

## **MANDATE FOR UNITING CHURCH OVERSEAS AID DIVISION OF UNITING INTERNATIONAL MISSION**

- Responsible to:** The Assembly through Uniting International Mission
- Reporting Arrangements:** The Assembly and the Standing Committee through Uniting International Mission
- Mission Statement:** To fulfill Uniting International Mission's responsibilities to hear and respond to the needs of people, especially those with greatest need, in the Pacific, Asia and southern Africa through aid and development programs.

**Mandate:**

1. To work in partnership with churches, councils of churches and other appropriate agencies, to develop policies and programs in community development, human rights and other appropriate development areas.
2. To maintain a partnership with AusAID in the AusAID NGO Co-operation Program (ANCP) and other programs and to maintain membership in the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA) and to meet the requirements of the ACFOA Code of Conduct.
3. To implement development policies and programs that:
  - Assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development
  - Address the causes of poverty and promote justice, peace and civil society
  - Meet human need in times of emergency and to enable people affected by disasters and emergencies to recover as rapidly as possible
4. Ensure programs are effectively planned and managed through the ongoing development of our own capacity and the capacity of our overseas partners.
5. To support the following major types of activity:
  - Community Development  
Example: resource management, agriculture, community forestry, water supply, health, food security, vocational training. To incorporate use of loans, micro-credit and savings plans where possible.
  - Emergency Relief; Disaster Recovery and Refugee Support  
Example: Relief needs following cyclone, drought, earthquake, volcano and conflict situations. Disaster recovery programs. Long-term rehabilitation programs for refugees and people displaced by conflict.
  - Justice and Peace Building  
Example: Training and workshops that empower participants to address causes of poverty and conflict and gaining skills in organising groups and in conflict resolution
  - Training and Capacity Building  
Example: Training in program and financial management for partner organisations. Training for Uniting Church Overseas Aid staff.
  - Promotion of agency programs and development education  
Example: Newsletters, leaflets, direct mail, educational material, seminars, briefings, audiovisual and video facilities, small groups, worship, and deputation.

**Relationship with Uniting International Mission:**

Uniting Church Overseas Aid is a division of Uniting International Mission.

**Power to Appoint:**

To establish working groups for special tasks related specifically to the mandate.

**Director:**

The National Director of Uniting International Mission will be the Director of Uniting Church Overseas Aid.

**Membership of the Uniting Church Overseas Aid Program Committee:**

- Eight persons appointed by the Standing Committee from recommendations made by the Director of Uniting Church Overseas Aid.
- The Director of Uniting Church Overseas Aid.
- The Assembly General Secretary or his/her nominee.

*Approved by the Assembly Standing Committee March 2004*