



disadvantage and social exclusion. To address the barriers facing parents and women

Australia strongly endorses the Monterrey Consensus and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. Australia's gender policy is firmly grounded in the principles in the Paris Declaration – ownership, alignment, harmonization, managing for results, and

mutual accountability.

In March 2007 Australia released its aid program gender policy "*gender equality in Australia's aid program: why and how?*". The policy aims to improve the economic ~~status of women~~ ~~ensure the equal participation of women in decision-making and~~

