

# AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS DELIVERING AID

Australia applies a whole-of-government approach to aid delivery, forged through almost 50 years of cooperative work. The specific experience, skills and knowledge of Other Government Departments, including Australian Government, and state and territory government departments and agencies, help to reduce global poverty and improve prosperity and stability in our region. These skills are invaluable.

Other Government Departments work directly on delivering their own international development programs, representing Australia in international fora and partnering with DFAT to address specific development challenges.

**Table 4: Other Government Departments delivering ODA**

2018–19 Budget Estimate

	Aid delivered directly from Budget Measures \$m	Aid delivered in partnership with DFAT \$m	Total \$m
Agriculture and Water Resources	6.4	0.5	6.9
Attorney-General's Department	1.7	7.1	8.9
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	107.1	15.3	122.4
Australian Federal Police	38.6	6.5	45.1
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	3.3	3.3
Communications and the Arts	1.0	0.8	1.8
Department of Home Affairs	3.1	0.4	3.5
Environment and Energy	1.0	0.6	1.6
Finance	0.4	0.7	1.1
Health	11.0	0.3	11.3
Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities	-	1.8	1.8
Jobs and Small Business	8.5	4.8	13.3
Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	0.6	0.6
Treasury Portfolio	185.9	0.1	186.0
Other Government Departments (Australian)	0.1	1.5	1.6
States and territories	0.3	1.5	1.8
<b>Total ODA delivered by OGDs*</b>	<b>365.1</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>410.9</b>

\* Difference due to rounding.

## Attorney-General's Department

Through the Attorney-General's Department's (AGD) international legal assistance work, in the Indo-Pacific region will help strengthen legal frameworks to combat transnational crime, improve domestic crime and policing laws in the Pacific, and develop and improve capacity and technical expertise in partner law and justice agencies.

AGD will contribute to effective governance and stability in the region by improving policing and criminal law policy and legal frameworks and supporting their more effective implementation.

The AGD is also implementing these programs on behalf of DFAT:

- » Indo-Pacific Justice and Security Program, designed to enhance Indo-Pacific partner countries' legal and policy responses to financial crime and illicit financial flows, exploitative irregular migration, violent extremism and international crime cooperation
- » Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice II, designed to strengthen the rule of law and the security environment in Indonesia
- » Institutional Partnership Program in Papua New Guinea, part of a whole-of-government program designed to provide public service policy, strategic advice and capacity development, including administrative leadership and management support to counterpart PNG government agencies
- » Combatting Corruption initiative, designed to improve PNG's anti-money laundering, financing of illegal operations regime and strengthen the role of the Ombudsman Commission.

## Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

ACIAR is the Australian Government's specialist agricultural research-for-development agency. ACIAR does not undertake research but rather identifies opportunities and brokers partnerships to undertake international agricultural research and capacity building that supports agricultural private sector innovation and human development.

In 2018–19, ACIAR will concentrate its efforts in the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific, particularly PNG. ACIAR will engage in high-payoff partnerships in other regions in support of Australia's foreign policy objectives.

ACIAR's partnerships and their achievements support Australia's national interests in many ways. Agricultural research for development has proven to be a highly effective route to enhancing prosperity and reducing poverty in partner developing countries, which contributes directly to regional peace and security. Economic prosperity in partner developing countries also has significant benefits for Australia. Stronger economies in the region offer new trade, investment and business opportunities for Australia.

ACIAR is working with both the public and private sectors to support innovative private sector partnerships, including extending agronomic, technical and economic information. Through such partnerships, the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector can drive comprehensive economic transformations that deliver more equitable and sustainable growth.

Gender equality within the agricultural sector is a high priority within ACIAR's program, recognising the vital contribution that women and girls play in farming, food and health systems of developing countries. Through increasing access to services and changing attitudes and beliefs about women's and men's roles, ACIAR aims to support productive, sustainable and resilient food and farming systems.

ACIAR is also implementing a range of programs on behalf of DFAT to support environmental governance and sustainable agriculture conservation, and to support PNG's economic growth through developing competitive markets and rural development.

## Australian Federal Police

AFP's International Engagement Program contributes to national security and socio-economic development by providing policing support for enhanced rule of law in developing, fragile and conflict-affected states within the Indo-Pacific region.

In 2018–19, the AFP will continue to undertake activities in our region that help build the capability of local police and promote and monitor peace, stability and security. These include capacity building to address leadership and management, policy, governance, gender equality, investigations, information and communications technology and command, control and coordination (designed to enhance the capacity of regional police partners).

Current missions include:

- » Nauru Police Force Police Capacity Program
- » Pacific Police Development Program—Regional
- » Papua New Guinea-Australia Policing Partnership
- » Solomon Islands Police Development Program
- » Samoa Australia Police Partnership
- » Tonga Police Development Program.

AFP is also implementing the Vanuatu Australia Police Project and the Timor-Leste Police Development Program on behalf of DFAT.

## Department of Health

The Department of Health's annual contribution to the WHO supports work regional and global health issues, particularly in developing countries. As the UN's directing and coordinating authority for health, WHO is the leader in setting global health norms and standards and in responding to global, regional and, as required, country level public health emergencies.

## Department of the Treasury

In 2018–19, the Treasury will continue to manage the payments of the previously agreed capital increase to the ADB, which will fund activities aimed at delivering tangible development benefits in ODA-eligible countries and supporting infrastructure that encourages inclusive economic growth.

Treasury also manages Australia's membership to the AIIB. In 2018–19, Australia's ODA will increase by \$161.1 million to reflect the work being done by the AIIB to foster sustainable economic development by improving infrastructure and regional connectivity in Asia.

## Other contributions

The **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation** delivers programs that improve sustainable water resources management capacity in South and West Regional Asia and develops block-chain platforms, facilitating trade related transactions and a transport supply chain mapping tool within developing countries.

The **Department of Agriculture and Water Resources** provides Australia's annual core contributions to FAO. Australia's contribution enables the FAO to undertake a range of activities relevant to Australia and the Asia-Pacific, such as the development of technical standards for plant and animal health and food safety, which underpins agricultural trade and biosecurity. Australia's contribution also supports projects in the Pacific to address food security, nutrition and agriculture and rural development priorities. This includes assisting Pacific island countries to improve: evidence-based policy and strategic planning; value/supply chain efficiency and market access; environmental management and resilience; and food and nutrition security.

The **Department of Communications and the Arts** will provide development assistance to the International Telecommunication Union, the UN specialised agency responsible for international cooperation in the use of telecommunications and the radio frequency spectrum. Development assistance will support activities in relation to telecommunication policy and regulation, human capacity building, cyber security, spectrum management applications, digital inclusion and emergency communications.

Communications and the Arts is working through the Australian Broadcasting Corporation to deliver the Pacific Media Assistance Scheme on behalf of DFAT. The Scheme will support the development of diverse, independent and professional media that promotes informed and meaningful public discourse throughout the Pacific region.

The department's annual contribution to the FAO supports FAO's capacity to: help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable; reduce rural poverty; enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems; and increase resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises.

The **Department of Environment and Energy** provides annual contributions to the UN's Environment Programme, Convention to Combat Desertification, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region. Contributions will assist developing countries in implementing environmentally sound policies and practices.

The department is also implementing a range of programs on behalf of DFAT:

- » Kokoda Initiative Phase Three to support the Papua New Guinea Conservation and Environment Protection Authority to deliver vital environment protection work
- » Improving Indonesia's Measurement, Reporting and Verification System to support policy and decision-making, including in tackling smoke haze issues
- » the Papua New Guinea Disaster Risk Reduction Program, with Geoscience Australia to improve the response to, and management of natural hazards
- » Fisheries Development Assistance in the Pacific to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development
- » Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific, working through the Bureau of Meteorology.

The **Department of Home Affairs** will continue to work with partner governments in the Middle East, the Pacific, South-East Asia and South Asia to build their capacity to manage migration flows effectively and combat people smuggling. In 2018–19, this includes development initiatives to: deliver capacity building projects in the region to enhance migration and border management; deliver training, mentoring and assistance to countries to mitigate irregular movements and enable countries to manage risks ahead of the border.

The **Departments of Jobs and Small Business** provide a range of development assistance including the annual ODA contribution to the International Labour Organization.