Management response to recommendations

Recommendation	Response	Explanation	Action Plan	Timeframe
Recommendation 1	Agree	The ISR finding supports MAMPU's	In addition to existing planned research,	March 2019 –
Research & Communication		current focus on capturing lessons	MAMPU program management to	March 2020
That independent research is		learned and documenting partner	document innovative management and	
commissioned by DFAT or		practices and approaches to	implementation practices and share these	
MAMPU program		women's empowerment and	with other DFAT programs and	
management to examine and		gender equality in its final 18	Government of Indonesia (GOI)	
document MAMPU partner		months. This includes a large	counterparts.	
practice in context; innovative		independent study being conducted		
practices in program		by the University of Melbourne to		
implementation; and effective		capture the factors supporting		
approaches to women's		women's empowerment as a result		
empowerment and gender		of the MAMPU program in 10		
equality in the Indonesian		villages across Indonesia.		
context.				
Recommendation 2:	Agree in part	DFAT assesses that reconfiguring	DFAT and MAMPU program management,	March 2019 –
Modality		the program modality in the	in consultation with BAPPENAS, to adjust	March 2020
That consideration is given by		remaining 18 months is not	the program's monitoring, evaluation and	
BAPPENAS and DFAT to		feasible.	communication tools and approaches to	
reconfiguring MAMPU beyond			better capture and document the	
a program to a more flexible		DFAT views MAMPU's existing	outcomes of MAMPU's flexible and	
modality which better explains		approach as flexible and adaptive	adaptive approach.	
and accommodates its wide		within a programmatic frame. DFAT		
range of activities.		recognises the program could	DFAT, in consultation with BAPPENAS and	
		better communicate the complexity	other partners, to consider various	
		of this adaptive approach to various	modalities in designing any future	
		stakeholders.		

			investments in gender equality and	
			women's empowerment.	
Recommendation 3:	Agree in part	DFAT assesses that major revision	As part of ongoing monitoring, evaluation,	March –
Change Strategy		of MAMPU's Theory of Change	and learning processes, MAMPU program	December 2019
That some work be		(ToC) is not feasible in the	management to revisit the existing Theory	
undertaken by MAMPU		remaining 18 months. However, the	of Change with program partners to better	
program management and		program ToC serves as a living	understand and document how it is being	
partners, to further develop		document, which is reviewed and	applied in practice.	
the MAMPU approach to		updated regularly.	 DFAT to use insights gathered to 	
change.			inform approaches to change and	
			future design for investments in	
			women's empowerment and gender	
			equality.	
Recommendation 4:	Agree	MAMPU program management	MAMPU program management to	March 2019 -
Disability		finalised its Disability Inclusion	strengthen monitoring and evaluation to	March 2020
The ISR recommends that		Strategy in December 2018 and is	better capture disability inclusion	
MAMPU urgently implement		committed to its implementation in	outcomes for program reporting and	
its new disability inclusive		2019-20.	communications.	
strategy. Further, that				
MAMPU program				
management more clearly				
communicate program				
support for disability inclusion				
in future reporting and				
communications.				
Recommendation 5:	Agree in part	MAMPU already provides regular	As well as continuing to use existing	June – December
Expanded Space		opportunities for its partners to	mechanisms, MAMPU program	2019
That MAMPU program		come together including for partner	management to look for further	
management create additional		meetings and events on cross-	opportunities to bring civil society partners	
space for CSO partners and		cutting issues at national and sub-	together, including non-MAMPU partners,	
others to come together to		national levels.	on cross-cutting issues for the women's	
examine emerging areas of			movement.	

challenge for women's empowerment and gender equality.			DFAT to consider opportunities to facilitate further dialogue between Indonesian and international experts and partners to discuss emerging challenges for women's empowerment and gender equality in Indonesia, including as part of any future design process.	
Recommendation 6:DFAT CoordinationThat DFAT further improvecoordination between itsprograms to maximise thelearning and increase focus onvoice and participation forwomen and girls.DFAT CollaborationThat DFAT establish a systemto improve collaborationacross its programs tomaximise the learning andincrease its overalldevelopment impact forwomen and girls.	Agree in part	The ISR finding acknowledges Post's existing coordination and reporting approaches as contributing to good results on gender equality across the Indonesia development program. DFAT recognises that whilst there is support among program teams for collaboration, in practice, the number of collaborative projects is limited because programs do not specifically incentivise collaboration.	As well as continuing to use existing methods for coordination among DFAT programs, DFAT to look for further opportunities for cross-learning within available resources. DFAT to explore opportunities through new designs and contracting arrangements to include incentives and performance measures to strengthen outcomes from collaboration amongst programs. DFAT to develop a consistent and strategic approach to gender equality and women's empowerment as part of the Aid Investment Plan.	June 2019 onwards
Recommendation 7: CSO Support That DFAT develop an overall strategy for its engagement with CSO.	Agree in part	Significant strategic work is already planned or underway to support this recommendation. DFAT has commissioned a regional study on the state of civil society across South East Asia, including in Indonesia. Findings from this study,	DFAT to consider its engagement with civil society in developing the new Aid Investment Plan and future programming, including the need for a standalone CSO engagement strategy.	June 2019 – June 2020

		and other existing and planned analytical work, will inform DFAT's approach to CSO engagement and the development of the new Aid Investment Plan for Indonesia.		
Recommendation 8: Future investment That DFAT consider the following modalities for future investment in gender equality and women's empowerment in Indonesia: - a new stand-alone program - mainstreaming women's empowerment and gender equality across DFAT programs - a combined modality.	Agree		 DFAT held an internal strategic directions workshop in February 2019 which considered each of these options. The workshop examined the results from MAMPU and Peduli (a DFAT funded social inclusion program in Indonesia) strategic reviews and considered options for new investments in gender equality, social inclusion and CSO strengthening. The workshop participants agreed on key principles to inform a future design process. 	February 2019 – June 2020