Australia has an enduring interest in the stability and prosperity of the North Pacific. Australia is investing in better water supply, improvements in early grade learning, gender equality and more reliable internet services.

**Strategic direction**

Australia’s bilateral aid program in the North Pacific focuses on the quality of basic education (FSM), clean water and sanitation (RMI), reliable internet services (Palau), and women’s social and economic empowerment.

**Program highlights**

- A new salt-water reverse osmosis plant was installed on Ebeye Island in September 2017 to provide a reliable supply of fresh water to RMI’s second largest urban area.
- The Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Education (CADRE) program helped to educate 8,500 children in 50 communities in FSM and RMI about climate change and disaster risks (2012-2016).
- The permanent removal of 18,736 pieces of unexploded ordnance in Palau (2012-2017) freeing land and marine areas for infrastructure, agriculture, housing, tourism and community use.

**Key framework documents**

- Australia-FSM Aid Investment Plan 2016-2019
- Australia-RMI Aid Investment Plan 2016-2019
- Australia-Palau Aid Investment Plan 2016-2019