



Australia's *Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework* to 2015-16

John Morley

First Secretary (Environment & Climate Change)
Development Cooperation Section
Australian High Commission Suva



Background

- > 2011 – new aid policy *An Effective Aid for Australia: Making a real difference-Delivering real results*
- > 2012 – Foreign aid target: to reach 0.5 per cent of gross national income (GNI) by 2015-16.
- > The aid budget predicted to go from \$4.8 billion in 2011-12 to around \$7.7 billion by 2015-16.
- > Development of the *Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework (CAPF)*



What is CAPF?

Three main components:

- Aid allocation criteria
- Growth targets for 2015-16 / budget strategy
 - (At regional level and for major countries)
- Results framework

Two main documents:

- November 2011 cabinet submission (detailed)
- May 2012 publication (summary)



CAPF: Four year budget allocation to 2015 subject to:

- > Partner governments and organisations meeting their commitments under partnership arrangements with Australia
- > Annual review of performance of the aid program
- > Annual budget processes



Purpose of the CAPF

- > Sets an unprecedented standard for budget forecasting, transparency and accountability for Australia and Development Partners
- > Enables the Australian Government and Australian aid recipients to plan and implement aid investments more effectively
- > Outlines the results we expect to achieve and measures to improve aid delivery
- > Provides Australian people with clarity on what the aid program is trying to achieve



CAPF Features

- > Overview of why we provide aid and what we will focus our aid on
- > An outline of where we will provide aid through a rolling four year budget strategy
- > Results we will achieve through our aid investment by 2015-16
- > How we will deliver aid



The results Agenda – DG messages

- > ‘Managing for improved results and performance is now the overarching priority for the agency’ (3 May 2012)
- > ‘Following the release of the CAPF the highest priority for the agency is improved reporting on results. This is an essential first step.. to delivering on the Government’s policy goal of “making a real difference – delivering real results”’ (25 June 2012)



Performance Framework

Four year budget strategy aligned to a key results by 2015-16

- > **Tier 1 Results:** Progress against the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- > **Tier 2 Results:** The contribution of Australian Aid
- > **Tier 3 Results:** Operational and organisational effectiveness



Annual Review & Rolling Budget Strategy

- > Performance against Tier 2 and 3 results will inform an Annual Review of Aid Effectiveness
- > The result will be a rolling four-year budget strategy
- > Certainty and flexibility



Thank you

www.ausaid.gov.au