

Mid-term review of the AusAID strategy:

Development for All - Towards a disability-inclusive Australian aid program 2009 -2014

Consultation paper for the first stage

Call for public submissions

AusAID has commissioned a mid-term review of its strategy for disability-inclusive development. The strategy runs until 2014 and the purpose of this review is to identify what has been achieved so far and to provide information to improve and refine the work undertaken under the strategy for the remaining years and beyond.

AusAID want to have a wide consultation process for the mid-term review and will hold public consultations in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra. In addition they are calling for submissions from interested organisations and individuals to contribute to the breadth of thinking and consideration in the review.

Submissions should be presented in a word document and sent to midtermreview@ausaid.gov.au. The email address for receipt of submissions will be managed by AusAID, however all submissions will be provided directly to the review team which will treat them confidentially. Submissions will not be published without prior permission.

All views are welcome and the review team will consider all submissions, however attention to the key questions of the mid-term review would be of particular value:

1. The extent to which progress has been made towards achieving planned outcomes;¹
2. The key success factors, lessons learned and shortcomings in the implementation of the Strategy;
3. The extent to which AusAID policy and practice has adhered to the guiding principles under the Strategy;²
4. The continuing relevance and appropriateness of the Strategy to the changing development context;

¹ The strategy focuses on achieving three core outcomes:

1. improved quality of life for people with disability
2. reduced preventable impairments
3. effective leadership on disability and development

And two enabling outcomes:

4. AusAID skilled and confident in disability-inclusive development
5. improved understanding of disability and development

² The principles include:

- active central role by people with disability
- recognize and respect rights
- respect and understand diversity
- take into account the interaction of gender and disability
- focus on children
- support people to people links and promote partnerships

5. The extent to which AusAID policy development and implementation has influenced the international agenda;
6. The extent to which AusAID policy and implementation has been in line with and/or has furthered the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
7. Other views and considerations which are of relevance to the ongoing work under the Strategy.