

# About Us

## Global Mission Partners

### Aid Organisations & Groups

Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners (GMP) is a Christian mission organisation committed to facilitating life-changing partnerships. We were formerly known as Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board Inc and began in 1891 as the Churches of Christ Foreign Missions Committee. More can be found in "Partners, One Hundred Years of Mission Overseas by Churches of Christ in Australia 1891-1991", which is available for \$15. If you would like to receive a copy, email your contact details to [info@gmp.org.au](mailto:info@gmp.org.au).

GMP understands that mission must work with what God is doing and in partnership with local people. This means we focus on partnerships with churches and agencies overseas, linking them with partners in Australia. We do most of our work overseas through local indigenous Church of Christ organisations. They know the culture and the opportunities better than us and have long-term relationships across their country. We come alongside them to learn from them and contribute the gifts that we have. In countries where there is no local partner with the ability to manage projects, GMP operates as an entity in its own right, working with local people toward the day when the ministry is truly theirs.

GMP operates in three areas:

Indigenous Ministries Australia (IMA), which encourages new directions with Indigenous Christian Ministries by concentrating on priority areas such as strengthening Indigenous churches and culture;

Community Development through Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA), which conducts relief and development projects across the world with local partners. COCOA has tax deductibility under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme (OAGDS);

International Church Partnerships (ICP), which conducts evangelism, church planting and ministry training projects across the world with local partners.

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Global Mission Partners is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory of the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet

high standards of corporate governance, public accountability, and financial management. More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct can be obtained from ACFID.

Global Mission Partners is a member of The Micah Coalition work together to provide financial support, oversight and strategy for Micah Australia to gather, inspire and empower Australian Christians as advocates, to share God's heart for justice and raise a powerful voice with and for people in poor communities around the world.

Global Mission Partners is a supporter of the Campaign for Australian Aid, advocating that Australia can and should do more to help build a better, fairer future for all.

Global Mission Partner's is accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government. This accreditation requires a high standard of rigour in development projects conducted by COCOA. It also gives GMP access to some funding streams, in particular the Australian Non-Government Organisation Cooperation Program.

COCOA is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global alliance of church-based agencies working in advocacy, development and humanitarian work for a fairer world for all. Where COCOA does not have a partner able to respond to a humanitarian crisis, COCOA works through the ACT Alliance.

#### Mission

Linking people, churches and resources across nations.

GMP seeks to establish life-changing partnerships through:

**Church Health:** Supporting church development and health throughout God's world including training and developing leaders.

**Aid & Development:** Committing to creative and sustainable overseas aid and development projects in the areas of literacy, water and sanitation, child-centred development, income generation, gender equality, community development, agriculture and education.

**Advocacy & Lifestyle:** Enabling Australians to take justice seriously through education, lifestyle change and advocacy for, and with, those in situations of injustice globally.

**Go overseas:** Facilitating opportunities for people and teams to serve in mission overseas.

**Partnership:** Developing partnerships with people and churches in Australia and with those overseas.

**Prayer:** Encouraging prayer as a central response as the good news of God's love is shared.