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*securing the FUTURE for International Education:  
Managing growth and Diversity*

# Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA

- ✦ Australian People for Health, Education, and Development Abroad
- ✦ Formed in 1984 as aid agency of ACTU
- ✦ Inspired by Norwegian Peoples Aid in Beirut
- ✦ Development through training in livelihood skills and health
- ✦ Focus on workers' rights
- ✦ Local partners: CBOs, local govt

# strategic contributions

- ★ 1990-2003 rebuilding TVET in Cambodia, + health, labour, women's, enviro/food security
- ★ 1985-2003 health training in Viet Nam
- ★ 1985-2003 Palestinian refugees' health
- ★ Democratic transition South Africa
- ★ 1988- 2003 HIV: SA, Pacific, Mekong
- ★ 1998-2003 rebuilding TVET East Timor

# Diversity features

- ✱ Not large: medium-small size, 7th in 2002
- ✱ Not relief/emergency
- ✱ Not affiliated with international organisation or alliance
- ✱ Not public fundraising; defined constituency
- ✱ Democratic membership structure
- ✱ Values-based, but neither evangelical nor apolitical
- ✱ Late Cold War genesis, national liberation

# Australian NGDO sector

- ★ 48 accredited with AusAID
  - ★ 78 in ACID
  - ★ 107 signatories to Code of Conduct
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- ★ Generalist – specific
  - ★ Religious – values-based
  - ★ Generations

# NGOs and AusAID

Aust NGDO's funds sent overseas:

Donations in FY 01-02 to Aust NGDOs  
\$347m

Funding from AusAID, not including  
volunteer programs is \$78m

= 4% of AusAID budget, less than admin

# Challenges in NGDO sector: ethics

Iraq accelerates ethical challenges:

- ✱ Oppose sanctions and war?
- ✱ Support human rights?
- ✱ Accept funds, direction from occupation authorities?
- ✱ Need for security
- ✱ UN and lack differential humanitarian space
- ✱ Profits in reconstruction, aid



# Values and advocacy

- ✱ Political?
- ✱ Neutral?
- ✱ Human rights based approach?
- ✱ Speaking truth to power?
- ✱ Governance?

The background features a dark blue field with several large, semi-transparent gears of varying shades of blue and grey. On the left side, there is a vertical strip with a colorful, abstract, and textured appearance, possibly representing a gear mechanism or a complex system. The overall theme is mechanical and interconnected.

# Building civil society

- ✱ Free associations, voluntary organisations, values –based
- ✱ Not defined by market/profit
- ✱ Not government

# Campaigns

- ✱ Landmines
- ✱ Child abuse, child labour
- ✱ Debt
- ✱ Essential medicines, HIV and patents
- ✱ Trade
- ✱ Anti-apartheid
- ✱ Burma
- ✱ Independence: Pacific, East Timor, Tibet, Palestine, Aceh, West Papua, W Sahara

# Challenges to advocacy

- ★ USAID

- ★ IPA

- ★ Australian government & charities

- ★ Cancun WTO

# Political economy of Aust ODA

- ★ AusAID 5%
- ★ ANGOs 4%
- ★ PNG ?
- ★ Multilateral 15%
- ★ AMCs, outsourced/ for-profit 70%

# Differences between NGO & commercial sectors

- ★ Accountabilities:  
to partners and participants  
to donors, members, boards, parent bodies  
to government/s
- ★ Often long term relationships/community linkages
- ★ Cost effective, volunteer efforts
- ★ Transparency
- ★ Double standard in evaluation?
- ★ Versus "commercial-in-confidence"

# Market share & competition

- ✦ Competition for public donations average \$38 p/household
- ✦ AusAID wanting fewer contracts: remove medium-small and troublesome ANGOs from accreditation/country windows
- ✦ Independence funding/policy

# Alliances

- ✱ Autonomous donor groups
- ✱ Australian NGOs
- ✱ Overseas NGOs
- ✱ Academic sector
- ✱ Commercial contractors