



NORTH PACIFIC

Aid fact sheet: Updated October 2017

\$8.0 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

GROSS NATIONAL INCOME (GNI) PER CAPITA*

- Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) USD4,770 (2015)
- Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) USD3,560 (2015)
- Palau USD12,180 (2015)

POPULATION**

- Republic of the Marshall Islands 55,000 (2016)
- Federated States of Micronesia 102,000 (2016)
- Palau 18,000 (2016)

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

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.

In 2017, Australia will also provide 13 new **Australia Awards** for students from RMI, FSM and Palau to study at regional and Australian institutions (and support 27 continuing students), and place eight new **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in the North Pacific.

Program highlights

- A new salt-water reverse osmosis plant was installed in September 2017 and salt water wells built and commissioned under the *Ebeye Water Supply and Sanitation Project* – co-financed by RMI, Australia and the ADB.
- 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.
- 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).
- Emergency assistance provided in response to severe drought conditions in RMI in 2016 and 2017, including mobilisation of water, reverse osmosis units, soap and hygiene kits to remote atolls.

Key framework documents

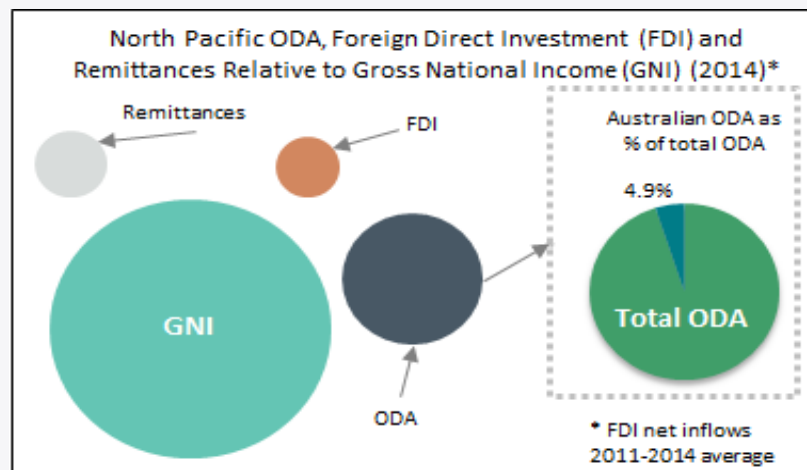
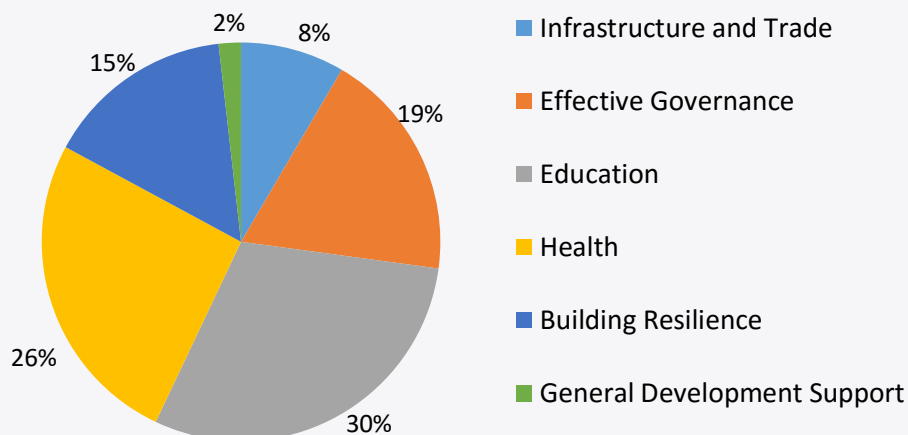
- [Australia-FSM Aid Investment Plan 2016-2019](#)
- [Australia-RMI Aid Investment Plan 2016-2019](#)
- [Australia-Palau Aid Investment Plan 2016-2019](#)



	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	-	-
Total Australian ODA to the North Pacific	7.3	8.0
% of Total Australian ODA	0.2%	0.2%

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

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



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS