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Indonesia largest recipient of Australian development assistance in 2009-10

The Australian Government will provide an estimated \$452.5 million (3.7 trillion Rupiah) in development assistance to Indonesia in 2009-10.

This allocation reflects the importance the Government places on the Australia Indonesia Partnership and focuses on priority development sectors such as education, health, disaster management, infrastructure and water and sanitation.

Australian Deputy Head of Mission to Indonesia, Paul Robilliard, said Australia is on track to meet its commitment to provide \$2.5 billion in development assistance to Indonesia over five years to 2012-13.

“Indonesia is again the largest single recipient of Australian development assistance, including more grant funding than from any other bilateral donor,” Mr Robilliard said. “Australia will continue to work in partnership with the Government of Indonesia to reduce poverty and achieve prosperity, stability and peace.”

Australia will continue to work to improve roads and bridges in Indonesia and help the Government attract infrastructure investment, which will promote economic growth and social development. This will support an economic stimulus during the current global recession.

Australia also remains committed to managing climate change. We will continue to work with Indonesia to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation under the International Forest Carbon Initiative.

Australia is helping Indonesia achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly on improving maternal and neonatal health and providing primary education for all girls and boys.

Health funding in 2009-10 will assist Indonesia reduce the number of women who die needlessly during pregnancy or childbirth, especially in eastern Indonesia. In education, Australia will also continue to build and expand schools in the poorest and most remote regions in Indonesia. These funds will also be used to assist Indonesia meet its plan for an effectively functioning and inclusive school system.

Australia will provide \$3.8 billion in total official development assistance in 2009-10 through its aid budget, which focuses on helping partner countries, including Indonesia, address the impacts of the global recession.

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