



\$37.2 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US3,930 (2015) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA*

193,000 (2015) POPULATION**



Australia has an enduring interest in the stability and prosperity of Samoa. As Samoa's largest bilateral donor, Australia supports economic reform, infrastructure improvements and better education and health outcomes.

Strategic direction

Australia will continue to support reforms to stimulate economic growth, including improvements to infrastructure such as roads, bridges, information and communications technology (ICT), and the development of the private sector. Successfully supporting the construction of a new Parliament House for Samoa is a priority for the program.

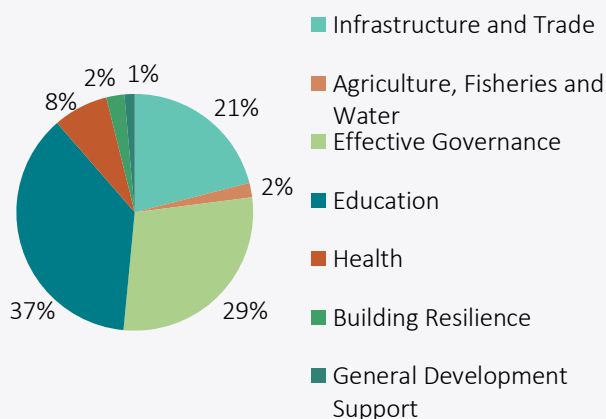
In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Australia's three strategic priorities are:

- enabling economic growth, in line with SDG 8
- advancing Samoa's health and education outcomes, in line with SDG 3 and SDG 4
- strengthening governance, in line with SDG 16.

Across all our investments, we will address the issues of gender equality, inclusion of people with disability and climate change resilience. Australia will also continue to support Samoa to prepare for, and respond to, natural disasters.

In 2017, Australia will offer 50 **Australia Awards** scholarships for Samoan students. We expect to place 10 new **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in 2017-18.

Australian ODA to Samoa, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	23.4	23.6
Regional	8.3	8.8
Global	1.9	1.9
Other Government Departments	2.1	2.9
Total Australian ODA to Samoa	35.8	37.2
% of Total Australian ODA	0.9%	1.0%

ODA = Official Development Assistance

Program highlights

- Promoted economic growth by improving the regulatory environment, building resilience to future economic shocks and investing in priority infrastructure projects.
- Supported more Samoans to complete secondary, vocational and tertiary education.
- Worked with the Samoan Government to lift the quality of education and health services.
- Supported stronger governance, through improved policing, public sector development and women's political participation.
- Supported 1,343 Samoans to graduate from the Australia Pacific Technical College since 2007.

Key framework documents

- [Aid Investment Plan for Samoa 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)
- [Australia-Samoa Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-2019](#)

