



Community Call to Action – Fact Sheet

Meeting the Millennium Development Goals

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The \$1.5 million *Community Call to Action* is a new Australian Government pilot initiative that supports activities to raise awareness about global poverty and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It is administered by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and aims to support efforts by the Australian community to reduce poverty and achieve the MDGs¹

Background to establishing the Fund

In April 2008, the Prime Minister announced that Australia had joined the 'MDG Call to Action'. This global initiative is a commitment calling community groups, government and the private sector to work together to support global action to reach the MDG targets.

To encourage Australians to get involved, the Government is rolling out a 12-month pilot of the *Community Call to Action* initiative. After the conclusion of the pilot, an evaluation and review will determine the ongoing nature of the program and how government can best support community efforts to raise awareness about global poverty.

Funding information and important application deadlines

Funding for individual project activities will range from a minimum of \$25,000 to a maximum of \$150,000. A limited number of large grants will be allocated to high impact activities to maximise opportunities for community groups to get involved.

Applications for 2009–10 will open on **27 July 2009** and will close on **2pm, 7 September 2009**. Projects and activities under this pilot must be completed within a 12 month period.

Successful applicants will be announced in mid October 2009. Grant payments will be negotiated on a case by case basis.

Eligible applicants and projects

Funding will be available to organisations not already accredited by AusAID² including community groups, professional and community peak bodies and small business.

Creative approaches on how to engage the community or undertake overseas development activities are encouraged. Domestic projects may include networking events that build links between organisations, conferences, seminars, workshops and special events. Some overseas development activities will be considered based on their ability to achieve good outcomes³ in addition to raising awareness about these important issues.

For more information and an application kit visit www.ausaid.gov.au email: cc2a@ausaid.gov.au or contact AusAID on **02 6206 4435**

¹ For more information on the Millennium Development Goals please refer to www.ausaid.gov.au/keyaid/mdg.cfm

² Accredited NGOs currently receive funding through AusAID. For a list of organisations accredited by AusAID please refer to www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/accreditation.cfm

³ For more information on best practice development principles please contact AusAID on 02 6206 4435 or email cc2a@ausaid.gov.au