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AED continues to make major contributions to meeting the enormous human and social development challenges facing the world. In our ongoing effort to help meet these challenges ever-more effectively, AED in 2006-07 developed a strategic plan that will guide us for the next five years. We'd like to share highlights from that plan with you.

First among the plan's goals is a commitment to strengthen AED's core capabilities in Education, Health and Civil Society. AED is a leader in all of these sectors—a fact that distinguishes us and presents important opportunities for bringing multisectoral expertise to any single issue. The strategic plan identifies emerging issues, such as global climate change and the environment, that can especially benefit from this multisectoral approach.

Other goals of the strategic plan include ensuring AED strengthens its local presence globally and initiating a sustainable leadership development program. We also continue our emphasis on diversity to ensure a critical mix of perspectives and cultural competency in our programs.

As AED's work has broadened in technical scope, so has the diversity of our supporters. Today, AED efforts are funded by U.S. and other government agencies, private sector companies, foundations, and other partners and individuals intent on measurably improving the lives of others.

We deeply appreciate their support, and we honor it through careful stewardship of financial resources. AED keeps administrative costs low, devoting more than 90% of our funding to programs. Our strategic plan calls for new ways to increase AED's productivity even further by investments in research, staff capabilities, and information technology.

This past year's achievements have been considerable. With our strategic plan in place, AED now is indeed focused on doing our part to improve the future by working with the people we serve to create real solutions to complex problems.

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