



**\$37.2 MILLION** ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

**US\$4,100 (2016)** GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

**196,000 (2017)** POPULATION

Australia has an enduring interest in the stability and prosperity of Samoa. As Samoa's largest bilateral donor, Australia supports economic growth, health, education and governance.

### Strategic direction

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia's three strategic objectives in Samoa are to:

- enable economic growth by supporting economic infrastructure and economic reform (SDGs 8 and 9);
- support health and education outcomes by lifting the quality of education and health services, and by improving health systems and health information (SDGs 3 and 4); and
- strengthen governance by constructing a new and accessible parliament house and providing technical assistance to strengthen revenue collection and budget processes (SDG 16).

We will also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of gender equality (SDG 5), climate change adaptation (SDG 13), disaster resilience and preparedness (SDG 13), and supporting the needs of people with a disability (SDG 10).

In 2017, for the 2018 intake, Australia will offer 58 **Australia Awards** scholarships for Samoan students (28 in Australia, 20 in the Pacific, and 10 online).

We expect to support 25 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in Samoa in 2017-18.

### Program highlights

- A prosthetics and orthotics workshop supported by Australia is now fully operational. Since it began in 2014, a total of 1,104 people with mobility disabilities have accessed the services and 1,555 mobility devices (including walking aids and wheelchairs) have been provided as at the end of June 2017.
- Australia supported improvements to the regulatory environment and price predictability in Samoa's electricity market. Ninety percent of consumers (35,000 households) now have payment meters installed to help monitor usage.
- New women parliamentarians received training on parliamentary proceedings, capacity building and mentoring with a focus on increasing women's political participation and the importance of gender equality in decision-making and political governance.

### Key framework documents

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

	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
<b>Total Australian ODA to Country</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>37.2</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

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

### Australian ODA to Samoa, by Investment Priorities 2017-18

