

Annual Report

CID

2003





Photo: Reef fish seller, Kirakira, Solomon Island ~ Nicola Dove for VSA.

Photos

The photos used in this report are all from CID member agencies. A number of them relate to water, acknowledging 2003 as the UN's International Year of Freshwater.

Front cover: *Ansokia, Ethiopia*
(Tibebu Mengitsu, World Vision)

Back cover: *Making fishing nets at Metinaro near Dili, East Timor*
(Nicola Dove for VSA) and
Cambodian boy fixing a net
(Alan Fletcher, ADRA NZ)

The COUNCIL for INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CID) is the umbrella organisation that represents 56 New Zealand-based aid and development agencies.

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Report from the *Chairperson*



Rae Julian and Jill Hawkey

2002-3 has seen CID gain strength as an organisation. Under the competent leadership of Rae Julian and the expertise of the whole staff team, CID has developed into a strong organisation able to support its members and engage effectively on key international issues. In particular, this year has seen CID develop in three areas; it's own institutional strengthening, the support of its members and the development of policies based on sound research.

Sub-Committees of the Executive worked with staff to put into place appropriate policies and procedures governing CID's operation. In particular, an extremely useful Executive Policy Manual was developed by members of the Policy Committee.

CID staff are committed to providing support for all member agencies, paying particular attention to smaller agencies or those new to the area of international development. Support for all agencies included the regular communication through the fortnightly *CID Update*, individual meetings between staff and agencies, training opportunities and a mentoring service for those accessing Government funds for the first time. CID staff also supported agencies involved in responding to emergencies through the servicing of the National Disaster Relief Forum.

The employment of a Research Officer enabled CID to undertake valuable research on all its member agencies. A Trade Forum exemplified a new method of policy development, bringing together NZAID and the NGO community. From these discussions, a draft CID policy was developed which was circulated to all agencies for their input before being adopted by the CID Executive.

Such policies and position papers provide CID enable CID to engage with NZAID on issues of aid and development. CID member agencies have much knowledge and experience to offer the government sector as NZAID develop its own policies and strategies. However, it is an ongoing concern that the amount of official overseas development assistance allocated through NGOs is only approximately 10% of the total budget. The two major government funding windows accessed by NGOs - the Voluntary Agency Support Scheme (VASS) and the Emergency Disaster Relief (EMDR) Fund make up only about 6% of the total ODA budget. While there was a 9% increase in the overall ODA budget in 2003, the VASS scheme increased by

only 5%. This is an area for ongoing discussion between CID and NZAID.

In February, the CID Executive together with staff undertook an exercise to develop CID's Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. Three goals were decided, in order to be:

- ☞ a treaty-based multicultural organisation with a progressive, independent voice that values the active involvement and diversity of its members;
- ☞ a highly regarded umbrella organisation at the forefront of influencing government policy and public opinion on international aid and development issues;
- ☞ an organisation through which members consult, network together and learn from each other in order to provide more effective strategies to overcome poverty and injustice.

CID now has 56 member agencies and behind these agencies there is a strong network of hundreds of thousands of supporters. If we commit ourselves to working together, then the achievement of these goals can become a reality. However for CID to be a healthy organisation, we need to acknowledge that as agencies, we are a diverse group and come from a variety of

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perspectives and understandings of why poverty and injustice exist in the world and the best way to respond. The danger for an umbrella organisation like CID is that in seeking the common ground between agencies, we lose our ability to be a progressive and independent voice. If CID is to become an organisation at the forefront of influencing government policy on international aid and development, we, as agencies, need to find ways that we can debate issues openly, vigorously and respectfully.

Through CID, we need to be finding ways that we can challenge each other in a safe environment as the issues we are dealing with have such impact on people's lives.

To the dedicated staff, Executive members and others from member agencies who assisted with training or on sub-Committees, thank you for your input, focus and hard work. In working through CID, we have had the opportunity to learn from each other and share our struggles and successes as together we work for a world free of poverty and injustice.

Jill Hawkey ~ *Chairperson*

Report from the *Executive Director*

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Introduction

This year has passed very quickly as CID has been very busy. With a growing membership and only very small increases in staff, the workload has had to be carefully managed. We have attempted to prioritise matters so that the most important aspects of the role are not neglected.

Staff

There have been a number of staff changes during the year. Fortunately, Kim Chamberlain and Michael Hartfield are still in their managerial roles and I have appreciated their support whenever it has been needed. Their activities have been extensive and we will soon have to seek additional staff support. It is interesting to compare our staffing with that of comparable organisations overseas: ACFOA in Australia has around 90 member organisations and 15 staff; CCIC in Canada has a similar membership and staff numbers as ACFOA while CID has 56 members and 5.5 general staff.

Ewan Morris took up the new Research Officer position in October and we are benefiting greatly from his skills. CID is now able to add more depth to its advocacy work.

The Office Manager position has proven problematic. Maxine Carroll left in January and her replacement, Sheila Charlesworth, was with us for only a month before illness and a move from Wellington brought her resignation. We were very lucky that our stalwart Raewyn Reynolds, who had been assisting in a temporary role for a period of time, decided that she would like to accept a part time position. Raewyn has an accounting background and her expertise is much appreciated.

Another new position was negotiated with us early in the year. NZAID decided that it was more appropriate for the VASS administration position to be located with the NGO sector. A tri-partite agreement was drawn up between the Project Selection Committee (PSC), NZAID and CID so that the part time Administrator, Claire-Louise McCurdy, is a CID staff member and is located within the CID office but reports to the PSC on work-related matters. Claire-Louise has had wide experience in the domestic voluntary sector, which will stand her in good stead in her current job.

Funding

The NZAID grant increased again for the new financial year. As well as the VASS position, the increase is intended mainly to cover an increase in the NGO Travel Fund and Maori Liaison. This increase reflects the strength of the relationship with NZAID – they clearly see the value of liaising with one organisation rather than 56!

Membership

Membership has grown again this year - there are now 56 member organisations. Eight organisations have joined CID and three have resigned. A number of other organisations are in the process of joining, which may involve changes to their Constitutions or Trust Deeds or the production of audited accounts.

New members:

- ☞ Transparency International
- ☞ The Alay Buhay Educational Trust
- ☞ The Peace Foundation
(Consulting member)
- ☞ Medical Aid Abroad
- ☞ The Vision Pacific Charitable Trust
- ☞ World Wide Fund for Nature - New Zealand (WWF)
- ☞ The Vietnam Health Trust
- ☞ Surfaid International

photo: *Completing homework between lessons at Ranwadi High School, Vanuatu. David Gurr for VSA.*



CID's Vision

*The DIGNITY and
EMPOWERMENT
of poor communities
everywhere*

These organisations are based in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Gisborne and encompass a wide range of interests. We look forward to their valuable input.

Resignations were received from:

- ☞ The New Zealand Association of Presbyterian Women
- ☞ Volunteer Ophthalmic Service Overseas (VOSO)
- ☞ Water for Survival
(now amalgamated with Oxfam)

We were especially sorry to lose Water for Survival. They filled a unique role within the CID family and John La Roche and Paul Henriques have made an invaluable contribution to the international development community.



photo: *The Hon. Marian Hobbs with
Rae Julian at the 2002 AGM.*

COVS has undergone a refocusing process and has now resumed operations as Mahitahi.

During the year all current organisations and some new ones were visited as part of the survey carried out by Ewan Morris. The survey also offered an opportunity to members to comment on anything to do with CID. In general comments were favourable but we have taken

seriously any suggestions for improvement of our services. Other staff members and I have also visited many member agencies and welcomed others to the office as we consider such contacts an important part of our role.

MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting 2002

The AGM was held on the weekend of the 5-6 October with a Pacific theme. We were especially pleased to have Adimailaga Tafuna'i as a guest speaker and that the Hon Marian Hobbs agreed to open the meeting. Special guests at the meeting were the PIANGO Board members, who had arranged a meeting in Wellington to coincide with the CID AGM, and Gaye Hart and Neva Wendt from ACFOA. An important part of the meeting was the contribution of member agencies to the various workshops and discussions.

A new Executive Committee was elected, with Jill Hawkey (CWS) re-elected as Chairperson for another year.

Regional Meetings

Meetings were held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch in April. As with the previous year, a valuable part of the meeting was the presentation by Dr Peter Adams, Executive Director of NZAID, reviewing progress since the launch of the new agency in July 2002. It was generally agreed that the relationship between CID and NZAID was strong and healthy and members appreciated the ongoing opportunities to contribute towards policies, country reviews and other activities.



Woman carrying water ~ UNICEF

The days were divided between CID-only sessions and time for NGOs to discuss VASS-related issues with PSC members. There was a high turnout of members, especially at the Auckland and Christchurch meetings and strong support was expressed for their continuation.

CID Executive

The Executive met four times during the year. Terri-Ann Scorer resigned in August as she was leaving Oxfam but membership was otherwise constant. Executive members worked very hard, especially on the various subcommittees and ad hoc committees.

Subcommittees

Finance ~ Jonquil Brooks, JB Munro, Terri-Ann Scorer

Membership ~ (split from finance during the year) Adam Laidlaw, Terry Butt, Steve Tollestrup

Staff ~ Jill Hawkey, Terry Butt, Steve Tollestrup

Travel Fund ~ JB Munro, Isabelle Duff, Steve Tollestrup

Policy ~ Isabelle Duff, Terry Butt

Strategic Policy Framework ~ David Hall, (Leprosy Mission), Adam Laidlaw, Peter Thorp, Jonquil Brooks, Helen Green (WorldVision), Don Clarke & Suzanne Loughlin (NZAID).

Ad Hoc Committees/ Working Groups

Treaty Partnership ~ Jill Hawkey, Manu Caddie (Te Ora Hou Aotearoa), Maree Tukukino (Te Korowai Aroha), Don Clarke, Suzanne Loughlin and Tony Andrews (NZAID)

Constitutional Review

Taskforce ~ JB Munro, Terri-Ann Scorer, David Hall, Helen Green

Pacific Poverty Steering

Committee ~ Harriet Sewell, replacing Rebecca Wrigley (Oxfam), Rae Julian and all agencies working in the Pacific as a reference group)

ODA Review ~ Elizabeth Mackie (CWS), John Bowis (SCF) and reference group.

CID has hosted the following NGO Forums (Jun 2002/Jul 2003):

- ☞ Craig Duncan ~ UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- ☞ Tony Maturin ~ Quaker Peace and Justice, NZ
- ☞ Mamatha Esteves and Meria Carling ~ Save the Children, Fiji
- ☞ Dr. Jose Ramos Horta ~ Foreign Minister, East Timor
- ☞ Asmerom Abraha Ma'Ashio ~ Ambassador, Embassy of the State of Eritrea
- ☞ Representatives of the PNG Aid and Development Division
- ☞ Hafiz Pasha ~ Asst. Secretary General, United Nations Devt. Programme (UNDP)
- ☞ Dr. Dean Hirsch ~ President, World Vision International
- ☞ Catherine Shevlin Pierce ~ Country Rep. UN Family Planning Assoc. (UNFPA)
- ☞ Ian Howie ~ CEO, Office of Human Resources, UNFPA
- ☞ Bimla Chandrasekar ~ Director, EKTA S India
- ☞ Eno Nakamura ~ Programme Manager, DEAR, Japan
- ☞ Nurdin Abdul Rahman ~ Director PASKA, Aceh,

- ☞ Xian Zhu ~ Country Director, World Bank
- ☞ Lester Dally ~ Senior Advisor, World Bank
- ☞ Vinay Bharara ~ Country Director, World Bank
- ☞ Reena Samuel ~ Director child related advocacy, World Vision India
- ☞ Mudita Chamroen ~ Field Rep, CIDSE, Cambodia
- ☞ Richard Stanley ~ Director, Asian Development Bank
- ☞ David Haider ~ World Vision Bangladesh
- ☞ Fatima Mahfoud ~ Spokesperson, Western Saharawi women
- ☞ Bill Humphrey ~ Project Manager, Save the Children PNG
- ☞ Sultan Mahmud ~ Director, Save the Children Bangladesh
- ☞ Ken Casey ~ Senior Vice President, World Vision USA

LIAISON

NZAID

CID has met with NZAID on many occasions during the year, both formally and informally. The Executive meets quarterly with Dr Peter Adams and other officials to discuss areas of common interest and the agendas are always lengthy. These meetings range from issues of concern within the relationship to discussions of wider matters.

There have also been meetings arranged to comment on country strategy reviews, policy consultations (education and trade), and the joint committees and working groups outlined above. I was invited to accompany Sarah-Jane Marriott to meetings with the Asia Development bank in Manila in November to discuss the proposal for a feasibility



photo: UNICEF

study for setting up a Pacific Poverty Fund, with time to meet the NGO section of the ADB and other NGOs.

There is also a great deal of informal communication between the two agencies, especially with the NGO Programmes Manager. This position underwent considerable changes during the year as Barbara Williams was promoted to another NZAID position. Both Barbara Mulligan and Margie Lowe filled the role in a temporary capacity until Suzanne Loughlin took up the permanent appointment. We value this role greatly and appreciate Suzanne's willingness to engage with the NGOs – it is to be hoped that the change of title and responsibilities to Programme Manager, Civil Society and Global Governance will not mean that she has little time to devote to NGO issues.

MFAT

Links with MFAT are less frequent than before the partial separation from NZAID. CID has participated in discussions on the GATS, and other trade matters. We attended a number of meetings both before and after the World Summit on Sustainable Development and I went on joint visits to other centres to report back on the Summit.

Military

CID has started to assist with briefings for peacekeepers prior to their deployment. We have now conducted two sessions, comprising people going to Bosnia, Timor Leste, Sinai and Lebanon and Sierra Leone. Unfortunately it was not possible to talk to those going to the Solomons as they were briefed mainly in Australia. Discussions at these meetings centre on the respective roles of the military and NGOs,

areas of similarity and differences and issues that may arise from the differences.

Parliament

Following the election Matt Robson, with whom we had had much-appreciated monthly meetings, was replaced as Minister in charge of Overseas Development Assistance by Marian Hobbs. We were delighted to find that she shared Matt's keen interest in the area and that she agreed to meet CID on a six weekly basis. These meetings have been very useful opportunities to cover a wide range of topics and we have always found her open and friendly towards NGOs. We have tried to include other CID members at the meetings, especially the smaller agencies who may not otherwise have a chance to share their concerns or issues.

ANGOA

I have continued as a member of the ANGOA co-ordinating committee, mainly to represent the interests of the international sector. I consider this relationship to be very important as it keeps CID informed about issues within the domestic sector and maintains links within the whole voluntary sector.

PIANGO

I attended the PIANGO Council meeting in July along with Alice Hauraki from Te Korowai Aroha. This was a valuable experience and

reinforced to me the importance of Pacific Island Governance for Pacific agencies.

PIANGO has undergone a major restructuring, including a transfer of office to Suva, during the year. CID



Photo: Borehole, Malawi.
Bernard Gomes, World Vision

has played a supportive role during the process, including liaison with NZAID. We have signed an MOU with PIANGO, promising support in a number of ways, including staff exchanges. Kim Chamberlain recently spent a week with Adi Tafuna'i and Samoan Women in Business and we look forward to a reciprocal visit. Felicity Bollen and Neil Netaf have now been appointed as Executive Director and Associate

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Director. Both are strong appointments of well-qualified and experienced people and we look forward to working closely with them.

The World Summit on Sustainable Development

I attended the WSSD as one of the NGO delegates, representing the “social pillar”. This was a very enlightening and valuable experience and I appreciated the NZ delegation’s inclusion of the non-officials in all aspects of the main conference, including the informal meetings. Although in general the conference could not be said to have been a success in terms of immediate

in measuring the outcomes at a later date, a task allocated to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

Reality of Aid

In June, I went to the Philippines for an “Asia” region (now known as Asia-Pacific!) meeting of the NGOs who form part of the Reality of Aid network, followed by a world-wide meeting to discuss the 2004 edition of the Reality of Aid. The theme is to be governance and there were many interesting presentations on the theme. It was generally agreed, however, that governance is not just something done by governments. To be effective and sustainable good governance must start at the grass roots, and must ensure that all of the people have a voice in decision making on all issues that affect their lives.

Media

I have been asked for comment on a number of issues during the year, mainly by Radio New Zealand International. We have commented on Iraq, the Solomon Islands, the NZAID trade policy, the lack of increase in relation to GNI in the budget for overseas development assistance and development issues in general.

During the year, we have built up our relationships with the media and it is encouraging that we are now consulted regularly and asked for comment.

Advocacy

In addition to the media activities outlined above, we have:

- ☞ Developed and circulated a position paper on the US-led invasion of Iraq
- ☞ Updated the 2000 submission on New Zealand and international human rights for the Parliamentary select Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade
- ☞ Written and presented a submission on the General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) for MFAT
- ☞ Organised a forum on trade issues and produced a trade policy
- ☞ Continued our involvement with the Jubilee Aotearoa debt campaign

Conclusion

CID has had another very active year. We are encouraged by the growth of the organisation but are also aware of the extra pressures created for staff by the extra membership. We therefore ask for forbearance from members if requests are not attended to immediately. Our first priority is to support our members, with promotion of international development issues also very high on the agenda.

Since the end of the financial year, there has been a lot of discussion about civil society and the importance of the role of civil society, both domestically and in developing countries. We plan to continue to remind governments that good governance is dependent on the inclusion of all of the people in decision-making. Our role is to support that process.

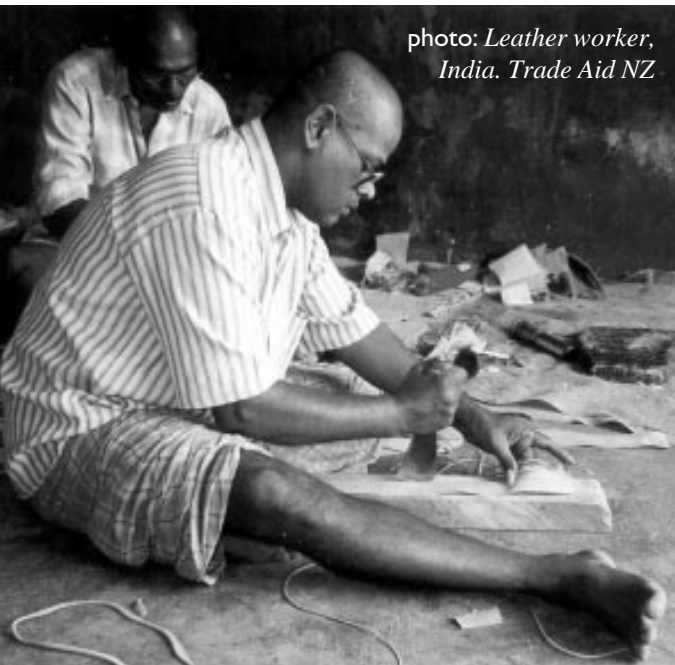


photo: *Leather worker, India. Trade Aid NZ*

outcomes for developing countries, there were some significant positive steps, especially in the development of partnerships between developing and donor countries and pledges of support for projects submitted by the former group (Type 2 partnerships). The true test will be

Training and Capacity Building

This year’s training programme attracted 192 participants from 31 member agencies and 9 external groups (including universities and NZAID).



photo: Village health education in India, The Leprosy Mission

When	What	Length	Where	Who
Oct	Human Rights and Devt.	1 day	Auck	Jill Long and Kate Phillips, Active Learning Centre Glasgow
Feb	Contracting with NZAID	½ day	Auck/Wgtn	June Ralston and Barbara Williams, NZAID
Feb/Jun	Treaty of Waitangi	2 day	Chch/Wgtn	Robert Consedine and John Faisandier
Mar	Advocacy in Action	2 day	Wgtn	Joan Isaac
Mar	Introduction to VASS	1 day	Auck/Wgtn	Trish Murray and Kim Chamberlain
May	Introduction to L/ADAF	1 day	Auck/Wgtn	John Egan, NZAID
May	Monitoring Visits in the Field	1 day	Auck/Wgtn	Elizabeth Mackie and Kim Chamberlain

VASS

As well as contracting CID to run two workshops - Introduction to VASS and Monitoring Visits in the field – the VASS PSC also asked CID to facilitate the Small Agency Meeting held in Wellington in May and to trial a VASS mentoring scheme.

The mentoring scheme, co-ordinated by the Training and Capacity Building Manager, was instituted in recognition of the need for more in depth assistance than the VASS PSC liaison role can provide. It has involved mainly working with small agencies and those new to the VASS.

NZAID

International NGOs have displayed increasing interest and capacity to utilise NZAID funding other than VASS. In order to increase NGO knowledge of other funding windows CiD ran two sets of workshops in conjunction with NZAID.

In February the outgoing NGO Programme Manager, Barbara Williams, and June Ralston, NZAID’s Contracting Unit Manager, presented two workshops which gave an overview of the different NZAID funding windows and a description of the contracting process. Then in May, John Egan ran a day session on the Asian Development Assistance Facility (ADAF) and the Latin American equivalent (LADAF) which focused on how NGOs could make use of these funds.

We were fortunate this year to be able to take advantage of a DFID sponsored visit to NZAID by two respected trainers in the area of Human Rights and Development, Gillian Long and Kate Phillips from the Active Learning Centre based at the University of Glasgow. This was an opportunity for NGOs to hear what is happening internationally with this approach to development and to consider the implications for their work. The workshops will be followed up in the new training year.

Treaty of Waitangi

The commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi is fundamental to our perspective on international development issues as enshrined in CID’s Code of Ethics. It is important that we as a community are well resourced to understand these issues and to have opportunities to engage in discussions about paths towards becoming Treaty-based organisations.

The beginning point is attending Treaty education workshops and this year we ran workshops in both Christchurch and Wellington. This will be followed up by further sessions that focus on the implications of the Treaty for CID member organisations.

Capacity Building

Capacity building underpins the work of all of CID’s staff, especially in the training programme, where a flexible and focused use of time and



Photo left: Womens' development programme, Bangladesh, Caritas
below, collecting rainwater, UNICEF

resources meets the particular needs of individuals and agencies. It is of special value to small agencies which are usually under resourced and often mostly voluntary. Activities this year have included strategic planning, informal individual mentoring and facilitation training.

Development Education

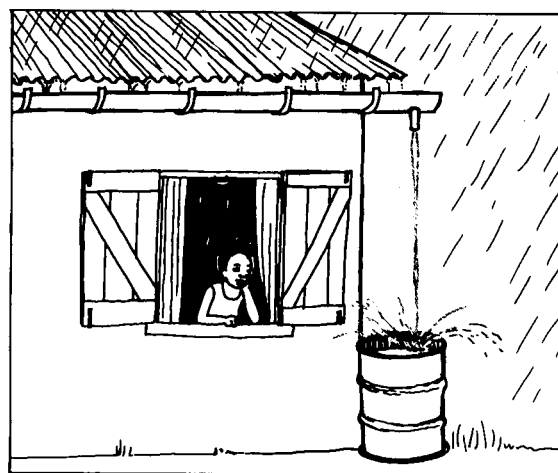
At the beginning of July 2002 CID, in conjunction with Dev- Zone, Water for Survival, VSA and with representation from PPTA, organised a two day Development Education Workshop. 45 people attended,

mainly from international development NGOs and teachers from secondary schools.

In response to a recommendation from the workshop, a Dev-Ed Strategic Working with CID as a member was set up to progress the aim of co-ordinating efforts to develop a national development education organisation.

This group is currently working through the issues relevant to realising this aim.

Kim Chamberlain



The NGO Travel Fund ~ 2002/03

CID administers the NGO Travel Fund on behalf of NZAID. The following applications were supported in 2002/03 (applicant/name of organisation/conference attended and amount approved)

- ☞ **Geoff Keey** ~ Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc.
World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg South Africa ~ July 2002
\$3,500
- ☞ **Rebecca Lineham** ~ Amnesty International NZ.
Post Conflict Reconstruction: Lessons Learnt and Best Practice Conference ~ September 2002
\$3,500
- ☞ **Susan Battye** ~ Te Raukau Hua O Te Wao Tapu
The 2nd East African Theatre Institute Festival, Mbarara, Uganda ~ September 2002
\$3,500
- ☞ **Professor Jane Kelsey** ~ ARENA
Our World Is Not For Sale Meeting – Oslo, Norway ~ September 2002
\$2,000
- ☞ **Shane Cave** ~ Transparency International New Zealand
The Fourth International Budget Project Conference, Mexico City, Mexico ~ January 2003
\$2,900
- ☞ **Tim Chiswell** ~ RedR/Caritas
RedR Australia Communications and Security Course, Dookie, South Australia ~ June 2003
\$1,265

Communications

Information Management

The "Development Update," a bulletin of development related information is emailed to over 320 contacts (up 20% on last year) every second Friday. The bulletin seems to be well used and is one way that CID can help promote member agency issues and events.

Publications and Design

Three issues of CID's newsletter, Development Forum, have been produced this year, with the most recent one on Water. Circulation has remained steady with a print run of 700. Development Forum has remained largely unchanged in style and format for the past 7 years. In assessing its effectiveness and continued relevance,

CID has decided to change both its form and content and the next issue, which will be on Trade, will be more analytical and in-depth, with less news and information on member activities, as these are covered more efficiently in the emailed fortnightly Update.

During the past year, CID has redesigned a number of its brochures.

Meetings and Forums

Participation at the regular lunchtime forums varies, with attendance exceeding 20 on a number of occasions. These discussions are a particularly useful and effective way of engaging with people from the wider development community, with students, NZAID staff and media representatives regularly attending. CID is very

keen to extend these to other centres whenever possible.

Website

The new CID website, which went live soon after last year's AGM, has been a great success. It is colourful, simple and easy to use. CID has received good feedback and a few hours are set aside each week to keep it up to date. Thanks to those members who have provided photos and please keep them coming in, as CID wants to ensure that the site remains relevant and representative.

Promotional material

A set of 8A1 sized laminated panels describing what CID is and does were prepared in time for the December Dev-Net Conference.

Media

Relationships with the media are developing and it is encouraging that CID is contacted on a regular basis by the print, radio and TV for

what is



CiD?

one of the new CID brochures

information on a range of development related topics. The relationship will be further enhanced through a proposed workshop for media representatives.

Other

In April, I was very fortunate to participate in the annual ministerial trip to the Pacific. This was a wonderful opportunity to view first-hand NZAID and NGO sponsored development projects in PNG and Fiji and to network. It has been an enjoyable and busy year full of changes and challenges and I have appreciated your support and friendship.

Michael Hartfield



Photo: *Cooking chapati, Bangladesh. ADRA*

NDRF

Droughts in Southern Africa, civil unrest in Palestine, floods in Bangladesh, cyclones in the Pacific and war in Iraq have made this year of "disaster relief response" a sad but busy time for all members of the NGO Disaster Relief forum.

Tragedy has also touched our own community with the death of Carolyn Frazer, a Salvation Army officer, in China in 2002. Other agencies have had local field staff injured or killed in areas of civil unrest and armed conflict.

We are very grateful for NZAID's strong support of the NGO agencies involved in disaster relief. By adding the NZAID funds to public donations the NGO community has been able to make a significant contribution to many areas.

Meetings of the NDRF have been hosted by agencies in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch this year, thus allowing several of the smaller agencies to contribute to the forum. Discussion topics have ranged from the drought in Southern Africa to NGOs and their involvement with the military in areas of armed conflict, especially in the Solomon Islands.

The war in Iraq took centre stage this year with extra funds allocated to allow agencies to prepare for massive displacement of refugees following the US led invasion. As this

did not materialize the focus has turned to helping to start up the failing public services – water and electricity supply, hospitals and educational facilities. At the August NDRF meeting members were treated to a talk by Major Ian Frazer of the Salvation Army, recently returned from a visit to the Salvation Army projects in Iraq.

Funding Summary 2002/2003

- ☞ **October 2002**
5 projects supported.
Total expenditure \$250,000.
- ☞ **February 2003**
19 projects supported.
Total expenditure \$750,000
plus supplementary of \$1m.
- ☞ **April 2003**
4 projects supported.
Total expenditure \$200,000.
- ☞ **May 2003**
19 projects supported.
Total expenditure \$3,322,262

*Total EMDR NGO expenditures for
2002/03 = \$5,582,709*

Trends and Challenges

As the NDRF community has grown and developed its capacity, NZAID support has also grown. While the allocated budget for EMDR is limited, there is often extra funding available during the year and these funds have supplemented the EMDR and allowed more applications to be funded.



photo: Dili, East Timor, Nicola Dove for VSA.

Most applications are well researched and meet the criteria for funding. However, agencies must also understand the need for balance and spread in distributing the funds across the member agencies. The format of the application and report forms will be addressed in the VASS review and input from member agencies will be sought on this later this year.

Reporting on disaster and relief projects is improving but there is also a need for a wider sector analysis of the impacts of these projects. Perhaps an inter-agency review of several projects would provide an opportunity to learn lessons that would improve the delivery of disaster and relief aid in the future. Further training on Sphere Standards is also on the agenda, as is the strengthening of the NDRF representation on the VASS PSC.

Acknowledgements

The growth of the NDRF has increased the workload of CID staff in supporting the members with information, secretarial assistance and administration. I would like to acknowledge the work of Michael Hartfield, Kim Chamberlain and Rae Julian from CID and Margie Lowe and Suzanne Loughlin from NZAID, as they have worked hard to make the NDRF a stronger and more robust forum. The PSC members also face a challenge at each funding round to cope with the increasing number of applications and their professional input has been appreciated as they carry this extra load.

Alan Fletcher ~ Chair, NDRF



photo: ADRA

CID ~ Code of Ethics

To be a member of Council for International Development (CID) agencies must adhere to the following **Code of Ethics**:

I Principles

- (a) Development is sustainable and encompasses the social, spiritual, cultural and economic well-being of people.
- (b) The poor are the most appropriate people to make decisions about their own development.
- (c) The ultimate test of development policies is their long-term effect on the lives for the poorest sectors of society, especially women and children.
- (d) Sustainable development involves the use of all resources for the benefit of future as well as present generations.
- (e) Issues of justice and peace, human rights and a sustainable environment cannot be considered separately from development issues.
- (f) The Treaty of Waitangi is fundamental to development in Aotearoa/New Zealand, and to our perspective of development issues internationally.
- (g) Development education in Aotearoa/New Zealand is an integral part of all development programmes.
- (h) In all promotional activity members should ensure that the dignity of aid recipients is recognised and advanced.
- (i) All promotional, educational and fundraising programmes should be consistent with the above principles.



Photo: Leather worker in India, The Leprosy Mission

2 Objectives

- (a) To act as a forum for discussion and cooperative action by NGOs on development issues.
- (b) To lobby the government of the day and other political parties.
- (c) To seek greater consultation and cooperation on development programmes and concerns between the government and the non-governmental agencies.
- (d) To work for an increase in the quality and quantity of Aotearoa/New Zealand's development assistance.
- (e) To encourage a higher priority for development and education and to achieve a greater awareness amongst the people of Aotearoa/New Zealand.
- (f) To initiate research into development issues.
- (g) To speak out publicly on development issues.
- (h) To strengthen national and international links with groups actively involved in development issues.
- (i) Any or all of the objectives of the Council shall be carried out in any part of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Photo: HND well in Pinta dillera community, Honduras, Valley Area Development Programme ~ World Vision



CID Members

as of August 2003

- ↗ **ActionLove**
- ↗ **ADRA** - Adventist Development Relief Agency
- ↗ **Alay Buhay Foundation**
- ↗ **Amnesty International** *
- ↗ **AMB** - Anglican Missions Board
- ↗ **BANZAID** - Baptists of Aotearoa NZ Aid & Development
- ↗ **The Cambodia Trust**
- ↗ **CALM** - Campaign Against Land Mines
- ↗ **CARITAS** - Caritas Aotearoa
- ↗ **Connected Media Trust**
- ↗ **CBM** - Christian Blind Mission
- ↗ **CCF** - Christian Children's Fund
- ↗ **CWS** - Christian World Service
- ↗ **Dev-Zone** - Development Resource Centre
- ↗ **ECPAT** - End Child Prostitution Pornography and Trafficking
- ↗ **FPAID** - Family Planning Association International
- ↗ **Fred Hollows Foundation**
- ↗ **Habitat for Humanity NZ** *
- ↗ **IHC (Inclusion International)**
- ↗ **International Needs**
- ↗ **LAC** - Latin America Committee
- ↗ **Mahitahi** - People Working Together
- ↗ **Medical Aid Abroad**
- ↗ **NMT** - Nelson Mandela Trust
- ↗ **NI** - New Internationalist
- ↗ **NZACU** - NZ Assoc. Credit Unions
- ↗ **NZCFS** - NZ/China Friendship Society
- ↗ **O Le Lafitaga Trust**
- ↗ **OXFAM** - Oxfam NZ
- ↗ **PIRM** - Pacific Institute of Research Management
- ↗ **QPSNZ** - Quaker Peace and Service Assoc. NZ
- ↗ **RMS** - Refugee and Migrant Service
- ↗ **SCNZ** - Save the Children NZ
- ↗ **Soroptimist International**
- ↗ **Surf Aid International**
- ↗ **TEAR** - Tear Fund
- ↗ **Te Korowai Aroha Aotearoa**
- ↗ **Te Ora Hou**
- ↗ **The Africa Centre**
- ↗ **TLM NZ** - The Leprosy Mission, NZ
- ↗ **The Peace Foundation** *
- ↗ **The Salvation Army**
- ↗ **The Trade Aid Movement**
- ↗ **The Vision Pacific Charitable Trust**
- ↗ **Transparency International**
- ↗ **UNANZ** - United Nations Association of NZ
- ↗ **UNICEF** - NZ National Committee
- ↗ **UNIFEM** - NZ National Committee
- ↗ **VCLSN** - Vietnam Cambodia Laos Support Network
- ↗ **Vietnam Health Trust**
- ↗ **VSA** - Volunteer Service Abroad
- ↗ **Wellington Palestine Group**
- ↗ **WWF** - Worldwide Fund for Nature
- ↗ **WVNZ** - World Vision of NZ
- ↗ **YMCA** - Young Men's Christian Associations of NZ
- ↗ **YWCA** - Young Women's Christian Association of NZ

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