



**\$3.8 MILLION** ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

**US\$7,430 (2016)** GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

**354,000 (2016)** POPULATION

Australia has an interest in a stable and prosperous Maldives, underpinned by strong democratic institutions and a robust civil society.

### Strategic direction

Australian ODA to the Maldives is predominately focused on strengthening people to people links. The Australia Awards program will remain the cornerstone of Australia's development assistance to the Maldives. Assistance will also help to strengthen political participation, and support legislative and institutional reform.

In alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the objectives of the Australian aid program to the Maldives are to:

- Improve human resource development through scholarships and fellowships;
- Foster people to people links; and
- Strengthen governance, especially through a stronger civil society and improved access to justice.

Over 2017 and 2018, 26 **Australia Awards** have been endowed for Maldivian students to study in Australia.

### Program highlights

- Since 2007, Australia has provided 375 Maldivians with long term and short-term scholarships to study in Australia.
- Australia works with the United National Development Programme to strengthen governance by building civil society capacity, supporting the Election Commission, increasing the representation and participation of women in public sphere, improving legal aid and strengthening the capacity of justice sector institutions.

### Key framework document

[Maldives Country Brief](#)

	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	2.2	1.8
Regional	2.1	1.9
Global	-	-
Other Government Departments	-	-
<b>Total Australian ODA to Country</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

*\*Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.*

### Australian ODA to Maldives, by Investment Priorities 2017-18

