



\$96.1 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US\$3,820 (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 help Timor-Leste achieve SDG 4. Our efforts to empower women and end violence against women and girls support SDG 5.

In 2018, 18 Timorese students will commence study in Australia with **Australia Award Scholarships**, joining the current cohort of 75.

Program highlights

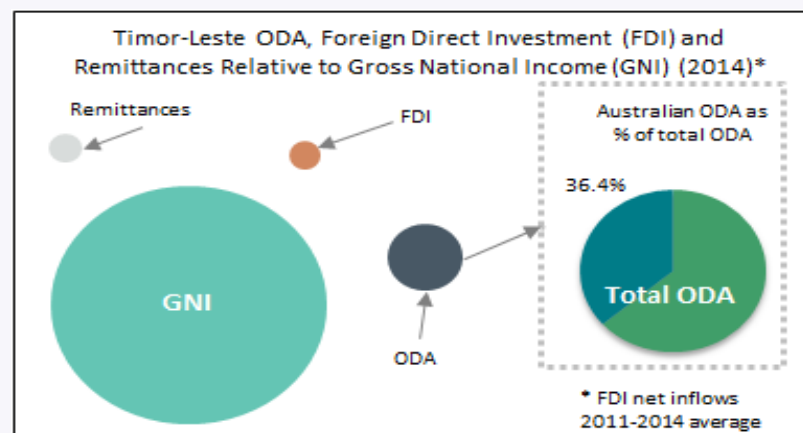
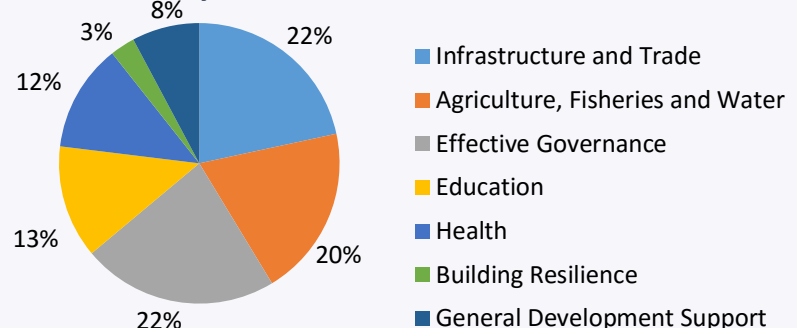
- Helped improve the business environment by passing new laws that encourage investment.
- Trained 327 teachers and school leaders across 233 schools, reaching over 20,000 students, with early indications of improved student literacy and teaching practice in classrooms.
- Supported Timor-Leste's village infrastructure program, helping more than 250,000 people to participate in decisions about improving their villages since 2012.

Key framework document

[Australia's Aid Investment Plan for Timor-Leste, 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)
[Timor-Leste Aid Program Performance Report 2016-17](#)

| | 2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m) | 2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m) |
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| 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% |

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



ODA = Official Development Assistance



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS