



\$74.2 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

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

159,900,000 (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 Bangladesh 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 economic growth.

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 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.

Additionally, Australia has provided up to \$30 million since 25 August 2017 to help address humanitarian needs of the people affected by the **Rohingya crisis**, including the over 600,000 Rohingya who fled to Bangladesh in response to the violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar. Australian assistance will contribute to providing food, shelter, clean water and essential health services through trusted partners, including World Food Programme, Save the Children, OXFAM, International Organisation for Migration and the UN Refugee Agency.

Program highlights

- Australia helped 86,975 women and their families graduate from ultra-poverty through establishing sustainable livelihoods and improving access to mainstream development programs.
- Australia supported 631,222 including 355,378 girls to complete primary and pre-primary schooling.
- 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 nutritional status.

Key framework document

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

	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	42.4	58.4
Regional	8.4	8.8
Global	5.4	5.5
Other Government Departments	1.5	1.5
Total Australian ODA to Bangladesh	57.7	74.2**
% of Total Australian ODA	1.5%	1.5%

*Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
**Updated to reflect additional humanitarian contributions in response to the Rohingya Crisis

Australian ODA to Bangladesh, by Investment Priorities 2017-18

