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Mapping AusAID's Engagement with Civil Society in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and the Philippines:

A snapshot of FY 2007/08

AusAID's expenditure on working with civil society is significant. The results of the mapping exercise conducted for this evaluation demonstrates that AusAID is directing a substantial proportion of aid funds into civil society-related aid activities.

Based on a mapping of engagement with civil society engagement in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and the Philippines, it is estimated that around one-third of AusAID's country program expenditure is directed to working with civil society, either as a specific aid objective or as a means of meeting an aid objective.¹ The majority of this funding is channelled via intermediaries (such as international non-government organisations or private development contractors), with only a small proportion of funding going directly to local civil society organisations.

Table 1: Expenditure on civil society in selected AusAID country programs, 2007/08

| | Vanuatu | Papua New Guinea | Philippines |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total AusAID country program expenditure in 2007/08 | 30.3 million | 346.8 million | 37.9 million |
| <i>% total all country programs expenditure in 2007/08</i> | 2% | 20% | 5% |
| Total AusAID country program expenditure on civil society-related initiatives (%) | 19% | 26% | 42% |
| <i>Total expenditure through direct financial agreements with local civil society organisations</i> | 6% 2 million | 2% 7.3 million | 1% 0.9 million |
| <i>Total expenditure via intermediary organisations for civil society-related initiatives</i> | 13% 3.9 million | 24% 84.7 million | 41% 35.7 million |
| Co-funding to ANCP Projects | 1.2 million | 1.8 million | 1.7 million |
| <i>% total ANCP expenditure</i> | 3% | 5% | 5% |

Further funding for work with civil society occurs in AusAID's global programs (\$94.2 million in 2007/08), particularly the AusAID-NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and the volunteer

¹ Total AusAID country program expenditure in 2007/08 was \$1,738.4 million, of which the three country programs covered by the mapping exercise accounted for 27 per cent. In these programs, 19 per cent (Vanuatu), 26 per cent (PNG) and 42 per cent (Philippines) of country program expenditure was on initiatives engaging with civil society, averaging to 29 per cent. Given the significant size of the sample used in the mapping exercise, it is reasonable to assume that this average figure reflects the scale of engagement with civil society in AusAID's country programs as a whole.

programs, and there is likely to be further expenditure on civil society engagement as a result of core funding to multi-lateral organisations.

Table 2: Expenditure on AusAID-NGO Cooperation Program projects in selected AusAID country programs, 2007/08

| | Vanuatu | Papua New Guinea | Philippines |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Co-funding to ANCP Projects | 1.2 million | 1.8 million | 1.7 million |
| <i>% total ANCP expenditure</i> | <i>3%</i> | <i>5%</i> | <i>5%</i> |

In 2007/08, expenditure on civil society through AusAID's global programs included:

- > Total funding to ANCP totalled \$36.9 million
- > Total funding to volunteer programs totalled \$31.7 million. Of volunteer positions in the three countries included in this mapping exercise, between half and three-quarters were hosted by civil society organisations.
- > Funding to the International Committee of the Red Cross in 2007/08 totalled \$12 million.
- > Funding on community engagement and development research totalled \$12.1 million.