

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Questions on Notice: AusAID

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Senator Ludlam asked on notice

Afghanistan funding:

- a) What are the elements of AusAID's funding to Afghanistan?
- b) What percentage of aid to Afghanistan is going into maternal mortality prevention?
- c) How much donor funding is being provided to Uruzgan by other countries?

Answer:

- a) See below for a breakdown of AusAID funding to Afghanistan in 2010-11.
- b) At the national level, it is not possible to fully disaggregate AusAID's funding to maternal mortality prevention. Almost 50 per cent of AusAID funding is delivered through the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund, which supports a range of national development programs, including the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS). BPHS is an Afghanistan-wide health program, which has contributed to increasing access to basic health care from less than 10 per cent of the population in 2001 to 85 per cent today.

At the national level, in 2010-11 AusAID also contributed \$1.6 million (part of a four year \$6.7 million grant) to a program delivered by the Afghan Red Crescent Society in partnership with the International Federation of the Red Cross. The program provides support to all 5 components of the Afghan Red Crescent Society country strategy, one of which is maternal, newborn and child health.

In Uruzgan, it is easier to disaggregate Australian health funding. In 2010-11, approximately 30 per cent of Australian aid to Uruzgan will be directed towards programs that directly support women and children's health. This includes:

- \$6.7 million (part of a four year \$35.7 million program) managed by Save the Children to provide Health and Education services in Uruzgan
 - \$0.24 million through Save the Children to provide health and hygiene education to 8 schools in Uruzgan
- c) In 2011 the Netherlands will contribute approximately €28 million in aid to Uruzgan. The US, through USAID, provided an estimated USD 17.2 million in aid to Uruzgan in US financial year 2010. Projections for USAID spending in Uruzgan for US financial year 2011 are approximately USD 19.6 million

COUNTRY PROGRAM OVERVIEW
AFGHANISTAN 2010-11, prepared 4 July 2011

Major programs/ projects and total cost	Development partner(s)	Planned AusAID 2010-11 expenditure	Description
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF) \$100 million 2010-12	World Bank	\$50.0 million (\$44 million of planned 2010-11 expenditure has been delayed until 2011-12 pending agreement of a new IMF program)	Supporting the Government of Afghanistan's reconstruction budget and priority development programs in health, education, governance and rural development.
Agriculture and Rural Development			
Enhancing Rural Livelihoods \$2.765 million 2008-11	Aga Khan Foundation	\$0.7 million	Improving rural livelihoods through increased agricultural productivity in Bamyán Province.
MAIL Change Management	The Asia Foundation	\$0.5 million	Strengthening the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock to deliver on the National Agriculture Development Framework, including through improved finance and management systems.
Governance			
Development Assistance Facility for Afghanistan (DAFA) \$60 million 2009-15	GRM International	\$13.3 million	Supporting service delivery capacity building of four Afghan priority ministries of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Public Health, Education and Rural Rehabilitation and Development. This includes the Malaysia-Australia Education Program for Afghanistan.
Air Traffic Control Program \$5.8 million 2009-12	German Federal Foreign Office	\$2 million	Supporting the implementation of technology that will improve the safety and reliability of air traffic control in Afghanistan.
Afghan Parliamentary Elections \$1.2 million 2010-11	The Asia Foundation	\$1.2 million	Supporting the Independent Electoral Commission to prepare and manage the conduct of the 2010 Parliamentary elections.
Civilian Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) \$2.0 million 2010-12	USAID and the Government of Afghanistan	\$1.0 million	Improving government capacity in Afghanistan.
Afghanistan Human Rights Commission \$2.0 million 2010-12	Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission	\$1.0 million	Provision of assistance to the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

Afghanistan Sub-National Governance Program (ASGP) \$1.9 million 2010-12	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	\$0.9 million	Improving basic service delivery and supporting good governance in Uruzgan.
Service Delivery			
Service Delivery Trust Fund (\$7.5 million 2010-2013)	World Bank	\$4 million	Mobilising resources and technical expertise to ensure better delivery of basic services to conflict affected areas.
Australian Development Scholarships	Development Assistance Facility for Afghanistan (GRM)	\$2.1 million	Providing 20 Australian Development Scholarships annually to staff of priority Afghan Ministries in post-graduate studies.
Afghanistan Health Services Program (\$6.7 million 2010-15)	Red Cross	\$1.6 million	Improve maternal, newborn and child health, by providing health education; improved access and quality of health services; and improved health service infrastructure.
CARE: Empowerment through Education	CARE Australia	\$1.7 million	Improving the quality of and access to basic community based education into remote areas, with an emphasis on girl's education.
Vulnerable Populations / Humanitarian			
World Food Program	World Food Program	\$6.0 million	Food assistance to vulnerable population in Afghanistan.
Mine Action (\$20 million 2010-14)	United Nations Mine Action Coordination Centre for Afghanistan	\$10.0 million	Community-based demining and mine risk education programs in Uruzgan and Kunar Provinces, and training of 40 graduates at Kabul's Physio Therapy Institute
Uruzgan Stabilisation & Capacity Building			
Uruzgan Education and Health Package \$35.7 million 2011-14	Save the Children	\$6.7 million	Enhancing access, quality and use of basic health and education services for children and their families through support to schools, community education classes, literacy classes, training health workers and midwives, child immunisation, treatment for child malnutrition and supplementary feeding for lactating mothers.
Stabilisation Small Projects Facility \$13.5 million 2010-13	GIZ	\$3.6 million	Facilitating access of communities to funding for small scale short term development initiatives that aim to build the relationships between the community and the GIRoA for security and development purposes.
Support for Local Governance in Uruzgan (SLGU) \$9.8 million 2011-13	GIZ	\$2.8 million	Contribute to the strengthening of provincial, district and local government by improving basic service delivery and public administration in Uruzgan.
Chora Municipality Infrastructure Project \$5.7 million 2010-12	Central Asian Development Group	\$2.4 million	Constructing/rehabilitating city storm water ditches, walkways and culverts to support Chora's water management plan, including flood management and sanitation services.

Rural Access to Development for Tarin Kowt	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	\$2.3 million	Providing employment opportunities and improving transport links through road and bridge reconstruction. An expanded program will build the capacity of the provincial ministry in delivering rural development programs.
Quality Primary Education Project	Save the Children (Co-funding with the Netherlands)	\$2.4 million	Strengthening education service delivery by improving Uruzgan schools' infrastructure. Includes construction of 4 schools and 3 community resource centres.
Capacity Building Project for Uruzgan – Implementation Phase \$1 million 2010	GIZ (Co-funding with the Netherlands)	\$1.0 million	Building the capacity of the Uruzgan civil service through activities focussed on literacy and numeracy training; administration and management; technical expertise; IT literacy; and specialised, tailored support for District Governors, District Administrators and the Mayor of Tarin Kowt.
Tribal and Conflict Analysis \$4.5 million 2010-13	The Liaison Office (Co-funding with the Netherlands)	\$0.6 million	Supporting the Afghan NGO The Liaison Office (TLO) to provide tribal and conflict analysis in Uruzgan.
MoJ Prison Uruzgan and International Legal Foundation Program	Royal Netherlands Embassy in Kabul and International Legal Foundation	\$0.6 million	Ministry of Justice Prison Project in Tarin Kowt and establishment of a Public Defenders Office in Uruzgan.
Supporting ADF reconstruction activities	HK Logistics	\$0.4 million	Complementing ADF reconstruction activities through procurement support for the Trade Training School and ADF-reconstructed schools.
School Health Education	Save the Children	\$0.24 million	Providing health and hygiene education to 8 schools in Uruzgan.