



# Australian Volunteers

for International Development

Australian Volunteers for International Development are an important part of Australia's aid program. Australian volunteers contribute their knowledge, skills, time and goodwill to making a difference to the lives of people in developing countries. The goal of the program is to promote economic growth and poverty reduction in Australia's partner countries by assisting host organisations to deliver effective and sustainable development outcomes.

During 2013-14, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Australia, and at more than 30 Posts overseas, worked in partnership with the three Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) delivery partners – Australian Red Cross, Australian Volunteers International and Scope Global – to successfully implement the AVID program, and to mobilise, manage and support volunteers.



Grant Sim (centre) training students in woodworking and carpentry at the Forest Industries Training Institute in Tanzania to improve their opportunities for employment  
Credit: Matthew Willman



As a plant pathologist with the Champasak Provincial Crop Disease Diagnostics Laboratory in Laos, Australian volunteer Dr Kylie Ireland's (second from left) research into crop disease diagnostics includes meeting with local market sellers  
Credit: Scope Global



Australian volunteer and emergency physician, Dr Rosanne Skalicky-Klein (far right), mentoring new emergency care graduates, Dr Khine Shwe Wah and Dr Khin Sanmoe, at Rangoon General Hospital, Burma  
Credit: Harjono Djoyobisono/  
Australian Volunteers International



Ambulance paramedic, Jeremy Smith, has been on an Australian volunteer assignment with staff at the Mongolia Red Cross to improve its first aid training program. Here he demonstrates a bandaging technique on a patient for his colleague, Ms Naranhuu, from Mongolia Red Cross.  
Credit: Australian Red Cross/Mareike Guensche

# AVID in 2013-14

Total number of volunteers

# 2006

**1007** commenced new assignments

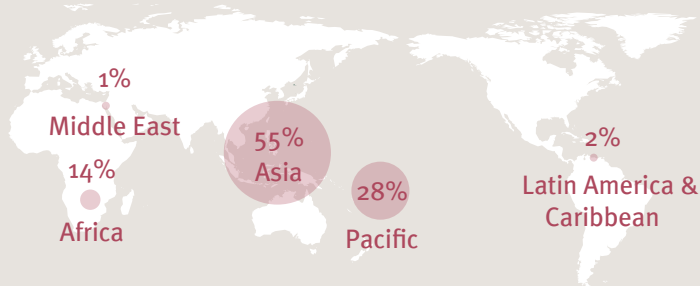
**999** continued assignments from the previous year

Total expenditure on the AVID program

# A\$55M

## Where they went

83% of volunteers were in the Indo-Pacific



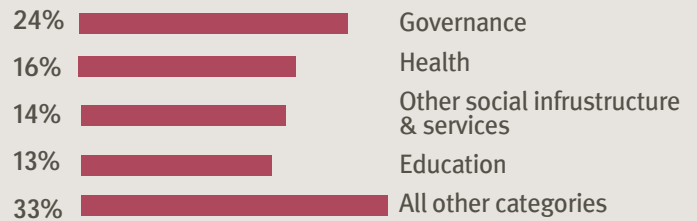
Countries which received the most volunteers: Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Timor-Leste and Fiji

## Average length of assignment

**13**  
MONTHS



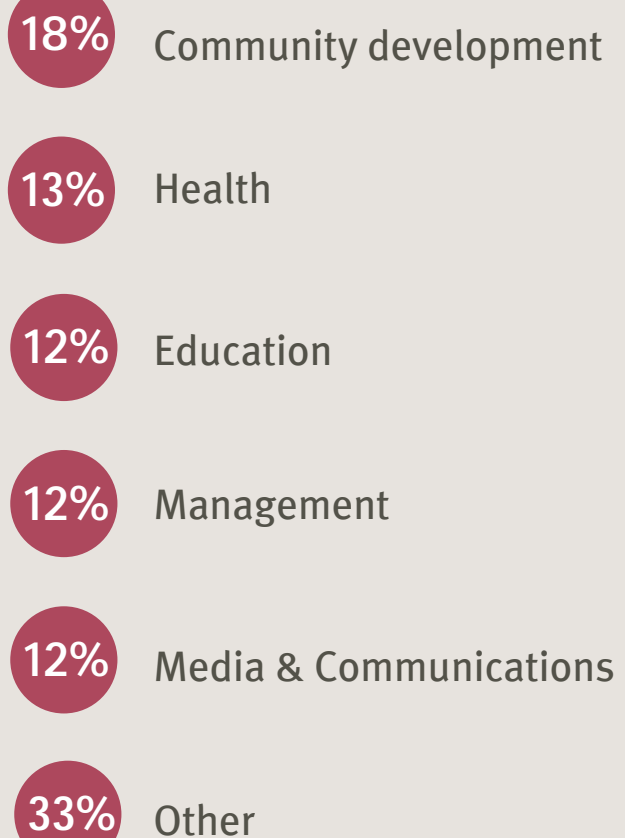
## Key assignment areas



Number of organisations which hosted a volunteer

# 1369

## Common areas of volunteer expertise



**38** Average age of Australian volunteers