



\$85.0 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US\$3,580 (2016) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

103,320,222 (2016) POPULATION

Australia and the Philippines have a long-standing bilateral relationship. We share common perspectives on many regional, economic and security issues and we cooperate closely in a broad range of areas including defence, counter-terrorism, law enforcement and development.

Strategic direction

Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia's three strategic objectives in Philippines are to:

- enhance the foundations for economic growth by investing in infrastructure, aid for trade and education (SDGs 4, 8 & 9);
- building stronger institutions for transparent and accountable governance (SDGs 11, 16 & 17); and
- improving conditions for peace and stability (SDG 16).

We will also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of disaster resilience and preparedness, gender equality (SDG 5) and supporting the needs of people with a disability (SDG 10).

In 2017, for the 2018 intake, Australia will offer 149 new **Australia Awards** for Philippines students.

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

Program highlights

- Further investment to strengthen our economic partnership, accelerating inclusive economic growth and building the foundation for economic growth through improved trade, economic policy and implementation of reforms.
- Targeted 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.
- Increased support in peace, stability and development in Mindanao including in response to the Marawi crisis by working with government and civil society to promote dialogue, community resilience and access to quality basic education in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

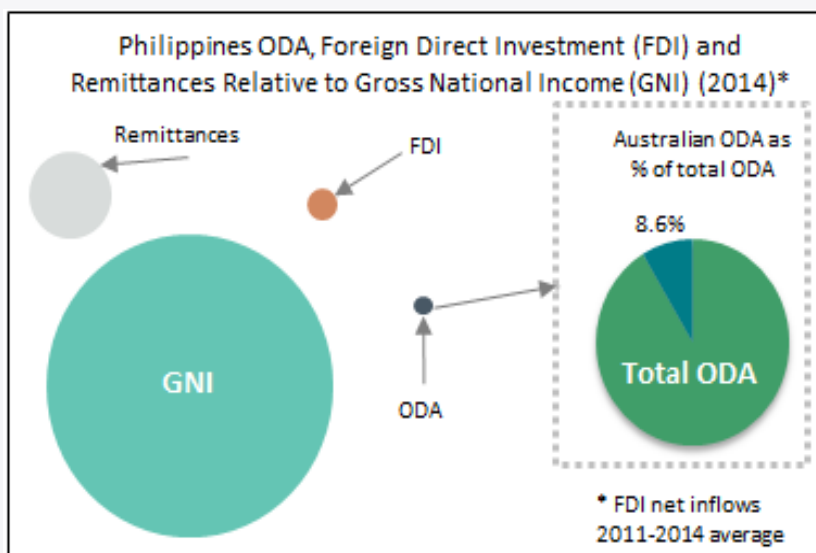
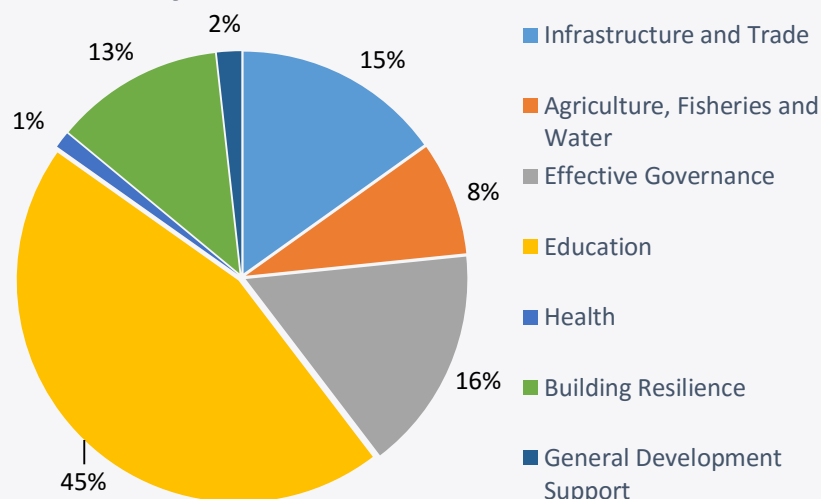
Key framework document

[Aid Investment Plan for the Philippines: 2015-16 to 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%

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

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



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS