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# NEW FACILITY TO HELP FIGHT EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

AusAID in collaboration with the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, has recently established AusReady: the Asia Pacific Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs) Facility.

AusReady will identify and mobilise expertise to undertake prevention and preparedness work in the Asia Pacific region. This work will support activities under the Pandemics and EIDs Strategy 2006–2010.

The AusReady database will provide a register of trained and qualified professionals across a range of relevant disciplines, available to work on short- and long-term projects in the Asia Pacific region.

Relevant disciplines include animal and human health, laboratory and clinical operations, epidemiology, health systems, social sciences, gender,

capacity development, environment and natural resources, information systems and project/program management.

AusReady is encouraging professionals to register on the database. Application forms can be downloaded from the website or obtained from our Facility Officer via email at [ausready@ausready.org.au](mailto:ausready@ausready.org.au)

AusReady is also seeking expressions of interest from Australian Commonwealth Government agencies and AusAID accredited NGOs to act as Tasking Agencies. Tasking Agencies will identify and fund relevant assignments in the Asia Pacific region.

For more details see the AusReady website at <http://www.ausready.org.au>