



SOLOMON ISLANDS



Aid fact sheet: Updated October 2017

\$142.2 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US\$1,880 (2016) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

599,419 (2016) POPULATION

Australia has an enduring interest in supporting stability in Solomon Islands, underpinned by viable institutions and economic growth.

Strategic direction

Australia's assistance focuses on three objectives:

- supporting stability: governance, law and justice, policing;
- enabling economic growth: resource and economic management, infrastructure, private sector engagement, aid for trade; and
- enhancing human development: health, education, gender equality, disability inclusive development.

A strong partnership with the Solomon Islands Government is key to achieving our objectives. Australia delivers a third of bilateral aid to Solomon Islands through partner government systems.

Our program draws on expertise from across the Government of Australia, including the Australian Federal Police and Australian Electoral Commission, to deliver capacity support and advice to the Solomon Islands Government.

The bilateral program continues its gradual shift to investments that directly facilitate economic growth including working more with the private sector.

Program highlights

- Through Australian support for the National Transport Fund, the Solomon Islands Government maintained or rehabilitated 887km of roads in 2016 (up from 255km in 2011 and 877km in 2015).
- The availability of essential medicines at provincial medical stores was 90 per cent in 2016.
- Australia supported 39 Solomon Islanders (up from 33 in 2015-16) to commence tertiary studies in Australia and the Pacific region under the prestigious **Australia Awards** program. Almost half of the scholarships awarded to women were in non-traditional areas such as science, engineering and IT.

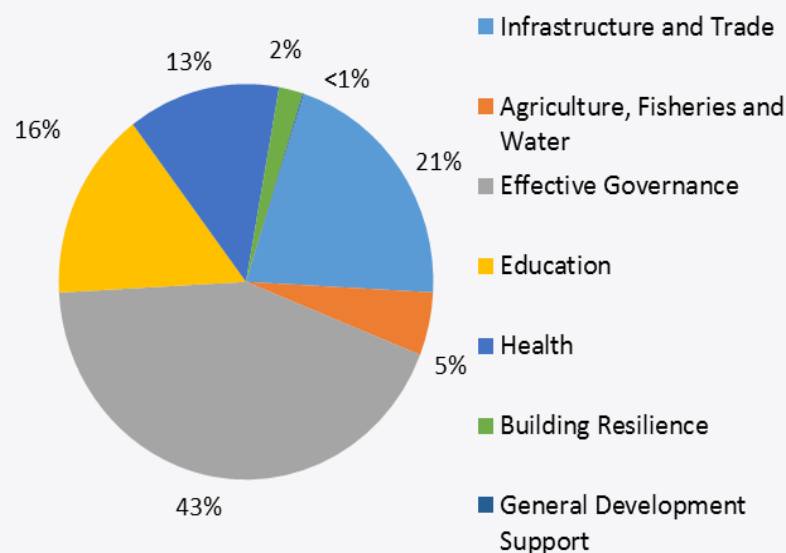
Key framework document

[Aid Investment Plan Solomon Islands: 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)

	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	93.2	92.7
Regional	15.4	16.5
Global	9.2	9.3
Other Government Departments	46.4	23.7
Total Australian ODA to Solomon Islands	164.1	142.2
% of Total Australian ODA	4.3%	3.6%

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

Australian ODA to Solomon Islands, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS