

# AUSTRALIA–PHILIPPINES DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE STRATEGY 2007–11

Australia’s overarching objective is to contribute to improving the prospects for economic growth, poverty reduction and national stability in the Philippines.



ECONOMIC GROWTH	BASIC EDUCATION	NATIONAL STABILITY AND HUMAN SECURITY
<b>Objectives</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Government agencies are better able to implement transparent and efficient budgets</li> <li>&gt; Improved accountability, transparency and management of investments in transport infrastructure</li> <li>&gt; Improved economic opportunity for rural people through increases in productivity, access to markets, better infrastructure and growth of small–medium enterprises in targeted provinces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The Department of Education is better able to manage its resources to support schools and teachers</li> <li>&gt; Improved education opportunities for boys and girls in targeted areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Mindanao peace processes are reinforced through more effective participation by communities and institutions</li> <li>&gt; Enhanced basic services and livelihoods in conflict-affected communities</li> <li>&gt; Improved capability of law and justice institutions, particularly to counter threats from transnational crime, including terrorism</li> <li>&gt; Women’s and children’s health services more widely available in targeted regions</li> <li>&gt; Men and women better protected from the threat of HIV/AIDS infection</li> <li>&gt; The population is better prepared for and protected from natural disasters and an avian influenza pandemic</li> </ul>
<b>Focus</b>		
<p><b>Economic governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Advisory and systems support for performance-based and multi-year budgeting, and improved internal audit practices in national government agencies</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Financing infrastructure maintenance and upgrading in poor areas</li> <li>&gt; Supporting communities’ effective participation in monitoring infrastructure investments</li> <li>&gt; Technical and systems support for governments to plan, finance, build and maintain infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><b>Rural and business development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Supporting agricultural research, extension and improved products</li> <li>&gt; Initiatives to improve the productivity, competitiveness, and business environment for smallholders, agribusiness and small–medium enterprises, including land titling and land valuation systems</li> </ul>	<p><b>System strengthening and resource management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Advisory and systems support to roll out national programs of reform</li> <li>&gt; Assisting Islamic schools to achieve government accreditation in offering the integrated curriculum</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Constructing and/or refurbishing additional classrooms and resource centres for teachers</li> <li>&gt; Constructing community/tribal learning centres</li> </ul> <p><b>Teaching</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Training in English, science and mathematics</li> <li>&gt; Providing teaching and learning materials</li> <li>&gt; Supporting the accreditation of Muslim teachers</li> <li>&gt; Establishing a remote learning support network</li> </ul>	<p><b>Peace building, service provision and conflict prevention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Funding peace-building and conflict-prevention programs</li> <li>&gt; Training and supporting local governments, non-government organisations and communities in planning and budgeting to provide basic services and income generation</li> </ul> <p><b>Transnational crime (including terrorism)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Developing the capability of law and justice institutions, and supporting counter-terrorism, transport security and border control agencies</li> </ul> <p><b>Health and population</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Supporting family planning advocacy and education programs</li> <li>&gt; Funding improved women’s and children’s health services</li> <li>&gt; Initiatives for HIV/AIDS prevention for injecting drug users</li> </ul> <p><b>Natural disasters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Providing technical advice, equipment and training for disaster management agencies, local governments and communities</li> <li>&gt; Supplying early warning equipment</li> <li>&gt; Initiatives to improve avian influenza preparedness</li> </ul>
<b>How we will work</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Increase aid in phases, based on performance and analysis of development challenges</li> <li>&gt; Expand policy and sectoral expertise to strengthen program coherence and impact</li> <li>&gt; Collaborate with multilateral agencies and other bilateral donors to support common policy agendas</li> <li>&gt; Embed anticorruption measures throughout the program</li> <li>&gt; Balance efforts to achieve progress on the ground with engagement on policy-based impediments</li> <li>&gt; Incorporate conflict-risk management and peace-building principles in Mindanao initiatives</li> <li>&gt; Review strategy performance and relevance each year, jointly with the Philippines Government</li> </ul>		

# The Philippines

- International Boundary
- ★ National Capital
- Pan-Philippine Highway
- Road
- Rivers

