

## Community Development



Cardno is involved in developing and introducing policies and strategies for participatory and decentralised planning, resource allocation and management that take into account local needs and the specific demands of the most vulnerable.

Participation and investment by individuals, families and community groups, and a focus by governments and agencies on those who stand to benefit most from reform, is essential. These efforts work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals of halving global poverty and hunger, protecting the environment, improving health and tackling illiteracy and discrimination.

Community development programs implemented by Cardno focus on:

- ▶ Improving income generating activities
- ▶ Education and vocational training

- ▶ Eliminating hunger and malnutrition
- ▶ Primary health care
- ▶ Family planning, improving reproductive health
- ▶ Promoting the fight against HIV and AIDS
- ▶ Increasing the security of and access to safe water and sanitation
- ▶ Improving the availability of affordable shelter
- ▶ Delivering child and family services
- ▶ Promoting respect for basic social rights, and
- ▶ Tackling discrimination against minority groups and women.

In supporting governments to institute policy that supports and protects people where they live, as well as supporting communities directly, Cardno designs and implements integrated development projects that draw project beneficiaries into the planning stages of programs as well as into implementation. This involves building consensus in respect of needs and priorities, finding mechanisms for effective collaboration between local government and the communities, providing access to human, physical and financial resources and ensuring a significant integration of women into the development process.

Community Development includes:

- ▶ Analysis and prioritising of community needs
- ▶ Involvement by communities in project planning, technical design, financial management and procurement

- ▶ Pilot projects for modelling community development policy
- ▶ Integrated, cross-disciplinary initiatives
- ▶ Development of local leadership
- ▶ Fostering responsive and accountable public institutions
- ▶ Providing an enabling environment for economic growth and social stability
- ▶ Supporting the transition to development for the very poor
- ▶ Promoting and supporting the role of women in communities
- ▶ Identifying and addressing embedded cultural practices that perpetuate inequalities.

Members of communities can drive change. Empowering people to lead their own development is the only certain way to address poverty and achieve lasting reform.



Cardno designs and implements integrated programs and works collaboratively with all stakeholders.

**Australia-Nusa Tenggara Assistance for Regional Autonomy Program, Eastern Indonesia**

**Client** AusAID

**Company** Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia)

This holistic, regional Program aims to improve coordination and cohesion among current and future Australian development activities and helps build greater synergy between these and programs of other key donors to maximise their impact on poverty reduction. To meet these objectives this Program focuses on:

- ▶ Strategically investing in initiatives with capacity for impact and expansion
- ▶ Improving provincial and district governance
- ▶ Improving peri-urban and rural income
- ▶ Improving quality and access to basic services in rural communities.

**Capacity Building of Non State Actors, Sudan**

**Client** Ministry of International Development, Government of Sudan

**Donor** European Commission

**Company** Cardno Emerging Markets (UK)

This Program contributed to poverty alleviation by enhancing local ownership of development initiatives. Cardno Agrisystems managed the Program which aimed to:

- ▶ Develop confidence among actors through participatory processes
- ▶ Empower NSAs with a greater capacity to fulfil their role as development partners in European Union-Sudan cooperation as laid down in the Cotonou Agreement.

**The Australia Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development – Aceh Rehabilitation Program Interim Advisory and Planning Support Project, Indonesia**

**Client** AusAID

**Company** Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia)

This was a co-ordinated, community-driven reconstruction and development program in response to the Asian tsunami. It addressed the needs of Achenese swiftly and in accordance with the survivors' needs, while avoiding overlap between different interventions. Management of the Program involved:

- ▶ Supporting the implementation of the Master Plan for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
- ▶ Managing the Interim Rehabilitation Activities Fund
- ▶ Providing support to the World Bank managed Multi Donor Trust Fund.

**Dezenvolve Setor Privadu, (Private Sector Development) East Timor**

**Client** USAID

**Company** Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) associate to Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI, USA)

The Government of East Timor is committed to ensuring private sector development to reduce poverty. Their 20-year vision has two key objectives: promotion of rapid, equitable and sustainable economic growth, and reduction of poverty. Cardno Acil provides the project with technical assistance to:

- ▶ Accelerate the development of agriculture, agribusiness and private sector
- ▶ Build critical market links to support local economy and accelerate economic growth
- ▶ Encourage micro, small and medium enterprises to establish and grow.

**Alxa League Environmental Rehabilitation and Management Project, China**

**Client** AusAID

**Company** Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia)

This Project contributes to an improved environment and poverty reduction by addressing long-term sustainability, potential negative environmental impacts and excessive resource exploitation. This Project addresses:

- ▶ Institutional strengthening and community involvement
- ▶ Improved environment through sustainable resource use
- ▶ Poverty reduction.

**Inner Mongolia Grasslands Management Project Phase II, China**

**Client** AusAID

**Company** Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia)

This Project provides support to China's development priorities by promoting agriculture and rural economic reform and controlling the environmental degradation of grassland areas. Sustainable land use, in line with AusAID's country strategy, encourages poverty reduction. Through the Project, Cardno Acil supports:

- ▶ Implementation of sustainable grassland management policy
- ▶ Development and extension of demonstration activities and farm management practices.

**About Cardno**

Cardno is an integrated professional services provider, delivering specialist advice to create or improve physical and social infrastructure that underpins communities around the globe. Our team is comprised of leading advisors who plan, design, manage and deliver sustainable projects and programs.

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