

SHOULD WE (ALWS) HIDE OUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL?

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We have decided not to and so we are sharing with you the final statement made by AusAID in their accreditation report released in May this year. The accreditation process is a very rigorous one, demanding transparency and accountability along with effective and sustainable partner development, to name but a few foci.

Below is the "Concluding Statement to Report against Criteria:"

"ALWS is an independent organization which benefits from and contributes to the collaborative strengths and experiences of the international network of LWF/Department for World Service and LWF Field Programs. ALWS has the capacity and commitment to undertake activities in a professionally competent manner. Systems and processes in place, which are continually strengthened, demonstrate the application of sound development principles, sound program management practices and effective partnership development. The commitment to effective delivery of development programs and continual improvement is evident at the Board level, the Executive and amongst staff in Australia and within the LWF/DWS network. In some areas such as financial management, partnership development and information management, the ALWS practices are of a very high standard and are worthy of note. One characteristic which particularly stands out is the discipline exercised to consistently apply management systems and processes. This fact, combined with the ALWS commitment to its partnership philosophy, has led to a development program of a high standard."