



\$96.1 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US3,820 (2015) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA*

1.245 MILLION (2015) POPULATION*

Australia and Timor-Leste are close neighbours, with a shared history and strong people-to-people links. Since independence in 2002, Australia has been its largest development partner.

Strategic direction

Australia is committed to being an effective, responsive and long-term partner in Timor-Leste’s development. Australia’s development assistance contributes to our shared goal of a prosperous and secure nation, supporting the people of Timor-Leste to overcome poverty and achieve sustainable economic growth, in line with their national priorities.

Aligning with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia’s aid program in Timor-Leste has three strategic objectives:

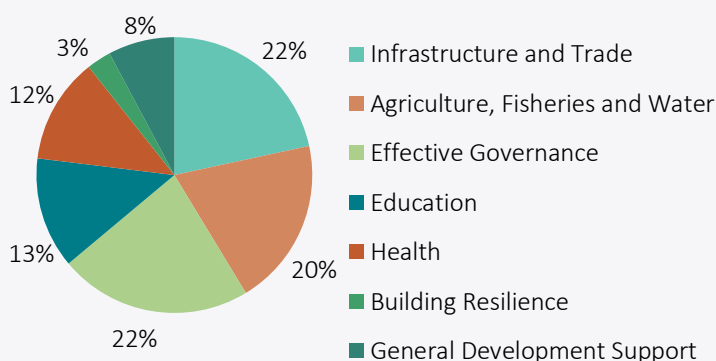
- improving livelihoods
- enhancing human development
- strengthening governance and institutions.

The Timorese Government has identified SDGs 2 and 4 as priorities. In line with SDG 2 we are targeting nutrition across all investments and improving rural livelihoods and sustainable agriculture. Our work with the Ministry of Education to support a new curriculum and teacher training will assist Timor-Leste achieve SDG 4. We are also working to address violence against women in line with SDG 5.

We will offer 20 new **Australia Awards** for Timorese students to study in Australia in 2017, joining the current cohort of 75.

We will place 30 new **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in 2016-17, to join 28 ongoing volunteers.

Australian ODA to Timor-Leste, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	68.8	68.0
Regional	5.8	8.8
Global	11.7	10.9
Other Government Departments	7.0	8.4
Total Australian ODA to Timor-Leste	93.4	96.1
% of Total Australian ODA*	2.4%	2.5%

ODA = Official Development Assistance

Program highlights

- Supported business law reforms which will encourage private sector development in Timor-Leste.
- Linking over 14,000 women since 2014 to health workers, mothers are now twice as likely to deliver with a skilled birth attendant and seven times more likely to go for follow-up care.
- Since 2012 we have helped to improve and maintain 20 percent of Timor-Leste’s core rural roads.
- Supported improved teacher quality by training an additional 596 teachers and mentoring 228 grade 1-6 school leaders.

Key framework document

- [Australia’s Aid Investment Plan for Timor-Leste, 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)

