



SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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Australia's sport for development programs support developing communities at the grassroots level through collaboration between Australian sports organisations and their Asia-Pacific counterparts.



Pacific women in traditional dress play modified cricket to improve their health as part of the Pacific Sports Partnerships program.

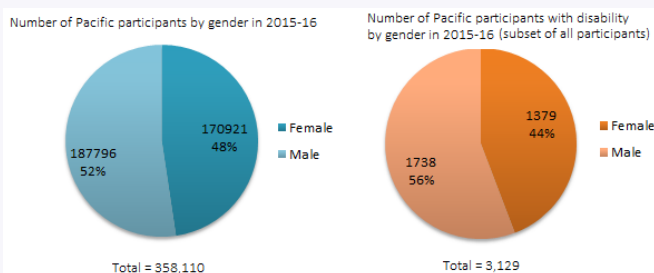
Strategic direction

'Enhancing sport for development' is one of four goals outlined in the *Australian Sports Diplomacy Strategy 2015-18* which the Government launched in June 2015.

Australian sport for development programs focus on achieving positive development outcomes through:

- addressing risk factors associated with non-communicable diseases, particularly physical inactivity
- supporting people with disability by improving the quality of their lives through inclusion in sport and challenging community perceptions
- improving social cohesion by bringing people in communities together in a positive way
- engaging young people and helping them learn important life skills including leadership, teamwork, respecting rules, discipline and perseverance
- supporting equality of women and girls through showcasing achievement and challenging gender norms.

Participation & inclusion in the Pacific: 2015-16



Australian sport for development partnerships and investment in 2015-16	Countries	Sports	2015-16	2016-17
Asia sports partnerships	17	18	\$2 million	\$2 million
Pacific sports partnerships	8	15	\$4.5 million	\$4 million

ODA = Official Development Assistance

Program highlights

- In 2015-16 the Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) programs reached 358,110 people (170,921 female and 187,796 male) in eight Pacific countries, including 3,129 people with a disability.
- Australia expanded sports cooperation into eight countries in Asia through the \$4 million Asia Sports Partnerships (ASP) small grants fund.
- The emergency Just Play football program delivered critical health and safety information to more than 5,000 children in the immediate aftermath of cyclone Pam and cyclone Winston in Vanuatu and Fiji.
- PSP partner Volleyball Fiji won the International *Beyond Sport Award* and the *Peace & Sport Award* for their work on governance, gender and non-communicable diseases.

Key framework document

- [Australian Sports Diplomacy Strategy 2015-18](#)



Girls in Laos celebrate New Year by playing rugby union and laughing while wearing colourful traditional garb.