

# Australian Aid: Promoting Growth and Stability

## A WHITE PAPER ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S OVERSEAS AID PROGRAM

### Key Points from the White Paper

- 1 The White Paper sets the direction for the doubling of the Australian Government's aid budget by 2010.
- 2 The White Paper provides a strong and comprehensive framework for Australia to reach out more effectively to the Asia-Pacific region through the Government's overseas aid program.
- 3 The Australian Government's aid will be directed towards sustainable economic growth which is essential for lifting people out of poverty.
- 4 The Australian Government will assist in combating corruption and strengthening law and justice to help developing countries prosper.
- 5 The Australian Government will work with countries in the region to improve their health and education services and enable them to become more productive. Australia's aid will get more children into school, for longer and for a better quality education.
- 6 The Australian Government will mobilise a broad range of groups and individuals to increase the mix of skills and experience available to the region.
- 7 The Australian Government's aid will provide more assistance to countries which demonstrate they can help themselves.
- 8 The Australian Government will strengthen efforts to improve the effectiveness of aid.
- 9 The Australian Government will untie its aid to improve competition and value for money for the aid program.
- 10 The Australian Government will more rigorously pursue gender equality in its aid program.

# Strategic Framework for Australia's Overseas Aid Program

