

## Why give aid and what makes it effective?

- Use the words in the boxes on the next page to complete the following text:

While aid is commonly used to support the long-term development of communities, aid is also used to provide short-term humanitarian relief for communities who have experienced a \_\_\_\_\_. For example, these include relief for the 2011 Horn of Africa \_\_\_\_\_ (Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Uganda – see photo below), the 2013 Philippines typhoon, and the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis.



Humanitarian relief provided to mother and children in the 2011 Horn of Africa famine.

Australian Government aid is designed to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development and economic growth. It is also important for improving regional security, and strengthening our relationship with important trading \_\_\_\_\_ in our Asia-Pacific region. There are humanitarian, economic and national security reasons for Australian \_\_\_\_\_ aid.

Individuals and businesses can contribute their own time, energy and money to help address poverty and injustice through non-government organisations (like World Vision). Effective aid involves partnering with people from poor communities, and working with them to help improve their quality of \_\_\_\_\_. In 2012-13, Australians gave \$949 million towards the work of aid and development non-government organisations, like World Vision, and 50,646 people volunteered their time.<sup>1</sup>

However, the eradication of extreme \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be achieved by aid alone. Overcoming poverty also requires improved \_\_\_\_\_ between countries, and good government.

<sup>1</sup> ACFID 2014 Annual Report: Financial Statements, pg 22 and 26

## What makes aid effective?

The most \_\_\_\_\_ form of aid occurs when governments and organisations work alongside the people in need. This includes empowering \_\_\_\_\_ to manage their own development so that aid is no longer required. Aid is most effective when it promotes sustainable \_\_\_\_\_ and addresses the obstacles that help create poverty. Some of the factors that increase effectiveness of aid include the following:

- Developing communities are actively involved in all stages of a project. This includes the \_\_\_\_\_ of both men and women.
- Projects work with trustworthy organisations that are well governed and address \_\_\_\_\_.
- Systems are in place to track and evaluate the delivery and outcomes of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Aid is used to address important causes of poverty – for example, building essential infrastructure (roads, schools); improving health and education services; increasing agricultural productivity, and improving access to \_\_\_\_\_ and sanitation through projects that are environmentally \_\_\_\_\_.

trade	effective	corruption	sustainable	water
famine	development	communities	projects	government
life	participation	partners	poverty	disaster

➤ Why do you think Australians give time, money and energy to aid and development organisations?

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