



Annex 5: Partner Country Development Priorities



Pacific	
Papua New Guinea (PNG)	▪ Improve transport infrastructure by supporting the implementation of PNG's National Transport Development Plan to improve priority national roads, regional airports and ports. ▪ Faster progress towards universal basic education by supporting the implementation of PNG's National Education Plan, targeting increasing primary and elementary school enrolment rates, with a particular focus on increasing the percentage of female students. Activities will aim to raise the net enrolment rate in PNG primary schools to 70 per cent by 2015. ▪ Improving health outcomes by providing assistance for PNG to implement the National Health Strategy to meet targets on triple antigen and measles vaccinations, reducing malaria and tuberculosis rates and increasing the percentage of deliveries supervised by skilled staff. ▪ Strengthening the public service by improving public administration at national, provincial and district levels, including public financial management. ▪ Improving statistical data by developing and implementing a national statistics roadmap, consisting of household surveys, census and data collection by Government agencies. Consistent and coordinated data collection will enable development policy and program formulation to be based on sound statistics and performance reporting. Further information is available at http://www.ausaid.gov.au/country/partnership/png.cfm.

Solomon Islands	▪ Improve service delivery by strengthening public health functions so they are responsive to community health needs and support primary and secondary care. The Partnership will also investigate options for provision of new Australian assistance to the education sector. ▪ Improve economic livelihoods by working to create long-term economic opportunities and livelihood security for Solomon Islanders, particularly those living in rural areas. The partnership will support more productive and sustainable utilisation of agricultural land, forests and marine resources, and the improved operation of markets. ▪ Improve economic infrastructure to facilitate market access and service delivery by increasing access to reliable transport, energy and telecommunication services. ▪ Address economic and fiscal challenges by increasing the effectiveness of public expenditure and assisting in the delivery of broad-based economic growth. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov.au/country/partnership/solomon.cfm.
Vanuatu	▪ Support increased access and quality of education for boys and girls and equip them with relevant skills and knowledge. ▪ Strengthen health services and accelerate progress towards health-related Millennium Development Goals. ▪ Develop essential infrastructure to support economic growth and service delivery. ▪ Progress reform on economic governance. ▪ Address equality of opportunity for all men and women and include the needs and priorities of people with disability in development activities. ▪ Improve law and justice. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov.au/country/partnership/vanuatu.cfm.
Samoa	▪ Governance and Economic Stability - the Partnership for Development will enable Samoa to achieve its goals of sustained and macroeconomic stability and improved governance ▪ Education - the Partnership will support Samoa's ambition to achieve and move beyond MDG targets to address better quality and more equitable education for all. ▪ Health – the Partnership will enable Samoa to provide better quality and more equitable health services to the people of Samoa. ▪ Law and Justice – the Partnership will enable Samoa to have safer communities, better access to justice and integration between the customary and formal justice systems.

	Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov/our-work/countries/partnership/samoa.
Fiji	AusAID works to provide basic services and reduce the hardship of the ordinary people of Fiji through programs to: ▪ Increase access to quality education for the poorest children, through infrastructure upgrades and financial assistance ▪ Support the delivery of health services, with a focus on maternal and child health and diabetes ▪ Improve access to export and domestic markets, and to promote the active participation of women in markets ▪ Provide services to communities through civil society organisations, including for income generation, inclusion of people with disabilities, shelter and support for vulnerable groups, early childhood education and gender equity ▪ Offer scholarships for students from Fiji, both in Fiji and in Australia ▪ Promote financial inclusion, including financial literacy, remote access to savings and remittances, and consumer protection ▪ Respond to and prepare for natural disasters Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov/our-work/countries/country.cfm?CountryID=15&Region=SouthPacific.
Tonga	▪ Improved good governance for climate change adaptation and disaster risk management (mainstreaming, decision making, organizational and institutional policy frameworks) ▪ Enhanced technical knowledge base, information, education and understanding of climate change adaptation and effective disaster risk management ▪ Analysis and assessments of vulnerability to climate change impacts and disaster risks ▪ Enhanced community preparedness and resilience to impacts of all disasters ▪ Technically reliable, economically affordable and environmentally sound energy to support the sustainable development of the Kingdom ▪ Strong partnerships, cooperation and collaboration within government agencies and with Civil Societies, Non Government Organisations and the Private Sectors Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov/our-work/countries/partnership/tonga.
Kiribati	▪ Improve basic education by supporting efforts to achieve better access to and quality of education in primary and junior secondary schools. ▪ Develop workforce skills in areas of industry demand both domestically and abroad to decrease youth unemployment in Tarawa and the outer islands.

	▪ Improve growth and economic management by supporting reforms that improve public financial management, increase government revenues, reduce the cost of public enterprises and improve service delivery including through delivery by the private sector. Further information is available at http://www.aisaid.gov.au/country/partnership/kiribati.cfm.
Nauru	▪ Improve education outcomes by upgrading the quality of and access to primary, secondary and relevant tertiary, technical and vocational education services. ▪ Promote cost-effective maintenance and provision of essential infrastructure and services. ▪ Improve health outcomes by strengthening management and addressing non-communicable diseases, sexually transmitted infections and maternal and child health. ▪ Develop a more efficient and accountable public sector by providing assistance with economic, finance and public sector reforms. This will also include support to state owned enterprise reform and statistics collection. ▪ Increase private sector growth through regional trade liberalisation and economic integration arrangements, manage revenue in the phosphate and fisheries sectors, stimulate development of small and medium enterprises and enhance access to appropriately regulated and credible financial and insurance services. Further information is available at http://www.aisaid.gov.au/country/partnership/kiribati.cfm.
Tuvalu	▪ Economic Growth and Stability (focus on economic governance) ▪ Education and Human Resources Development and ▪ Environment and Climate Change Further information is available at http://www.aisaid.gov.au/country/partnership/tuvalu.cfm.
Cook Islands	Australia's development assistance to the Cook Islands is delivered by New Zealand through a delegated cooperation program agreed between the Governments of the Cooks Islands, New Zealand and Australia. The harmonised program targets improvements in economic growth, infrastructure, service delivery and governance. Further information is available at http://www.aisaid.gov.au/country/country.cfm?CountryID=27&Region=SouthPacific.
Niue	Australia's development programs to Niue promote social and economic development through contributions to the Niue International Trust Fund and support human resource development through targeted scholarships and technical assistance. Australia's development assistance to Niue is closely aligned to the New Zealand aid program. Further information is available at http://www.aisaid.gov.au/country/country.cfm?CountryID=2004491&Region=So

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Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)	▪ Financial stability and economic development, with an emphasis on tax reform elements. ▪ Environmental management, with an emphasis on legislation and legal reform. ▪ Coordination of development assistance. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov/country/country.cfm?CountryID=6229561&Region=SouthPacific.
Republic of the Marshall Islands	▪ The provision of affordable, accessible and sustainable energy. ▪ The provision of affordable, accessible and sustainable water. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov/country/country.cfm?CountryID=29363581&Region=SouthPacific.
Republic of Palau	▪ Improving education by improving the competency and quality of the teaching workforce. ▪ Supporting involvement in the competency and skills base of health sector workers. ▪ Improving budget planning and management. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov/country/country.cfm?CountryID=93352216&Region=SouthPacific.

South East Asia	
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East Timor	▪ Strengthening basic health and education service delivery, including a special focus on maternal and child health. ▪ Increasing employment by: - increasing agricultural productivity; - improving infrastructure, including through labour intensive initiatives; - promoting vocational education; and - promoting private sector development, including through enhancing access to microfinance. ▪ Improving government accountability, transparency and integrity. ▪ Building the foundations of a safer community. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov/publications/pubout.cfm?ID=5025_7657_2868_711_6861.

Vietnam	1. Human resource development 2. Economic integration 3. Environmental sustainability ▪ Increase rural access to clean water and hygienic sanitation. ▪ Advance climate change adaptation (including building community resilience to climate-related disasters) and mitigation. ▪ Develop more sustainable and resilient systems in agriculture, forestry and fisheries. AusAID's climate change engagement in Vietnam will focus on the following pillars: i) Building Community Resilience ii) Enabling Adaptation Planning iii) Supporting low-carbon growth Vietnam's Climate Change Action Grants will primarily support the first pillar but will also have the potential to contribute to the other two. Building Community Resilience: Australia's climate change assistance will focus at the community level to strengthen people's ability to respond and adapt to climate change. This will include support for disaster risk reduction in recognition that working with communities on the immediate threat of climate-related disasters will also build resilience for climate change adaptation. Work in this area will be aligned with the Government of Vietnam's implementation of the national Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) program. Building community resilience will also look at the application of low-carbon technologies in the promotion of rural livelihoods. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov.au/publications/pdf/strat-approach-vietnam-2010-15.pdf.
Philippines	▪ Improve Basic Education; ▪ Support Economic Growth and Infrastructure; ▪ Promote National Stability and Human Security; - Enhance disaster response capabilities to provide better protection from natural disasters, climate change and emergencies. - Enhance the capacity of government and communities in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, including increasing resilience of vulnerable communities. Further information is available at http://www.usaid.gov.au/country/country.cfm?CountryID=31&Region=EastAsia