

One year on

The HRF has now completed its first year and its services have been well received by both AusAID staff in Canberra and overseas posts. Feedback has generally been very positive.

Technical assistance – Approximately 46% of our requests for technical assistance come from AusAID's country posts and cover a wide range of topics in health and HIV, from human resources for health to health sector financing. The type of assignments undertaken has included program progress and completion reviews, design, support for the development of policy documents and analysis

"Thanks for the report...you guys are like clockwork!"

AusAID HIV-HHTG

Knowledge services – Recent examples of the knowledge services provided by the HRF Help Desk include:

- Annotated bibliography on Maternal Health in the Asia Pacific Region
- Key literature and overview of evidence based responses in Primary Health Care in Indonesia and across the region
- Overview of Non-Communicable Diseases in the Asia Pacific Region and Globally
- Overview of strengthening demand and for improved performance in health service delivery by engaging civil society and community, and external researchers
- Specific Disease Programmes: Health Systems Strengthening and Aid Management Approaches
- Implications for the Aid Program of Population Ageing

Professional Development – The HRF is now working closely with AusAID in the development of a comprehensive program of 'health briefings' for AusAID staff. In addition, regular seminar sessions for the second half of 2010 are currently being finalised.

"This was exactly what we were looking for"

AusAID Environment Advisor