



\$57.9 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US\$1,190 (2015) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA*

159.9MILLION (2015) POPULATION*

Australia is supporting Bangladesh to invest in human development, skills and productivity in this growing economy.

Strategic direction

As Bangladesh continues its trajectory towards upper middle income status, Australia’s aid investments will focus on improving the effectiveness of the Government’s expenditure as well as ensuring, through a focus on education and building resilience, that the country’s poor do not miss out on the benefits of growth. We will work with trusted partners such as BRAC - the world’s largest NGO, and the World Food Programme.

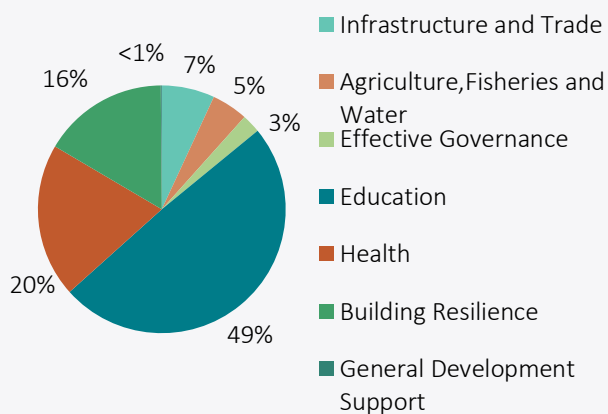
Australian aid to Bangladesh has two objectives:

- improving education access, equity, efficiency and learning outcomes
- building resilience by reducing vulnerability and improving inclusion in the growing economy.

Both objectives prioritise gender equality by focusing on empowering women and girls.

In 2017 we will offer 65 new long-term and more than 83 new short-term **Australia Awards** for Bangladesh students.

Australian ODA to Bangladesh, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



ODA = Official Development Assistance

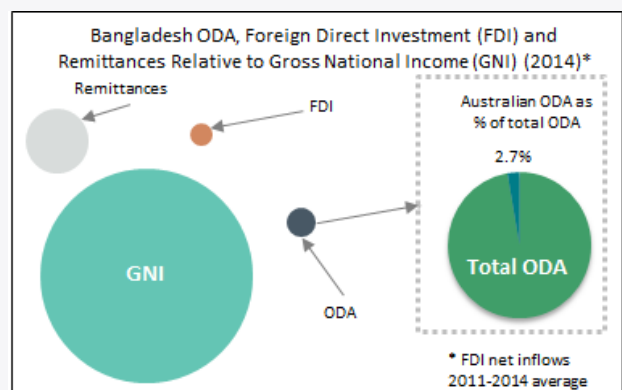
	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	42.4	42.1
Regional	8.4	8.8
Global	5.4	5.5
Other Government Departments	1.5	1.5
Total Australian ODA to Bangladesh	57.7	57.9
% of Total Australian ODA	1.5%	1.5%

Program highlights

- In 2016, Australia’s funding helped enrol more than 110,000 girls and boys in primary school and trained more than 5800 teachers.
- Between 2013 and 2017, approximately 10,000 disadvantaged women received cash grants and entrepreneurship training to start small businesses in the Cox’s Bazar District, many of whom were Rohingya refugees.
- In 2016, Australia’s support to the World Food Program (WFP) resulted in the delivery of high energy biscuits to 117,416 school children in around 500 schools, and regular food assistance to 34,000 refugees in camps in the Cox’s Bazar District, improving their nutritional status.

Key framework document

[Australia’s Aid Investment Plan for Bangladesh 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)



Sources: *GNI: World Bank 2015; Population: IMF WEO where available, the EIU or other reputable source

*Total ODA figures excludes development assistance from some non-DAC donors.