



\$85 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US3,550 (2015) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA*

102.2 MILLION (2015) POPULATION*

The Philippines is one of Australia's longest-standing bilateral relationships. We have shared interests, supported by strong people-to-people links. Australia's interests in the Philippines will be pursued by the development of a well-managed and stable Philippine state and a more prosperous, inclusive and open economy.

Strategic direction

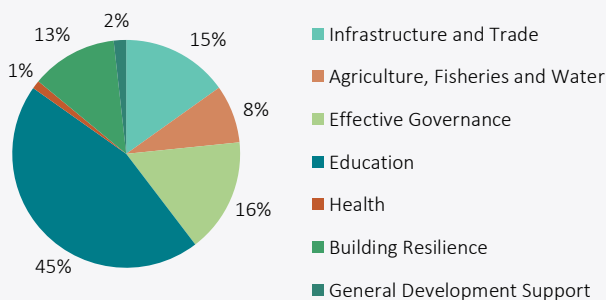
Australian ODA will strengthen our economic partnership, accelerating inclusive economic growth and supporting stability. In alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), our work will focus on areas where targeted assistance can catalyse reform, improve government capacity and leverage the Philippines' own resources:

- enhancing the foundations for economic growth by investing in infrastructure, aid for trade and education (SDGs 4, 8 and 9)
- building stronger institutions for transparent and accountable governance (SDG 17)
- improving conditions for peace and stability (SDG 16).

We will offer 149 new **Australia Awards** including 36 short-term awards for Filipino students to study in Australia in 2017-18.

We will offer 10 new volunteers through the **Australian Volunteers for International Development** program to the Philippines in 2017-18.

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



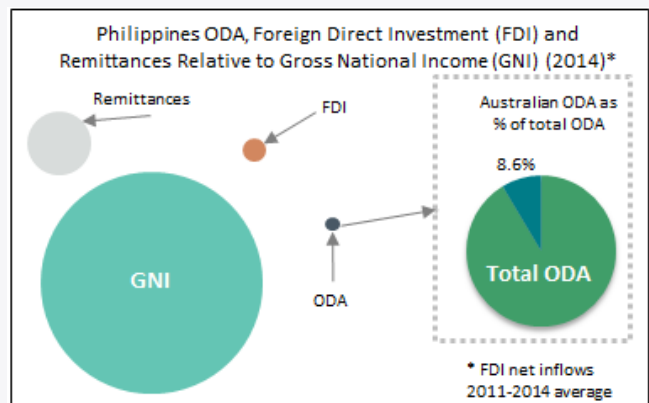
	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	67.3	67.0
Regional	4.7	6.2
Global	5.6	5.5
Other Government Departments	5.2	6.3
Total Australian ODA to Philippines	82.9	85.0
% of Total Australian ODA	2.2%	2.2%

Program highlights

- Assisting in the creation of the Philippine Competition Commission to ensure efficient and fair market competition among businesses engaged in trade, industry, and all commercial economic activities.
- Providing technical assistance to the Philippine Government to improve the quality of education through better trained teachers and improved school curriculum including expanding the ten-year school system to include mandatory kindergarten and years 11 and 12 in the curriculum.
- Supporting peace and development in Mindanao through working with government and civil society to promote dialogue, community resilience and basic education in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

Key framework document

- [Australia's Aid Investment Plan for the Philippines 2015-16 to 2017-18](#)



ODA = Official Development Assistance