

# Does foreign aid really work?

## What the evidence tells us, what impacts we should expect and how aid can be improved

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Roger Riddell's 2008 book *Does Foreign Aid Really Work?* was the first attempt in more than 20 years to survey the evidence around whether aid actually works. It was also the first to examine the role and impact of development and emergency aid provided by both official aid agencies and by NGOs.

His keynote address to the 2014 Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop will summarise his findings, and provide an update on aid debates and thinking since the publication of his 2008 book. Roger will discuss what impact we ought to expect aid to have and

outline ways in which its impact could be improved.

Roger Riddell is a development and aid specialist with some 40 years' experience including senior consulting, government, non-government and think-tank positions. He is currently an Associate of Oxford Policy Management (OPM) and a Principal of The Policy Practice, in the UK. From 2008 to the end of 2010, he was a member of the Independent Advisory Committee on Development Impact (IACDI) of the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), and he led the committee's work on the quality of evaluation. He has published widely on international aid and development issues. He holds a Masters in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK and an Honours degree in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe.

This lecture is part of the 2014 Australasian Aid and International Development Workshop, February 13-14, 2014. To register for the Workshop and for more information, go to: [bit.ly/2014australasianaid](http://bit.ly/2014australasianaid)

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