

# AusAID media release: Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness

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The Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd today announced an independent review of Australia's aid and development program. This is the first review undertaken since 1996.

The Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness, to be completed by April 2011, will build on existing measures to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the aid program as Australia increases its Official Development Assistance to 0.5 per cent of Gross National Income by 2015-16.

Mr Rudd said

“The recommendations that come out of this review will improve the structure and delivery of our aid as we work with the international community to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).”

The Review will be conducted by an external panel, chaired by Mr Sandy Hollway AO, former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The panel will also include:

- Dr Stephen Howes, Director of International and Development Economics, Crawford School of Economics and Government at the ANU
- Ms Margaret Reid AO, former President of the Senate and former President of ACFID's Executive Committee
- Mr Bill Farmer AO, former senior diplomat and former Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations
- Mr John Denton, CEO and Partner at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Chairman of Australia for United Nations High Commission for Refugees Australia

The panel will consult with key stakeholders, relevant Australian government departments, partner governments in our region and bilateral and multilateral donors.

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