



PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES



\$43.8 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US\$3,290 (2016) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

4.5 MILLION (2016) POPULATION

The Palestinian Territories (PTs), consisting of the West Bank and Gaza, is one of the poorest regions in the Middle East. Australian aid is a tangible demonstration of our longstanding support for the Middle East peace process.

Strategic direction

Australia has a long history of supporting Palestinians. Our aid program focuses on economic growth in the PTs and basic services for refugees in the PTs and the region. Our Aid Investment Plan aligns with the Palestinian Authority's (PA) National Policy Agenda. Our program has two objectives: (1) improved public financial management for the PA and a more competitive agricultural economy; and (2) Palestinian refugees in the PTs and across the region able to access quality basic services. Our work in the agriculture sector contributes towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG), particularly SDG 2—achieving food security and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Key features of Australia's aid program to the PTs include:

- the Australia Middle East NGO Cooperation Agreement Phase 3 to improve the competitiveness of the agriculture sector through Australian and local NGOs;
- support to the PA's reform program including improved public financial management through the World Bank; and
- support to the UN's Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to assist Palestinian refugees access quality basic services in the PTs and across the region.

In 2017-18, Australia plans to provide ten **Australia Awards** to students from the PTs.

Program highlights

- Australia funding to UNRWA contributed to universal primary education for Palestinian refugee children, with over 515,000 students (half girls) attending 692 schools in 2016-17.
- In 2016-17, more than 113,000 students in 308 schools were taught about the importance of good hygiene from a new manual developed by The United Nations Children's Fund and the Ministry of Education.
- Australia has provided scholarships for 51 students (including 19 women) since 2011, which has helped build public sector management skills within the PA.

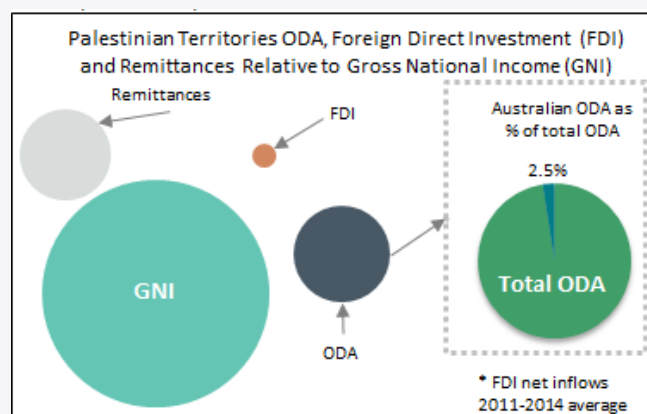
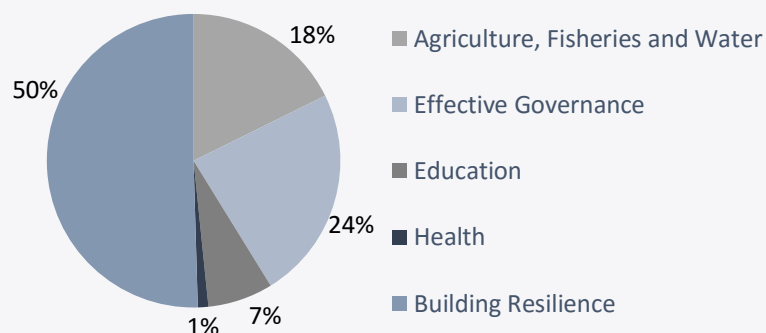
Key framework document

[Australia's Aid Investment Plan for the Palestinian Territories 2015-19](#)

	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	20.5	20.5
Regional	1.9	2.7
Global	20.6	20.6
Other Government Departments	-	-
Total Australian ODA to Country	43.0	43.8
% of Total Australian ODA	1.1%	1.1%

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

Australian ODA to the PTs, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS