



**\$8.0 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18**



**GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA\***

- Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) US\$4,770 (2015)
- Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) US\$3,560 (2015)
- Palau US\$12,180 (2015)

**POPULATION\*\***

- Republic of the Marshall Islands 55,000 (2015)
- Federated States of Micronesia 103,000 (2015)
- Palau 18,000 (2015)

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

**Strategic direction**

Our bilateral aid program in the north Pacific will focus on the quality of basic education (FSM), clean water and sanitation (RMI), reliable internet services (Palau), and women’s empowerment.

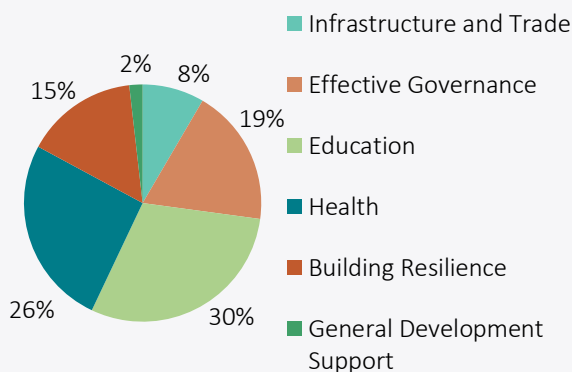
In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia’s bilateral aid program focuses on:

- quality education (SDG 4)
- clean water and sanitation (SDG 6)
- Infrastructure (SDG 9)
- improving opportunities for women (SDG 5)
- climate change adaptation (SDG 13).

In 2017, Australia will support 32 **Australia Awards** scholarships at regional and Australian institutions for students from RMI, FSM and Palau.

We expect to place eight new **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in RMI, FSM and Palau in 2017-18.

**Australian ODA to the North Pacific, by Investment Priorities 2017-18**



	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	5.0	5.0
Regional	1.8	2.5
Global	0.5	0.5
Other Government Departments	-	-
<b>Australian ODA to North Pacific</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

ODA = Official Development Assistance

**Program Highlights**

- Australia funded the permanent removal of 18,736 pieces of deadly unexploded ordnance from land and sea areas in Palau (2012-2017).
- In 2016, Australia delivered water storage, three desalination units, 25,600 bars of soap, and hygiene kits to the most severely drought-affected areas across RMI (with the International Organization for Migration).
- Australia’s contribution to the Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Education program (2012-2016) educated 8,500 schoolchildren in 50 school communities in FSM and RMI about climate change and disaster risks.
- In September 2016, with Australian funding and the assistance of an Australian-funded Domestic Violence Counselling Adviser, a Marshallese NGO - Women United Together Marshall Islands - launched the first ever domestic violence counselling service in RMI.

