

THE MODERN CASE FOR AUSTRALIAN AID

Just **\$1 in every \$100** can stop **today's risks** from becoming **tomorrow's catastrophes**.

WHO WE ARE

We are **Australians from every walk of life** - community leaders, diaspora groups, security experts, business voices, and people of faith - **united in a call for a safer world for all.**

We believe **every person deserves peace, dignity, and opportunity**: a chance to live free from hunger, conflict, and fear, and to build a better future for their families and communities.

Through the **Safer World for All campaign** - a joint initiative of Micah Australia, ACFID, RESULTS, and Global Citizen - we are **meeting with our political leaders, hosting community forums, sharing stories in the media, and mobilising thousands online.**

Together, we are building **broad public and political support** so Australia can play its part in creating a safer, more secure, and more just world.



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WE ARE LIVING THROUGH DANGEROUS TIMES

GLOBAL CONTEXT



CONFLICT IS RISING - FROM UKRAINE, TO SUDAN, GAZA AND MYANMAR



59 active conflicts in **35 countries** – highest since WWII



1 in 6 children live in **conflict zones**



Twice as many people now need **humanitarian assistance** than before COVID-19

PEOPLE IN HUMANITARIAN NEED (MILLIONS)



132

2019

274

2022

305

2025

US AID CUTS ARE HAVING A DEVASTATING EFFECT



Up to 14 million preventable deaths by 2030 if cuts continue

HEIGHTENED RISKS IN OUR OWN REGION



- ▶ **Trade tensions** and **tariff wars** threatening SE Asian economies
- ▶ Intensifying **strategic competition** in the Indo-Pacific
- ▶ Escalating **extreme weather** events
- ▶ Conflict & climate-driven **displacement**
- ▶ Greater risk of future **pandemics**

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR AUSTRALIA






- ▶ Inflation & market **volatility**
- ▶ Fragile or **failing states** on our doorstep
- ▶ Unplanned **migration** pressures

INDO-PACIFIC WATCHLIST

HIV IN THE PACIFIC





AN **ESCALATING HEALTH CRISIS** FOR OUR PACIFIC FAMILY.

-  **Fiji:** New HIV diagnoses **tripled in just one year.**
-  **PNG:** **Seven babies a day** are infected through mother-to-child transmission.
-  **Cuts to UNAIDS and U.S. programs** - both direct and via multilateral channels - threaten vital prevention, testing, and outreach.



TIMOR-LESTE TEETERING

A **FRAGILE STATE** FACING A FISCAL CLIFF AND **CHILDREN WILL FEEL IT FIRST.**

-  **Petroleum Fund**, covers 85% of spending but will run dry by decade's end.
-  **40%** live in poverty; **half of children under 5** are stunted.
-  **US \$400M US aid package** for WASH and education is at risk.
-  **US-funded school feeding program** for **70,000 children** is being shut down.



INDO-PACIFIC WATCHLIST

MYANMAR'S CRISIS - A REGION'S CHAOS

THE **REGION'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY** IS RAPIDLY ESCALATING

A shocking “**domino effect**” is underway. Severe existing needs are being compounded by the **collapse of U.S. Government aid** - long the single largest donor - alongside a **7.7 earthquake** (April 2025) and **widespread flooding** (July 2025).

COX'S BAZAR (BANGLADESH)

- ▶ **1 million+ Rohingya refugees** - the world's largest stateless population.
- ▶ U.S. funding accounted for **over 50% of assistance**, now severely disrupted.
- ▶ **Health services could collapse by September**, with **food distributions projected to end by December (UNHCR)**.
- ▶ **Education for 300,000 children** in the camps is at risk of ending.

MYANMAR

- ▶ **21.9 million** people need humanitarian aid; **3.5 million** are internally displaced.
- ▶ USAID provided **US\$240m in 2024 - one-third of all humanitarian aid**. Much of this is now frozen, cut or in limbo.

THAI-MYANMAR BORDER

- ▶ Nine camps **host 108,000** refugees displaced by decades of conflict.
- ▶ With U.S. withdrawal, **85% lost food rations** on 31 July 2025.
- ▶ **Health services in 7 of 9 camps have shut down.**
- ▶ Just **A\$1.2m per month** would cover food for all camps.

(Source: The Border Consortium)

INDO-PACIFIC WATCHLIST

WHY AUSTRALIA SHOULD ACT ON MYANMAR

This spiralling crisis poses both urgent risks and a critical opportunity for Australian leadership.

See ‘Our Asks’ section to learn how Australia can respond.

A REGIONAL STABILITY RISK WITH DIRECT IMPACTS ON AUSTRALIA

- ▶ Collapse of services is driving **trafficking, exploitation, and transnational crime** – including scam centres on the Thai–Myanmar border that are targeting Australians.
- ▶ **UNHCR warns** more Rohingya are fleeing by boat as camp conditions worsen.
- ▶ **Irregular maritime routes are re-emerging**: 7,800 people attempted sea journeys in 2024 (an 80% increase), raising risks of renewed flows toward Malaysia, Indonesia, and potentially Australia.

GLOBAL WATCHLIST

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out our FAQ: “How bad are the US cuts to aid really, or are they being overdone?”

FAMINE IS BACK – MILLIONS AT RISK



ACUTE HUNGER HAS WORSENERD SIX YEARS IN A ROW – RISING FROM 135M IN 2019 TO 319M IN 2025

- ▶ **1.9M people** face catastrophic hunger (IPC Phase 5), with famine-like conditions confirmed in **Gaza and Sudan**.
- ▶ **70%** of those facing acute hunger live in fragile or conflict-affected countries, including many across our region.
- ▶ **WFP warns of a 40% funding shortfall in 2025** compared to last year, putting life-saving assistance for **58 million people** at risk.

PREVENTABLE DEATHS RISING



CUTS TO U.S. AID RISK REVERSING DECADES OF PROGRESS.

- ▶ USAID programs prevented **91 million deaths** between 2001–2021.
- ▶ Without them, there could be **14M more deaths by 2030 – including 5M children** (The Lancet).
- ▶ Boston University’s tracker models **deaths rising daily** from malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other diseases. (Snapshot: 18 Aug 2025)

All Tracked Programs

Deaths caused by Funding Discontinuation ⓘ

140,514
Adult Deaths

292,232
Child Deaths

Deaths Per Hour ⓘ

88
Deaths

AID IS PREVENTION

If we want a safer world for all - one that is **better for our neighbours and Australians** - we must address risks before they become crises, and stop crises becoming catastrophes.

We need a modern conversation on aid that recognises **effective development is prevention.**

Aid complements - not competes with - hard power.

It strengthens communities, stabilises fragile contexts, and tackles risks before they escalate.

It reflects the **best of who we are**: engaged partners with clear values, ready to step up when it counts.

Effective aid isn't charity - it's a smart, strategic investment.



AID MAKES US **ALL** SAFER




ASK YOURSELF, WHICH IS SAFER:

- ▶ **Funding pandemic prevention** - or fighting an outbreak at our borders?
- ▶ **Supporting strong, stable neighbours** - or watching fragile states collapse into conflict?
- ▶ **Ensuring children grow up healthy and educated** - or facing instability fuelled by hunger and disease?
- ▶ **Being a trusted, influential partner in our region** - or leaving a vacuum for others to fill?
- ▶ **Helping Pacific communities withstand climate shocks** - or dealing with mass displacement after disasters?

AID ENHANCES **TRUE** SECURITY

TRUE SECURITY COMES FROM PAIRING EFFECTIVE DEFENCE WITH STRONG AID – TO BUILD STABILITY, TRUST, AND LASTING PARTNERSHIPS.



“Investing in aid is one of the smartest security strategies we have. It builds resilience before crises escalate into conflict.”

— ADMIRAL CHRIS BARRIE (RET'D),
FORMER CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE

AUSTRALIAN AID DOES MORE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK.

Aid is still the critical foundations of **health, education** and **humanitarian relief**.

But it's also **so much more**, advancing regional partnerships & security by:

- ▶ Securing **regional trade** routes and infrastructure
- ▶ Boosting **cyber security**
- ▶ Combating **human trafficking**
- ▶ Combating **extremism** and **disinformation**
- ▶ Supporting **labour mobility** in agriculture and aged care
- ▶ Building resilience to **extreme weather** and **climate shocks** in our region

YET FOR EVERY \$100 OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET, WE INVEST:



Australia already has **one of the widest defence to aid ratios** in the world

THE GLOBAL PICTURE

In 2024 **before** massive cuts to USAID and reductions to UK aid:



AID WORKS.

AND AUSTRALIA KNOWS HOW TO DELIVER IT.

For just **\$116 per Australian per year**, our aid program is delivering real impact across our region and in the world's most fragile contexts.

That's less than **\$10 a month**, or **32 cents a day** — to save lives, prevent crises, and strengthen our region.

In the last year alone (DFAT Performance Report 2023–24):



1.5M+

people gained improved **food security**



3.6M+

women entrepreneurs supported



8.6M+

people received emergency **humanitarian assistance**



316K+

services provided for **survivors of gender-based violence**

AID PAYS OFF. IN EVERY WAY.



IT'S CHEAPER TO ACT BEFORE CRISIS HITS

Every \$1 invested in disaster **prevention** saves **\$14** in emergency response costs.

Australia's \$2.6bn RAMSI mission in the Solomon Islands shows what it can cost when crisis hits.



IT'S BETTER FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

Each extra year of education can increase a child's lifetime earnings by **10%** - building **stable, self-reliant communities**.

Strengthening health systems can grow national economies by up to **24%** in low- and middle-income countries.



IT BOOSTS OUR ECONOMY

10 of Australia's top 15 export markets today are countries where we once gave aid.

Trade with Southeast Asia is projected to reach **A\$465 billion** by 2040 - if development stays on track.

Discover more insights at devintelligencelab.com

VIETNAM

FROM BATTLEFIELD OPPONENT TO TOP TIER STRATEGIC PARTNER



Once one of the world's **poorest, war-torn nations**, Vietnam is now a **thriving lower-middle income economy** — and one of Australia's **fastest-growing trading partners**.

AUSTRALIA'S AID INVESTMENT SINCE 1973

- ▶ **1970s–1990s:** Early building-block investments in **education, governance, agriculture & health**
- ▶ **2000:** Helped build the **first bridge across the Mekong** – still known as “the Australian bridge”
- ▶ **2020–21:** Stood by Vietnam during **COVID-19**, providing **26.4 million vaccine doses** (making us Vietnam's second-largest donor)
- ▶ **Today:** Programs like **Aus4Skills** and the **Vietnam Australia Centre** continue to share Australian technical expertise

THE RESULTS TODAY

- ▶ Two-way trade now exceeds **\$28 billion annually**
- ▶ Vietnamese tourism expenditure in Australia totalled **\$837 million in 2023–24 alone**.
- ▶ Elevated ties to a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2024** giving us deep cooperation across **climate, energy, digital, education, trade, and security**
- ▶ Vietnam is on track to be among the world's top **20 economies by 2036**
- ▶ Averaging **5.1% annual GDP growth through** to 2050

\$3BN

In **total development assistance** since 1973

\$28BN

Annual two way trade

THIS IS WHAT LONG-TERM, STRATEGIC AID DELIVERS.

THIS IS AID AT ITS BEST.

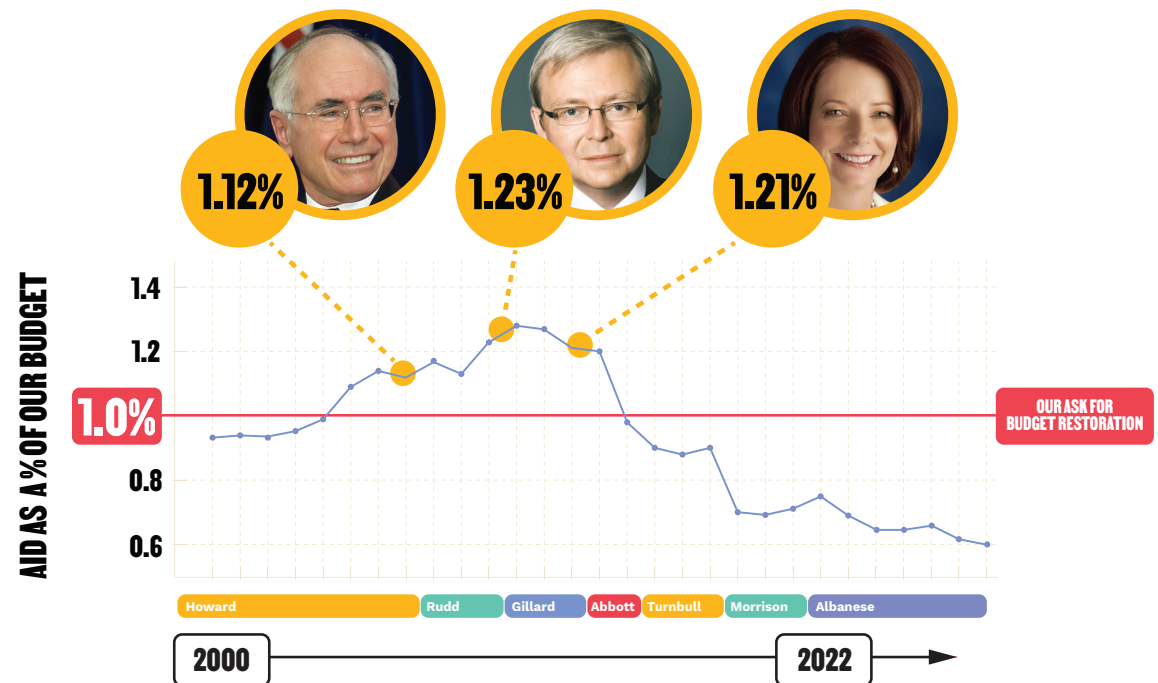
OUR ASKS

#1 RESTORE AID TO 1% OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Just **\$1 in every \$100** can stop today's risks from becoming tomorrow's catastrophes

- ✓ **Good for our neighbours:**
Protects health, education, and food security across the Indo-Pacific.
- ✓ **Vital for Australia:**
Strengthens security, stabilises fragile states, and protects trade.
- ✓ **Bipartisan & achievable:**
Howard left aid at 1.12% of the Budget. Today it is just 0.65%.
- ✓ **Still modest:**
At 1% we'd only reach 0.28% of GNI - well below the OECD average (0.33%)

AUSTRALIAN AID AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET (2000-2024) WITH PRIME MINISTERS



WITH 1% WE CAN:

HOW

✓ **ADDRESS NEW AREAS OF REGIONAL FRAGILITY AND RISK**

Scale proven programs in health, education, economic development and inclusion.

✓ **PROTECT THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT IN OUR REGION**

Grow the Humanitarian Emergency Fund - frozen at just \$150m for six years - and scale support for protracted crises and prevention.

✓ **RESPOND TO INCREASING HUMANITARIAN NEED AND PREVENT FUTURE CRISES**

Leverage the NGO Cooperation Program - delivering 10% of aid outcomes for < 3% of the spend.

✓ **PROJECT STRONG, VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP IN OUR REGION & GLOBALLY**

Sustain strategic investment in effective multilaterals that strengthen global health, manage migration, and bolster food security.

Step up to fill critical gaps left by USAID's withdrawal in the Indo-Pacific, protecting essential food, health, and social services.

Support our neighbours to harness new technology - to advance productivity, secure digital governance, and resist coercion.

WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU

Our campaign can **connect you** with Australia's leading **development policy experts** - spanning the **NGO sector, think tanks, business, academia, and civil society**.

We can provide **targeted briefings** on the solutions that matter most to you, or **collaborate with you** to explore your own ideas and questions.

Bottom line:

Restoring aid to **1%** is a **modest step** that **secures Australia's interests** while keeping **99% of the Budget at home**.

AID IS NOT CHARITY - IT'S PREVENTATIVE STATECRAFT. A CORE TOOL OF STABILITY AND SECURITY IN A FAST-CHANGING WORLD.

OUR ASKS

#2 DELIVER A \$110M EMERGENCY PACKAGE FOR MYANMAR



Thai–Myanmar border: \$25M

Fully restore rations and re-open clinics for 108,000 displaced people.

Just A\$1.2M per month would cover food for every refugee – an achievable first step!



Inside Myanmar: \$40M

Stabilise services hit by **U.S. cuts**, **April's earthquake**, and **July floods**



Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh): \$45M

Avert collapse of food and health services supporting **1M Rohingya refugees**

WHY NOW?

- ▶ **Proven Australian partners** already in place
- ▶ **Stabilising now is cheaper** than far costlier interventions later
- ▶ **Prevents renewed boat arrivals, trafficking networks, and scam centres** already targeting Australians
- ▶ **Strengthens ASEAN security** and **Australia's diplomatic influence**
- ▶ **Bipartisan interest in Parliament** with MPs engaged through diaspora and direct visits

Bottom line: A **low-risk, high-return investment** – saving lives now, protecting Australia's security, and **bridging a looming “humanitarian cliff”** until Australia's next three-year Myanmar–Bangladesh package (2026–28, now in design) comes online.

APPENDIX

FAQ: HAVEN'T RECENT AID BUDGETS INCREASED AID?

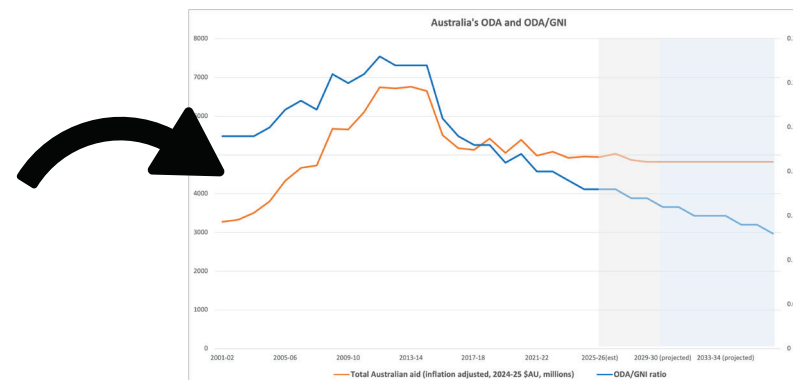
After a decade of decline, aid has been stabilised, but real growth is still needed.

Recent History

- ▶ In **2014**, Australia's aid program was **significantly reduced** following the folding of AusAID into DFAT
- ▶ The **Morrison Government** announced **temporary increases during COVID-19**, ensuring critical support at a time of crisis.
- ▶ In coming to office in **2022**, **Labor invested a significant package of \$1.4 billion over four years** to stop the aid budget from falling sharply as temporary COVID-19 measures expired.
- ▶ Each Labor budget since has **marginally improved the long-term trajectory**, with a commitment to grow ODA by **2.5% annually in nominal terms from 2026–27 onwards**.
- ▶ Yet without further real increases, aid risks **losing ground in real terms** against inflation and rising global needs
- ▶ On current projections, **our aid budget in 2036–37** will, in real terms, be virtually the same as it was in the last year of the Howard government (2006–07) and will fall to **just 0.13% of GNI**.

2025–2026 Budget

- ▶ Australia's total estimated expenditure is **A\$785.7 billion**.
- ▶ With **ODA at A\$5.097 billion**, this equates to just **0.65% of the federal budget**, down from **0.68% last year**.
- ▶ While this is a **nominal increase of \$135.8m (2.7%)**, with **inflation projected at 3%** it actually represents a **small decline in real aid**.
- ▶ **Aid as a share of Gross National Income (GNI)** is **falling further**, now at a **historic low of 0.18%** – far below **past bipartisan levels of over 0.3%**, and below **Labor's own target of 0.5% GNI** in its National Platform.



The Bottom Line

Rebuilding Australian aid through sustained **real growth (above inflation)** is the key to maximising **stability and security** across our region.

FAQ: IF OTHER NATIONS ARE PULLING BACK ON AID, SHOULDN'T WE?

Australia's aid program has already undergone major reform.

We merged AusAid into DFAT

- ▶ In 2013, the Abbott Government **folded AusAid into DFAT** and made the **largest aid cuts in Australia's history**.
- ▶ Since then, the program has been restructured to focus significantly on the **Indo-Pacific** and Australia's national interest objectives.
- ▶ What's left is already a **very lean, highly targeted program**.

Where our aid goes (FY 2025–26)

- ▶ **Pacific: A\$2.16 billion** – a record investment, affirming Australia as the region's largest development partner.
- ▶ **Southeast Asia: A\$1.28 billion** – strengthening trade, economic development, and governance.
- ▶ **Indo-Pacific share:** now **74.4% of all ODA**, showing how sharply focused our program is on regional priorities.

The Bottom Line

Australia's aid is already lean and focused. Asking for **1% of the Budget** is a modest step – still **below global benchmarks**, but clearly justified to protect **regional stability** and align with Australia's **national interests**.

Australia's standing internationally

- ▶ We rank **28th out of 32 OECD nations** for aid generosity (aid as % of GNI).
- ▶ **We give just 0.18% of GNI — well below the OECD average of 0.33%.**
- ▶ Even the **UK**, after reducing aid to boost defence, **still gives 0.3% of GNI**.
- ▶ Other nations investing more: **Germany 0.67%, Canada 0.34%, New Zealand 0.32%, Korea 0.21%.**

Why our call for 1% of the Budget is modest

- ▶ Right now, aid is just **0.65% of the Federal Budget** (65¢ in every \$100).
- ▶ **1% of the Budget** would still only equate to around **0.28–0.30% of GNI** — below both:
 - ▶ the **OECD average (0.33%)**, and
 - ▶ **Labor's own platform aspiration (0.5% of GNI)**.
- ▶ When John Howard left office, aid stood at **1.12% of the Budget** and 0.27% of GNI.
- ▶ This is a **modest, concrete step** — reasonable, achievable, and supported by public opinion.

FAQ: HOW DO WE KNOW AID IS TRANSPARENT, EFFECTIVE, AND GETS WHERE IT'S INTENDED?

Australia's aid program is more transparent and accountable than ever – thanks to major reforms since 2022.

New tools, reporting, and reforms:

- ▶ The **AusDevPortal**, launched in 2024, provides public access to detailed information on every Australian aid investment – including partners, locations, and outcomes.
- ▶ Australia has resumed regular reporting to the **International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)**.
- ▶ The annual **Performance of Australian Development Cooperation Report**, racks how our aid is performing against measurable targets set out in the **International Development Performance and Delivery Framework**.
- ▶ Together, these changes have brought **unprecedented transparency** to the aid program – helping ensure **greater accountability, better outcomes, and stronger public trust**.

Rigorous planning and monitoring are built in.

- ▶ Every country and regional program is guided by a **Development Partnership Plan**, aligned with local needs and Australia's strategic objectives.
- ▶ Aid projects are regularly assessed for **impact, efficiency, and outcome alignment**.
- ▶ **In rare cases, aid can fall into the wrong hands** – particularly in conflict zones or complex humanitarian emergencies. When that happens, **breaches are reported, and aid is suspended until it can safely and responsibly resume**.

Australia's NGOs are among the most trusted and transparent in the world.

- ▶ **NGOs** like World Vision, Caritas, and Save the Children receiving government aid funding are **fully audited, publish detailed annual reports**, and are **regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)**.
- ▶ They deliver **locally led, tailored programs** that strengthen community capacity and build long-term resilience.
- ▶ In the world's most insecure environments, they operate with **neutrality, independence, and professionalism**, often at great personal risk.
- ▶ Their trusted presence on the ground also helps ensure Australia's aid is **visible, effective, and deeply grounded in local context**.

The Bottom Line

Australian aid is **transparent, well-managed, and effective** — driven by evidence, accountability, and a deep commitment to reaching people in need.

FAQ: HOW BAD ARE THE US CUTS TO AID REALLY — OR ARE THEY BEING OVERDONE?

The cuts are real, deep, and already disrupting life-saving programs. The world will feel it — including our region and Australia.

What's happened?

- ▶ In early 2025, **Trump paused over US\$60 billion** in foreign assistance.
- ▶ While **“life-saving aid” exemptions were promised**, in practice they were **confusing, delayed, and difficult to access** — many programs shut down before exemptions were granted.
- ▶ Within six weeks, **83% of USAID programs were permanently cancelled** — only around 1,000 of 6,200 were retained and shifted to the State Department.
- ▶ In June, a **US\$9 billion rescission** clawed back already-approved funding from the FY25 budget.
- ▶ **Trump's FY26 budget proposes a 47% cut**, reducing aid to US\$28.5 billion.
- ▶ Some **House Republicans are seeking to soften these cuts** - especially to global health and humanitarian aid - but the future remains **highly uncertain**.

What's the human cost?

- ▶ The Lancet projects up to **14 million preventable deaths by 2030** if U.S. aid cuts continue — driven by lost access to vaccines, clean water, and food.
- ▶ Boston University's School of Public Health has launched a real-time tracker modelling deaths from the U.S. aid freeze (malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, and other diseases).
- ▶ As of 23 August 2025, the dashboard reported:
- ▶ **144K+ adult deaths / 299K+ child deaths / 88 deaths every hour**

The Bottom Line

The situation is still evolving — but major damage has already been done. The full impact of merging USAID into State is unclear, but one thing is certain: **the loss of U.S. soft power is real, and others are moving quickly to fill the space.**

It's not just less money - it's a system totally dismantled

- ▶ USAID's shutdown dismantled key delivery systems - staffing, contracts, partnerships.
- ▶ The State Dept **can't replace USAID's development capacity** overnight.
- ▶ Even critics agree: this was a **“move fast and break aid”** moment - not reform.

Didn't the system need fixing?

- ▶ Yes - aid must be effective and empower local leadership, not create dependency. But this isn't considered and deliberate reform - it's retreat and abandonment.

What's been lost:

- ▶ Proven programs (vaccines, famine prevention, HIV care)
- ▶ Long-standing partnerships and delivery capacity
- ▶ Predictability in global crisis response

What does this mean for Australia?

- ▶ U.S. withdrawal is already being felt in the **Indo-Pacific**.
- ▶ **China is stepping into gaps** left by the U.S. retreat - from influence in Myanmar to infrastructure in Cambodia.
- ▶ Australia will be expected to **step up**, especially in **PNG, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands**.
- ▶ We can lead with **targeted, principled, effective aid** — not follow the U.S. into retreat.

FAQ: IS THERE REALLY SUPPORT FOR AID AMONG AUSTRALIANS?

Yes — polling shows support is strengthening.

And when Australians hear about **U.S. aid cuts**, they actually want us to **give more**.

New evidence (Devpol/Ipsos Aid Attitudes Survey, 2025)

- ▶ **58%** of Australians say aid is either about right or should be increased
- ▶ When told about **U.S. aid cuts**, support jumps a further **+8 points** — and for the **first time in a decade**, more say we give **too little** than **too much**.
- ▶ Public hostility is falling: **“Too much aid”** dropped from **40% (2024)** to **29% (2025)**.

Why Calling for 1% Works

- ▶ Focus group research by **RedBridge (July 2024)** showed Australians **consistently overestimate** the share of the Federal Budget spent on aid.
- ▶ When told it's **less than 1%**, the common response is **surprise or embarrassment, followed by support** for an increase.
- ▶ Even when challenged with counter-arguments, framing aid as “just 1% of the Budget” reassured voters (99% remains domestic) and **net support stayed positive**.
- ▶ Strongest support among **voters under 40** and **diaspora communities**.

The Bottom Line: Australians back aid when they know the facts. Support for a modest increase is safe politically and resonant with key voter groups.

Figure 1: Results from Devpol surveys on Australian attitudes to aid

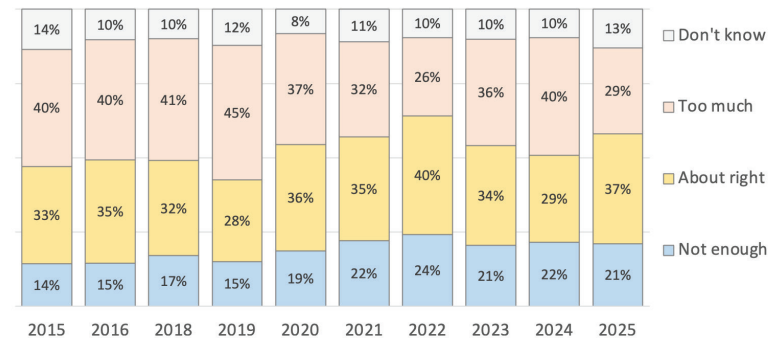
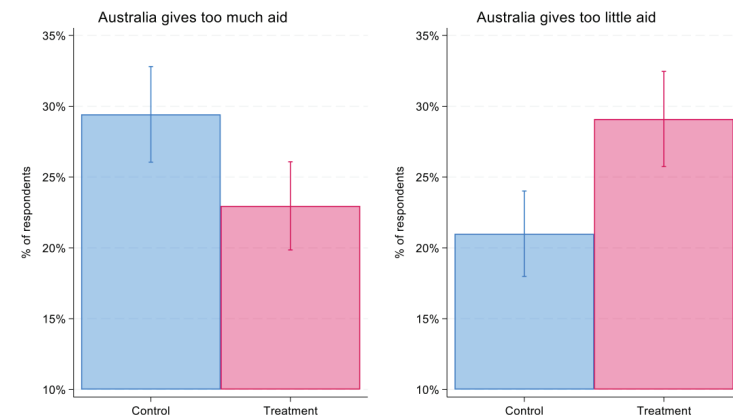


Figure 2: the impact of telling people about the potential consequences of US aid cuts on Australian views on aid volume



FAQ: WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BUILD PUBLIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN AID?

The Safer World for All campaign is delivering impact and expanding this new parliamentary term.

- ▶ A joint initiative of **Micah Australia, ACFID, Global Citizen and RESULTS**, the campaign has already built visible cross-partisan support for restoring aid to 1% of the Federal Budget.

In the 2024–25 election period, we:

- ▶ Met directly with **63 MPs & Senators** across all major parties.
- ▶ Mobilised **875 women** through the **Micah Women's Network Tour** across 8 capital cities.
- ▶ Held **7 candidate forums** reaching 12 key seats with diaspora and community leaders.
- ▶ Drove over **3,300 constituent emails to MPs**.
- ▶ Secured **widespread national media coverage** and a **joint letter from Australia's church leaders**.
- ▶ Helped ensure aid was **protected in the 2025 Budget** by the **Labor Government**, with a number of **Coalition backbenchers** and **Teal Independents** also publicly backing aid.

What's next?

This parliamentary term we are expanding:

- ▶ **Constituency engagement** in key electorates, amplifying community, diaspora and church voices.
- ▶ **Digital mobilisation** to reach and activate younger Australians.
- ▶ **Consistent media presence** by elevating unexpected voices from defence, business, health and more, all making the modern case for aid.
- ▶ **High-visibility delegations** to Canberra, keeping aid firmly on the political agenda.

The Bottom Line

You can **count on us to inspire Australians** about our aid's impact and to **help keep political support strong across party lines**.

See our impact photos





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