AusAID Response to the Recommendations of Metaevaluation of NGO Evaluations conducted under ANCP

(as of 19 December 2006)

Recommendation 1. Organisations receiving ANCP subsidies be required to provide a copy of this report to anyone tasked with organising or carrying out future evaluative exercises; including both internal staff and external contractors.

Recommendation 1: Accepted

Recommendation 2. ACFID (Australian Council For International Development) be asked to provide copy of this report to anyone commissioned by them to provide collective monitoring and evaluation training to the NGO community, so that it may be used to help prioritise content of such training.

Recommendation 2: Accepted

Recommendation 3. AusAID include in the Terms of Reference of the next ANCP metaevaluation a requirement to consider whether improvement has been made in regard the 8 key quality issues identified in this report. **Recommendation 3: Accepted**

Recommendation 4. AusAID clarify what it means by 'evaluation', particularly in regard to the distinction between 'monitoring' and 'evaluation' (consideration may be given to using the specific suggestions made in section 5.3.1 of the Report).

Recommendation 4: On Hold, awaiting further discussion.

Recommendation 5. AusAID require that the names of all reports produced through evaluation expenditure be provided in 'Significant Outputs' sections of ADPlan Reports.

Recommendation 5: AusAID modified all ANCP templates in 2006. As a result this recommendation has already been addressed.

Recommendation 6. AusAID consider simplifying the process for rolling over unused evaluation funds to future years (including options for NGOs receiving greater than \$200 000 p.a.), and establishing a modest (\$50,000-\$100,000) 'major evaluation fund' (external to ADPlans), from which NGOs receiving a low level of ANCP subsidy can occasionally draw to conduct major evaluative exercises.

Recommendation 6: On Hold, awaiting further discussion.