

## Independent Evaluation of Nias Reconstruction Fund (NRF)

### MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

#### Aid Activity Objective

The **goal** of the Nias Reconstruction Fund (NRF) was to contribute to the development of the South Nias District following the December 2004 tsunami and March 2005 earthquake.

The Objective of the NRF was to make community infrastructure development responsive to community livelihoods in the following three areas:

- (i) Increasing the availability of small-scale community infrastructure through providing small-scale infrastructure, manuals and guidelines and developing operations and maintenance plans and schedules for community infrastructure;
- (ii) Increasing community capacity for small-scale infrastructure development through community engagement strengthening (e.g. forming village management committees, training of village leaders and cadres); and
- (iii) Restoring sub-district government infrastructure/facilities such as sub-district office buildings and appropriately equipping sub-district offices.

This management response is with regard to the Nias Reconstruction Program (NRP) which was the major contract under the NRF.

#### Aid Activity Summary

Aid Activity Name	Nias Reconstruction Fund		
AidWorks initiative number	ING 420		
Commencement date	20 February 2006	Completion date	31 December 2009
Total Australian \$	\$9,750,000.00		
Total other \$	\$0		
Delivery organisation(s)	Coffey International Development Pty Ltd		
Implementing Partner(s)	The Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency for Aceh and Nias (BRR)		
Country/Region	Indonesia		
Primary Sector	Infrastructure		

#### Independent Evaluation Summary

The evaluation was tasked to answer the following questions:

- Was the program designed to the highest technical quality, based on sound analysis and learning?
- To what degree did the program achieve its objectives, and how well did they contribute to higher level objectives in program strategy?
- To what degree did the program incorporate gender, fragility, anti corruption and vulnerability into its design and implementation?
- How robust was the performance assessment system to measure ongoing achievement of objectives and results?

- What judgements can be made regarding cost, timeliness and quality of building construction and also cross-cutting themes, such as gender equality, partnerships and anti-corruption?
- Were there any unplanned impacts or outcomes (positive or negative)?

**Evaluation Completion Date:** The in-country mission was completed in August 2009. The final report was submitted in December 2009.

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## **Management Response**

AusAID accepts the ICR as a good quality, well informed and important document that can also inform and benefit other donors involved in the reconstruction of Nias. The ICR team interviewed stakeholders and conducted spot checks on civil works. The report rated the implementation of NRP as satisfactory.

The evaluation team identified defects in some construction works (for example water connections and office construction). As a result AusAID and the contractor undertook the required rectification of works and shared the rectification costs. AusAID contributed AUD 32,811 and Coffey contributed AUD17,855 to the rectification costs.

AusAID agreed with the recommendation to encourage sustainability of its investment carried out through the NRF by encouraging the governments involved to link with the new UNDP Nias Island Transition Project. However, due to the closure of the program, AusAID assisted other donors and the local government in contacting the AusAID-funded Indonesia Infrastructure Initiative (IndII) for further assistance in capacity building and infrastructure needs though to date no additional activities have been requested through IndII. The linkage with the ISP3 was established but ultimately the ISP3 worked with Kabupaten Aceh Barat as its pilot Kabupaten and was not engaged in South Nias.