



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Aid fact sheet: Updated October 2017

\$546.3 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US2,240 (2014) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA*

7.5 MILLION (2014) POPULATION*

As our nearest neighbour and close regional partner, a stable and prosperous PNG is in Australia's national interest.

Strategic direction

Australia's development partnership with PNG focuses on inclusive economic growth, with targeted investments in private sector-led growth, health and education. We are increasingly working together to strengthen governance in line with PNG's own policy priorities.

The development partnership has three strategic objectives:

- promoting effective governance;
- enabling economic growth; and
- enhancing human development.

Gender equality is a cross-cutting issue for all programs.

Australia's work contributes to PNG's progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals. We supported over 1,300 **Australia Awards** scholars to study in Australia and in PNG in 2016-17, with a focus on ensuring equal opportunities for women to study. We placed 37 new **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in PNG in 2016-17, to join 28 on-going volunteers.

Program highlights

- The Pacific Leadership and Governance Precinct has delivered courses to more than 1,950 PNG students since 2015, in support of building a new generation of public sector leaders.
- Completing construction of 520 classrooms since 2012, giving around 20,800 students better access to education.
- In 2016-17 Australia funded PNG to maintain and upgrade approximately 760 km of PNG's 8,700 km national road network.

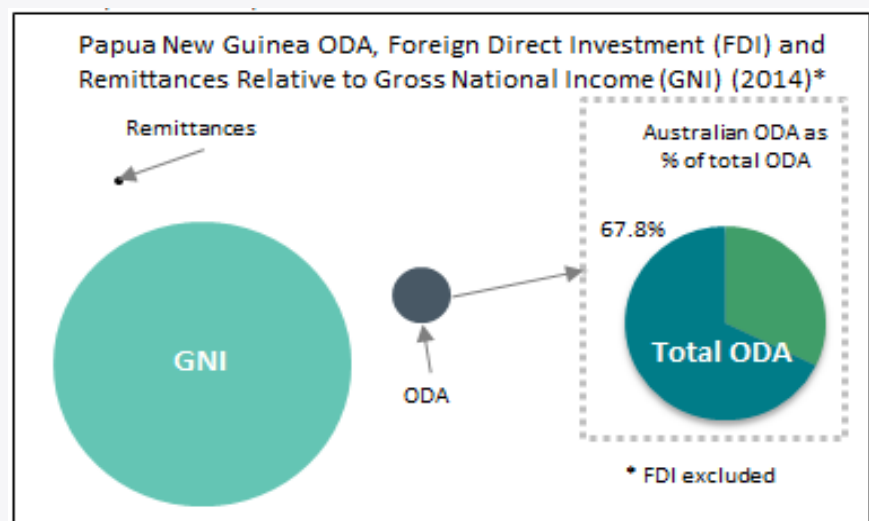
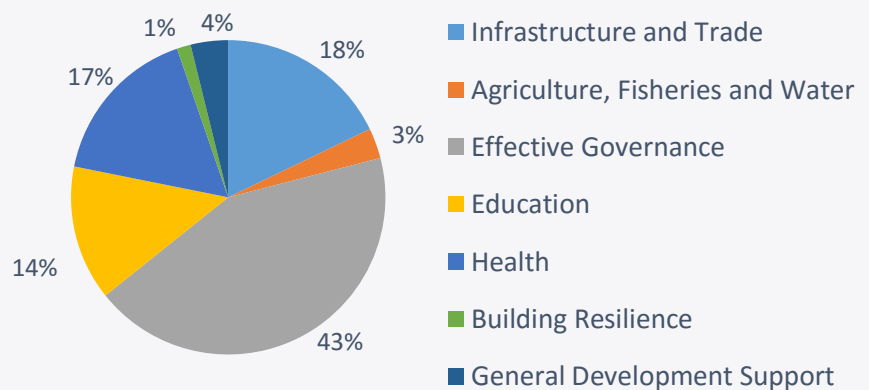
Key framework documents

[Aid Investment Plan for Papua New Guinea 2015-18](#)
[PNG-Australia Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-17](#)
[Joint Understanding between Australia and Papua New Guinea on further bilateral cooperation on health, education and law and order \(2013\)](#)

	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	478.7	472.9
Regional	18.6	22.6
Global	15.3	12.1
Other Government Departments	34.5	38.7
Total Australian ODA to PNG	547.1	546.3
% of Total Australian ODA	14.3%	14.0%

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

Australian ODA to PNG, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS