



DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SPORT – PACIFIC REGIONAL

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\$4 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

9 COUNTRIES 15 AUSTRALIAN SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

641,920 PARTICIPANTS 2016-17 46 PER CENT FEMALE

Australia’s development through sport programs support communities at the grassroots level through collaboration between Australian sporting organisations and their Pacific counterparts.

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 through inclusion in sport and challenging community perceptions;
- improving social cohesion by bringing people in communities together in a positive way; and
- supporting equality of women and girls through showcasing achievement and challenging gender norms.

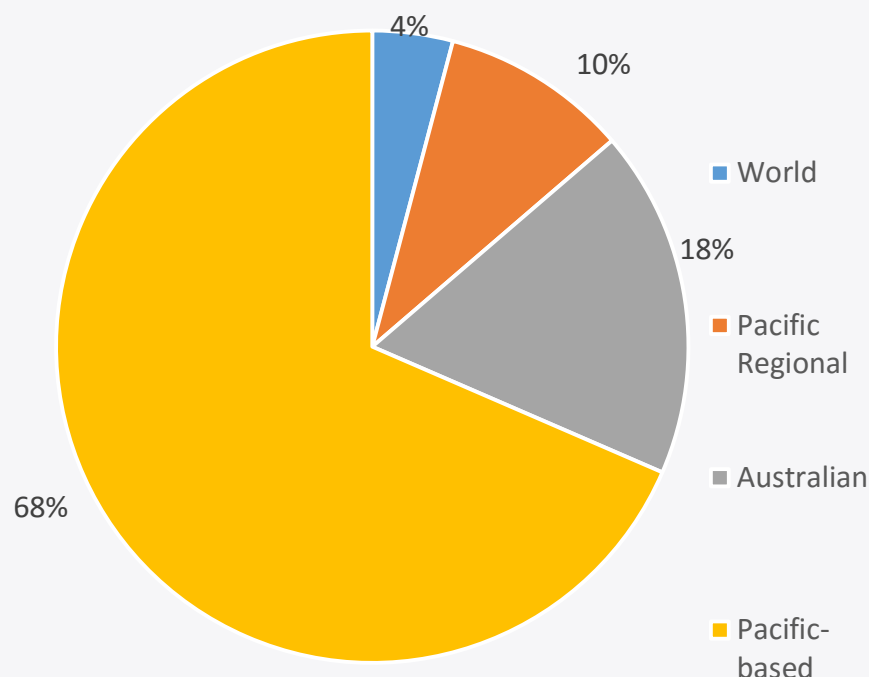
Program highlights

- Pacific Sports Partnership (PSP) was commended for its work in safeguarding children at the international Beyond Sport Awards in 2016 and 2017.
- PSP table tennis athlete Mere Roden became the first Pacific Islander to compete at the Paralympic Games in Rio 2016.
- The inaugural Pacific Youth Leadership Basketball Camp was held, with participants from eight countries hosted in Gold Coast.
- The Women’s Island Cricket Program won the International Cricket Council’s Global Development Award for the best Spirit of Cricket Initiative.
- A number of Memorandum of Understanding were signed between PSP partners and organisations including UN Women and the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre to address violence against women.
- Participation in One Netball Pacific programs in Tonga increased by 70 per cent from 2015-16, with 86 per cent female participation including older women.
- A grassroots drowning prevention program was initiated in Fiji through a partnership between PSP-funded swimming federations and the Government of Fiji.

Key program outputs 2016-17	Totals*
Pacific Islanders engaged	641,920
% of female participants	45.8%
% of school-aged participants	93.5%
Number of participants with disability	6,004
Number of PSP volunteers and staff	8,508

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

Pacific Partnerships by federation type



Key framework document

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



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS