

ACIAR—Part of Australia's Aid Program

ACIAR forms part of the Australian Government's overseas aid program and works toward the aid program's objective of assisting developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development in line with the national interest. The aid program is guided by four thematic priorities: accelerating economic growth, fostering functioning and effective states, investing in people, and promoting regional stability and cooperation.

ACIAR works collaboratively with AusAID in areas of mutual priority, with both organisations contributing to the whole-of-Government emphases of the aid program.

A range of interactions occurs at the program and desk level. Joint AusAID and ACIAR initiatives include projects in Pakistan, East Timor, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Cambodia, Iraq, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. ACIAR is also a partner organisation and contributor to AusAID's Australian Development Gateway website launched in September 2002 to help bridge the digital divide by providing developing countries with access to key development knowledge.

AusAID–ACIAR cooperation in projects takes many forms. These include: AusAID building on an existing ACIAR research project; ACIAR building on an AusAID project that identifies a specific R&D need; development of parallel projects; ACIAR developing R&D and capacity-building activities, following an AusAID investment in institutional strengthening and infrastructure; ACIAR developing an agreed project or project portfolio, with significant AusAID input into project design and review; AusAID investing in an ACIAR-designed project where it is central to AusAID's country strategy; and development of major, jointly funded projects. In addition, ACIAR is from time to time a technical resource for AusAID, and the two organisations collaborate on postgraduate and other training.



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