

Cooperation between AVI and Skillshare International

MOU - October 2005

Agreement - November 2005

Programme Management Meeting - December 2005

Start date - 1 January 2006

AUSAID 2004

**Australian
International volunteering
under tender**

How it works

- **2 or more Australian volunteer service providers (VSPs), including AVI**
- **Associates and sub-contractors**
- **Volunteer programme working group chaired by AUSAID**
- **Programme coordinating committee meetings – twice yearly with AUSAID**
- **Workshops for volunteers prescribed**

AVI Country Programme Management

**AUSAID require in-country volunteer
support**

- Set up new AVI country offices in all
regions except Africa**

Positives for Skillshare International

- **New model of IVA relationship, involving international alliance (with partner of similar values, etc).**
- **Hope to evolve into stronger partnership.**
- **Extra resources for Skillshare International programme.**
- **Enhance capacity to provide IVs to Skillshare International's Partner Organisations.**
- **Explore possibility of programme in Malawi**

What we do

- **Risk management and emergency support to volunteers**
- **Ongoing volunteer support and management**
- **Programme support – assessment, monitoring and review**
- **Programme development and advice**

How is it going?

Six Month Review in July 2006

- **Mostly on track**
- **In-Country Meeting – feedback from vols (Communication Improvement Strategy)**
- **Swaziland DW/Volunteer support group**

Lessons

- **Highest priority is investment in preparing all involved, and getting 'buy in'.**
- **Be very clear about expectations.**
- **Partnership v service provider.**
- **Communication.**
- **Do risk analysis together and then plan.**

The Future

- **Consolidate conclusions of 6 Month Review**
- **Programme in Lesotho 2007**
- **Recruiting AVI vols for Skillshare International Programmes**
- **Joint programmes**