

Independent Evaluation of Australia Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health (AIPMNH)
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE AND LEARNING AND DISSEMINATION PLAN

Aid Activity Objective

The short-term objective of the program (3-5 years) is that selected provincial and district governments have mechanisms in place to manage national, local and donor resources to achieve national target levels for the priority 'Making Pregnancy Safer' (MPS) indicators. MPS is the Ministry of Health's strategy to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and to progressively achieve Millennium Development Goal targets for maternal and child health.

Aid Activity Summary

Aid Activity Name	Australia and Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health (AIPMNH)		
AidWorks initiative number	ING 821		
Commencement date	19 January 2009	Completion date	30 June 2011
Total Australian \$	\$32,306,744		
Total other \$	\$0		
Delivery organisation(s)	Coffey International Development in consortium with Nossal Institute and GTZ		
Implementing Partner(s)	Ministry of Health, Bappenas, NTT Bappeda, NTT Provincial Health Office, Bappeda in 14 districts, DHO in 14 districts, Family Planning, Community Empowerment, Women's Empowerment at NTT province and 14 districts		
Country/Region	Indonesia		
Primary Sector	Health		

Independent Evaluation Summary

Evaluation Objective: The evaluation was commissioned to assess: 1) to what extent have Australia Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health (AIPMNH) program objectives and outcomes been achieved; 2) how effectively is the partnership model working; 3) how relevant is the program model in the context of the likely future needs of Government of Indonesia and Government of Australia's policy; 4) how might this program be improved to meet the future needs of Government of Indonesia and Government of Australia policy.

Evaluation Completion Date: In-country mission completed November 2010. Final report submitted February 2011.

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Management Response

Overall, the report is comprehensive and of very good quality. Issues are properly analysed and supported by references to information sources and evidence.

AusAID agrees with all but one of the recommendations. Several of the findings of the Independent Progress Report (IPR) have confirmed the views of the Jakarta health sector team.

AusAID partially agrees with the IPR Team's recommendation (p 24-25 in the report), that a single national level governance arrangement (Performance Review Committee) between AusAID and the Government of Indonesia be established for all health partnership work, in order to facilitate the efficient involvement of the most relevant senior government officials, with each individual program having its own technical working group that provides the partners with a forum to discuss and resolve specific program matters.

A single national level governance arrangement between AusAID and Government of Indonesia has the potential to raise the program's profile to a higher level (i.e. nationally) and facilitate more efficient involvement of senior government officials. However we believe the Health System Strengthening (HSS) program, currently being designed, is the more feasible program to establish this overarching governance arrangement in the future.