywhere, anytime
- Reporting functionality



Effective – clear program logic

What do we expect to achieve within the timeframe proposed (aid outcomes)



Lack of clear logic is a recurring problem in designs

Effective – risk management

Purpose / Outcomes	Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating
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	What will prevent you achieving the purpose and outcomes?	What's currently in place?	Refer to Matrix	Refer to Matrix	Refer to Matrix
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<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/Pages/ausaid-risk-matrix.aspx>

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Inclusive

- **Identify and apply relevant safeguard issues:**
 - Child Protection
 - Environmental Impact
 - Displacement and resettlement
- **Early Consideration of:**
 - Gender equality
 - Disability



Round 1 Assessment Process and Timeline

- **6 Feb – 26 March: Round 1 LAUNCH. Applicants complete CONCEPT PROPOSALS**
- **Assessment by the inter-departmental assessment panel – Development Effectiveness Working Group and Steering Committee**
- **Call for DETAILED PROPOSALS (4 week period)**
- **Assessment by the inter-departmental assessment panel – Development Effectiveness Working Group and Steering Committee**
- **Negotiation of funding agreements – aiming for early 2013-2014**

Available Funding GPFD

	2012-13 (A\$m)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Funding	-	5.0	20.0*	30.0*

* All budgets subject to confirmation and may change