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**Additional A\$ 4.6 million Australian Humanitarian Assistance to Cambodia**

On 6 February 2001, Australian Ambassador, H.E. Louise Hand, joined Senior Minister and Minister for Economy and Finance H.E. Keat Chhon, and senior officials, in announcing an additional A\$ 4.6 million for humanitarian assistance to Cambodia.

The Australian Government, through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), is providing A\$ 4.6 million (approximately USD 2.5 million) to six Australian NGOs - Australian Red Cross, UNICEF, CARE, Australian Volunteers International, World Vision and AUSTCARE - to carry out humanitarian activities for two years in Oddar Meanchey, Battambang, Kompong Chhnang, Prey Veng, Kratie, Stung Treng, Mondulhiri and Ratanakiri. The activities will focus on rehabilitation and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced people and disaster preparedness.

These funds are additional to the previously announced Australian development assistance to Cambodia of A\$37.9 million in 2000 - 2001, and the annual humanitarian support of A\$5 million to World Food Program to assist in relief and recovery operations including during the recent floods.

This humanitarian aid further demonstrates Australia's commitment to assisting the Royal Government and the Cambodian people in their efforts to work towards rehabilitation of their war-shattered communities, to build peace and reconciliation and development of the country.

The Australian Government trusts that these programs will make a significant contribution to the welfare of the Cambodian people and advance Cambodia's development in the coming years, alongside Cambodia's own humanitarian and development efforts.

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