

International Programs

22 Projects in 7 Countries at January 2009

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Protecting the Displaced in Asia and Emerging Crises

This project will make available 5 Australian Protection Officers to UN Agencies in conflict-affected displacement situations in Asia and in other emerging crises in the Middle East and Africa. The Protection Officers will be deployed as part of Austcare's Rapid Response Register and will work on six-month assignments with the possibility for two extensions of up to six months. Currently deployment countries are Afghanistan (Kabul and Mazar i Sharif), Syria (Damascus) and Nepal (Kathmandu).

File Number:	PR13		
Budget:	AUD 630,000		
Funding:	Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)		
Start Date:	1-July-08	End Date:	30-June-09

BURMA

Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation of Communities in Myanmar

This project is a twelve month programme aimed at rebuilding the livelihood of 1,000 most vulnerable women and men in 30 cyclone affected villages in Labutta. The target group are dependent on agriculture, fisheries, livestock and daily wage labour and who have been unable to regain a stable source of work or income since the cyclone. These groups will receive loans form a revolving fund system. Self-help groups (SHGs) will be formed to manage the loan repayments, giving basic training in business skills, financial management of business and how to add value to their products. Training will be provided in Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Plans, as well as providing assistance to families to enhance their financial security.

File Number:	BU07		
Budget:	AUD 219,232.16		
Funding:	Austcare		
Partners:	ActionAid Burma		
Start Date:	10-Nov-08	End Date:	09-Nov-09

Integrated Mine Action and Development Program in Banteay Meanchey Province



This 5-year integrated mine action program will address landmine contamination in the context of community development. It targets poor communities in remote areas close to the heavily mined K5 belt in western Banteay Meanchey (BMC) Province. Consultation with communities in this Province has exposed the limited livelihood opportunities facing rural mine-affected communities, with many villagers forced to seek alternative sources of food and income, by crossing into Thailand for seasonal work or foraging in the heavily mined forest nearby.

Austcare is addressing the landmine problem as a development problem. It integrates mine clearance with other development activities in partnership with the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC), the indigenous demining operator. Agricultural land is being prioritised for clearance in order to increase livelihood opportunities and Austcare is supporting the Mine Action Planning Unit (MAPU) process to ensure transparent prioritisation of land for clearance. The program aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of mine-affected communities through the provision of water for domestic and agricultural use; the provision of agricultural training and inputs; and the provision of skills training for vulnerable groups, particularly landmine survivors, other people with disabilities and women. The underlying approach of this innovative program is to strengthen governance through partnerships with the Commune Councils ensuring support to the Commune Investment Planning process and building sustainability of this local government structure and its processes.

File Number:	CA18		
Budget:	AUD 3,164,937.15		
Funding:	AusAID (Cambodia Cooperation Agreement); Arie Van Klinken (Mine Clearance through CMAC)		
Partners:	Agricultural Improvement Project (AQIP), Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC), Capacity Building of People with a Disability in the Community Organisation (CABDICO), Commune Councils of Kok Romiet and Svay Chek, Community Based Mine Risk Reduction (CBMRR), Khmer Buddhist Association (KBA), Mine Action Planning Unit (MAPU), Provincial Department of Agriculture (PDoA), Rural Animal Health Development Organisation (RAHDO), Rain Water Cambodia (RWC). Integrated Mine Action Partners: Care, World Vision and International Women's Development Agency (IWDA).		
Start Date:	01-Feb-06	End Date:	30-Jun-10

Support to Rehabilitation of Mine/UXO Victims (SRoMUV)

Austcare is working in eight villages in the Anlong Veng and Trapeang Prasath District of which Austcare already has a strong presence. The project is providing sustainable impacts to disabled people in landmine affected households and communities by increasing their skills. This will help decrease their dependency on collecting food in landmine contaminated fields, selling labour in Thailand or begging. The project is also providing access to rehabilitation, medical and psychological services, and support of self-help groups and income generating activities. It also addresses the local authorities' understanding of disability rights. These efforts will improve the socio-economic conditions of mine affected victims of Cambodia and rehabilitate them back into society.

File Number:	CA28		
Budget:	AUD 97,901		
Funding:	Australian Red Cross (AusAID)		
Start Date:	09-Apr-08	End Date:	05-Apr-09
Partners:	Cambodian Disabled Peoples Organisation (CDPO), Provincial Departments of: Agriculture (PDoA); Education, Youth and Sport (PDoEYS); Social Affairs, Veterans and Youths (PDoSAVY), (currently undergoing negotiations with: Handicap International (HI) and Khmer Buddhists Association (KBA))		

Management of Tsunami Waste and Related Livelihoods Activities

This project takes place in Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar, West Coast and Nias Island. The project involves distribution of small grants, machines, equipment and technical trainings targeted at facilitating waste management businesses in the region to assist livelihood restoration. The project includes the provision of education and support on proposal writing and preparation for potential grant recipients and research into waste management livelihood activities in the region.

File Number:	IN15		
Budget:	AUD 1,801,047.59		
Funding:	UNDP		
Start Date:	14-May-07	End Date:	04-Oct-08

Waste Management Project (extension of above)

This project aims at consolidating efforts on Management of Tsunami Waste Management Related Livelihoods Activities. Pilot projects on woodwork in Banda Aceh and woodwork and compost in Meulaboh will be assessed and prepared for their readiness and capabilities to run the business independently. In addition to that, researches on existing initiatives on Waste Management Related Livelihoods Activities are also extended to new areas namely Weh Island and Simelue Island of Aceh.

Budget:	USD 150,000.00	
Funding:	UNDP	
Start Date:	04-Oct-08	End Date: 04-Feb-09

Small Grant Delivery for Civil Society Organizations in Nias



This project is focusing on strengthening civil society organizations' capacity through the delivery of small grants on income generating activities, basic social services and women's programs. The project includes the provision of education and support on proposal writing and preparation for potential grant recipients.

File Number:	IN16		
Budget:	AUD 973,694		
Funding:	UNDP		
Start Date:	25-June-07	End Date:	24-June-09

Disaster Risk Reduction in Aceh and Nias

This project takes place in two islands and one district in Aceh Besar and 10 villages of Nias Island. The aim of this project is to train the communities and local NGOs in Participatory Vulnerability Assessments and Disaster Risk Reduction practices. A range of trainings and a variety of mitigation work also takes place within the communities and villages. Apart from that, the communities are also linked to the various agencies both government and non government to maintain sustainability.

File number:	IN21	
Budget:	AUD 312,676.32	
Funding:	ActionAid	
Partner:	LPAM Nias	
Start Date:	01-Apr-08	End Date: 31-Mar-09

Community Development Effort for the Rainbow Community

This project is intended for a particularly vulnerable community in Kupang, West Timor, which is located in one of the poorest areas in Eastern Indonesia. No less than 1,100 families or 4,500 persons will directly benefit. Austcare's efforts will contribute to increasing the community farming skills, increasing capacity for women, improving support for the children, construction of 3 classrooms for the elementary school, building and rehabilitating community halls, improving the community access to water and sanitation, achieving sustainable livelihoods and providing basic knowledge on disaster risk reduction to the communities.

File number:	IN22	
Budget:	AUD 198,000	
Funding:	Robert Christie Foundation	
Partner:	CIS Timor	
Start Date:	01-Aug-08	End Date: 31-July-09

Agricultural Support to Farmers in Nias Island

This program will empower Nias farmers by training them on new horticulture practices and raising their awareness on composting techniques and preserving the environment. One hectare land in Afia Village in Gunung Sitoli District will serve as a demonstration plot for horticulture farming of vegetables namely chillies and onions. 30 farmers will live on site and receive 6 months of training on better farming practices, marketing and simple book keeping. They will also be provided all necessary tools, equipment and seeds during the training period.

File number:	IN23	
Budget:	AUD 118,781	
Funding:	AUSAID (ANCP)	
Partner:	LPAM Nias	
Start Date:	01-Sept-08	End Date: 31-May-09

Library Support to 10 Schools in Aceh

The goal of the project is to improve the level of education and the learning environment in ten elementary schools in Aceh Besar, as well as to increase the awareness of the students and teachers on natural disaster preparedness and response. The schools will be provided books, furniture and minor rehabilitation work to the existing library. The teachers will be trained on library management to increase their capacity. The ten schools are located in the conflict areas of Aceh Besar district.

File number:	IN24	
Budget:	AUD 178,778.00	
Funding:	AUSAID (ANCP)	
Start Date:	01-Oct-08	End Date: 30-June-09

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Community Based Protection in Hebron Governorate

The project will focus on strengthening livelihoods in two communities – Al Arroub Refugee Camp and Shouykh Al-Arroub Village – and on strengthening community protection mechanisms. The primary beneficiaries of this project will be two women's and two youth Community Based Organisations (CBOs), namely the Palestinian Progress Youth Union, the Women's Activity Centre in Al Aroub, the Youth Activities Centre in Al Aroub and the Women's Society of Shouykh Al Aroub, whose capacity will be built and through whom the participation and voice of women and young people in community life will be increased.

File number:	PL06	
Budget:	AUD 172,896	
Funding:	AUSAID (ANCP)	
Partner:	Palestinian Progress Youth Union, The Women's Activity Centre in Al Aroub, Youth Activities Centre in Al Aroub, Women's Society of Shouykh Al Aroub	
Start Date:	01-July-08	End Date: 30-June-09 (first phase of a 3-year program)

Neighbourhood Corners in the Southern West Bank



The project will be implemented in 16 impoverished rural and camp communities in the Southern West Bank. Using the Neighbourhood Corners approach, it involves the establishment and equipment of a community facility to enhance the ability of CBOs to respond to community needs. The project seeks to improve the outcomes for vulnerable people by ensuring that the local government is actively involved in analysing and responding to community vulnerability. Downward accountability for service delivery will be promoted through community reporting by CBOs and by developing the capacity of a number of CBOs to engage with the government and advocate for improved services. Micro-finance and micro-enterprise services will aim to improve the livelihoods of women and therefore reduce the economic vulnerability of women.

File number:	PL07		
Budget:	AUD 6,000,000 (total)		
Funding:	AusAID (Australia-Middle East NGO Cooperation Agreement 2, AMENCA2)		
Partner:	The Palestinian Business Women’s Association, Bethlehem University (Institute for Community Partnership)		
Project Design Phase Start Date:	01-Sep-08	End Date:	31-Jan-09
Project Implementation Start Date:	01-Feb-09	End Date:	31-Jan-14

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Mainstreaming Protection in DRR and DRM Programming in the Solomon Islands

This two year project is to pilot a bottom-up approach for mainstreaming protection into Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities. The approach will strengthen the capacity of local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to work with communities to better understand underlying vulnerabilities, build community resilience, and put mechanisms in place to mitigate the impact of disasters, especially on the most vulnerable people. By assisting local partners to adapt Austcare's protection-sensitive DRR approach and methods to their own work, Austcare will build local capacity in a creative approach to vulnerability and mitigation analysis and strengthen local capacity to mitigate the effects of disaster by better assessing and understanding underlying vulnerabilities. These activities will complement, and be coordinated with the work undertaken by other agencies, such as the International Committee of Red Cross, to build the capacity of the Solomon Islands Government and services in DRR and disaster response. This project involves three local development CSOs working in DRR or on DRR-related activities in Solomon Islands.

File Number:	SI01		
Budget:	AUD 222,395		
Funding:	AusAID		
Start Date:	01-May-08	End Date:	30-Apr-10

SRI LANKA

AUSTCARE Protection Officers (Rapid Response Register) for Sri Lanka



This project will make available 6 Protection Officers to UN agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR and UNOCHA) in Sri Lanka from its Rapid Response Register. The Protection Officers will be deployed on 6 month assignments. Past deployments on this project have been to Batticaloa (5 months), Colombo (12 months), Vavuniya (12 months) and Mannar (6 months). The final deployment commenced in November 2008 to Vavuniya (6 months).

File Number:	PR09		
Budget:	AUD 550,611.04		
Funding:	AusAID		
Start Date:	20-Nov-06	End Date:	4-May-09

Protection Officers – Darfur & South Sudan

This project is an extension to PR08 which made available 6 Australian Protection Officers to UN agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR and UNOCHA) in Sudan. These Protection Officers worked on six (6) month assignments to immediately strengthen the capacity of UN agencies to enhance protection presence where it was needed most. Whilst the majority of deployments for this project have been completed, a no-cost extension was granted to enable Austcare to deploy a final Protection Officer. A Protection Officer has just returned from a three month deployment to Nyala in South Darfur funded by this extension.

File Number:	PR08b
Budget:	AUD 90,000
Funding:	AusAID
Start Date:	(Ext of PR08) End Date: 30-Jan-09 (extension / roll-over of funds being sought)

Protection Officers – Darfur (Rapid Response Register)



Austcare will deploy ten (10) Protection Officers to our UN partner agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR and UNOCHA) in Darfur from Austcare's RRR. Protection Officers will be deployed to UN offices in the different regions of Darfur. Two deployments have already taken place to Mukjar and El Geneina (both West Darfur). In January and February a further 5 deployments will commence in Darfur to Nyala (x2), Kutum, Kass, and El Geneina.

File Number:	PR10		
Budget:	AUD 1,000,000 +GST		
Funding:	AusAID		
Start Date:	1-May-08	End Date:	1-Dec-09

TIMOR-LESTE (East Timor)

Armed Violence Baseline Assessment

Austcare and the Geneva-based Small Arms Survey have launched an assessment to identify and clarify concrete policy-relevant entry points to prevent and reduce real and perceived armed violence in Timor-Leste. Undertaken between May 2008 and May 2009, the AusAID-supported assessment will establish a Dili-based repository of existing international and domestic data on armed violence and serve as a clearing house for information and analysis. The objective of the assessment is to provide valid and reliable policy options for the Timorese government, civil society and their partners in identifying appropriate priorities and practical strategies.

File Number:	ET31		
Budget:	AUD 412,500		
Funding:	AusAID		
Start Date:	31-May-08	End Date:	30-May-09

Community Interactive Peace Building in Fractured Communities of Timor-Leste

This project will work with internally displaced people and host communities to support dialogue efforts between community members, and between community members and government agencies. It will focus particularly on empowering people's engagement and capacity to respond to community issues. The work undertaken with the community will build peace through providing services such as community education and training activities, and work towards the establishment of locally run and supported Neighbourhood Corners (community centres).

File Number:	ET32	
Budget:	AUD 46,102.39	
Funding:	Irish Aid	
Start Date:	1-Apr-08	End Date: 30-Mar-09

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File Number:	ET33	
Budget:	AUD 31,269	
Funding:	International Refugee Japan	
Start Date:	1-Jan-2008	End Date: 31-Dec-2008

Sustainable Development of Rural Communities in Bobonaro District of Timor-Leste

Working in vulnerable rural communities in four sucos (villages) in the Bobonaro District of Timor Leste, Austcare will improve livelihood opportunities, conduct community education programs on civic rights and life skills, establish and build the capacity of community governance structures, and promote sustainable natural resource management.

File Number:	ET34	
Budget:	AUD 131,067	
Funding:	AUSAID (ANCP)	
Start Date:	1-July-08	End Date: 30-June-09

Building Community Confidence for Reintegration of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

The proposed project will support the National Recovery Strategy announced by the Government of Timor Leste in three ways. First, Austcare will facilitate the return or relocation of people displaced from Dili in 2006 and within Viqueque and Lautem in 2007 by helping the returning and accepting communities to resolve differences and live harmoniously. Second, Austcare will work with Ministry of Social Solidarity, and its dialogue team to facilitate dialogues between community members. Austcare's third area of intervention is to build the capacity of local community and local government officials in recognising potentials for future conflict, preventing conflicts from re-emerging and sustain peace through ongoing community reconciliation measures.

File Number:	ET35	
Budget:	AUD 172,316.72	
Funding:	UNDP	
Start Date:	1-Sep-08	End Date: 31-Aug-09

Protection of Vulnerable People in Baucau

Austcare is providing protection to IDPs in Baucau, Viqueque and Lautem through a Protection Team based in Baucau. This team has an international team leader who provides leadership, training and support to six local staff members, four of whom are on secondment from local NGOs. The team will operate in pairs in each location, conducting needs assessments, providing support to displaced persons and assisting with the coordination of delivery of essential services to vulnerable people in each location.

Budget:	AUD 297,812.60	
Funding:	AusAID	
Start Date:	11-Sept-07	End Date: 30-Jun-08

Building Capacity for Community Based Disaster Risk Management in Timor-Leste

Austcare will utilize Community Based Disaster Reduction Management (CBDRM) expertise and training capacity in its Aceh Indonesia office to complement the capacity of its Timor-Leste office. It will build the capacity of Timorese local counterparts at the national and district government level, as well as among sub-district and community representatives and local Civil Society Organisations. In the first phase of the project, Austcare Timor-Leste will support the National Disaster Management Department to host a national Disaster Risk Reduction Conference in Dili, Timor-Leste on March 11-12, 2008. Conference attendees will include around 80 current agents involved in CBDRM initiatives at the district, sub-district, and community level. International Non Government Organisations, local partner Non Government Organisations, and government representatives will have an opportunity to come together to learn and share their experiences.. In the second phase of the project Austcare will design and deliver workshops/training sessions on CBDRM in the Viqueque and Bobonaro districts to be held in April and May respectively. Each workshop will target 100 participants from district, sub-district, village and sub-village levels, Civil Society Organisations, and Community Based Organisations.

Budget:	AUD 50,000	
Funding:	AusAID	
Start Date:	1-Mar-08	End Date: 30-Jun-08

Armed Violence Baseline Assessment

Austcare and the Small Arms Survey are undertaking a comprehensive armed violence baseline assessment in Timor-Leste. Drawing on a combination of effective research methods – including epidemiological surveys, participatory focus groups and retrospective surveillance of intentional injury in selected hospitals and clinics – the assessment will describe the (i) geographic and longitudinal distribution of armed violence; (ii) the flow, stocks and holdings of small arms and light weapons by different actors; (iii) the command and control of the country's heterogeneous armed groups; (iv) local attitudes toward international and domestic security providers; and will provide concrete recommendations on practical approaches to enhancing civilian protection and human security.

Budget:	AUD 412,500		
Funding:	AusAID		
Start Date:	31-May-08	End Date:	30-May-09

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Protection Manual for Humanitarian Agencies

This project develops and disseminates a practical mainstreaming manual for use by a wide range of humanitarian agencies operating in emergency situations. The manual development includes training, field testing and peer view. The manual revises existing tools and distills a practice framework that has cross-sectoral application and can be adapted to disaster risk reduction, emergency and post-emergency recovery activities. This is part of Austcare's mainstreaming protection activities.

File Number:	PR12		
Budget:	AUD 211,100.38		
Funding:	AusAID, Austcare, other (TBC)		
Partners:	Oxfam Australia, World Vision Australia, Caritas Australia, Care Australia, ActionAid International, Austcare's local NGO and CBO partners (Aceh and Timor -Leste)		
Start Date:	01-June-08	End Date:	30 May-09

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