



\$33.9 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US\$730 (2016) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

29,000,000 (2016) POPULATION

Australia is supporting Nepal to enhance economic opportunities for the poor and deliver services in its new federal structure.

Strategic direction

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Australian aid program to Nepal is focused on: employment generation through micro-entrepreneurship for the most poor, particularly women; strengthening governance and service delivery under the new federal structure; and improving basic education quality and access. We are also continuing our recovery programs following the 2015 earthquakes and the 2017 August floods.

Gender equality and social inclusion will remain a key focus of all major investments including Australia Awards, the Direct Aid Program and the Australian NGO Cooperation Program. Australia will continue to build stronger financial systems in Nepal and disaster risk reduction will remain an important aspect of current and new investments.

In 2018, through the **Australia Awards** we will offer 26 Long-term Awards and 70 Short-term Awards. There are currently 64 Nepali students (47 per cent women) pursuing postgraduate studies in Australia.

Program highlights

- Helping create more than 84,800 micro-entrepreneurs (71 per cent women) and more than 154,000 jobs (70 per cent women) through the micro enterprise program.
- In partnerships with The Asia Foundation and Citizens Campaign for Clean Elections, Australia helped empower local civil society organisations and increased legitimacy of the local election process through the deployment of independent short-term and long-term election observers.
- Providing more than 17,000 children, particularly marginalised girls and children with disabilities, with access to education and psycho-social support in safe temporary learning spaces to help them transition back into school.
- Australia contributed \$2million through our humanitarian partners - Oxfam, Plan International and World Food Programme to respond to urgent humanitarian needs following the 2017 August floods in Nepal.

Key framework documents

[Australia's Aid Investment Plan Nepal 2016-2020](#)

	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	15.6	17.6
Regional	9.0	9.4
Global	6.0	6.0
Other Government Departments	1.0	1.0
Total Australian ODA to Nepal	31.6	33.9
% of Total Australian ODA	0.8%	0.8%

