



**\$30.4 MILLION** ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

**US\$4,020 (2016\*)** GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

**107,222 (2016\*)** POPULATION

Australia has an enduring interest in Tonga's stability and prosperity. As a close partner, Australia supports economic reform, private sector development, health system strengthening and skills development.

### Strategic direction

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia's three strategic objectives in Tonga are to:

- enable economic stability and growth through support for governance, economic and private sector development reforms (SDGs 1, 8 and 17);
- strengthen the health system in Tonga and reduce the health and economic burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (SDG 3); and
- support skills development, through a range of technical and vocational education, training opportunities and scholarships, with a particular focus on opportunities for women and people with a disability (SDG 4).

We will also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of climate change adaptation (SDG 9), disaster resilience and preparedness (SDG 11), gender equality (SDG 5) and supporting the needs of people with a disability (SDG 10).

In 2017, for the 2018 intake, Australia will offer 34 **Australia Awards** scholarships for Tongan students (13 in Australia and 21 in the Pacific).

We expect to support 20 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in Tonga in 2017-18.

### Program highlights

- Economic reforms supported by the aid program have helped balance the budget, reduce debt, increase revenues and strengthen procurement.
- In 2016-17, Australia continued to support Tonga's 5-year national NCD strategy, including though: improving diabetes and mental health services in Tonga's outer islands; supporting seven doctors and nurses to provide outreach services in Ha'apai and Vava'u (where they diagnosed 62 cases of clubfoot and provided surgery for 12 patients); continued delivery of a public anti-tobacco campaign and quitline; and realigning the Ministry of Health structure to focus on effective primary health care.
- Australia supports two Tongan women's NGOs, the Women and Children's Crisis Centre and the Tonga National Centre for Women and Children, to provide support services.
- Australia and the Asian Development Bank have installed solar plants on the outer islands of 'Eua and Ha'apai, under the Outer Island Renewable Energy Project, to help Tonga reduce its dependence on fossil fuel (generating 750kWh of renewable energy and saving half a million litres of diesel annually).

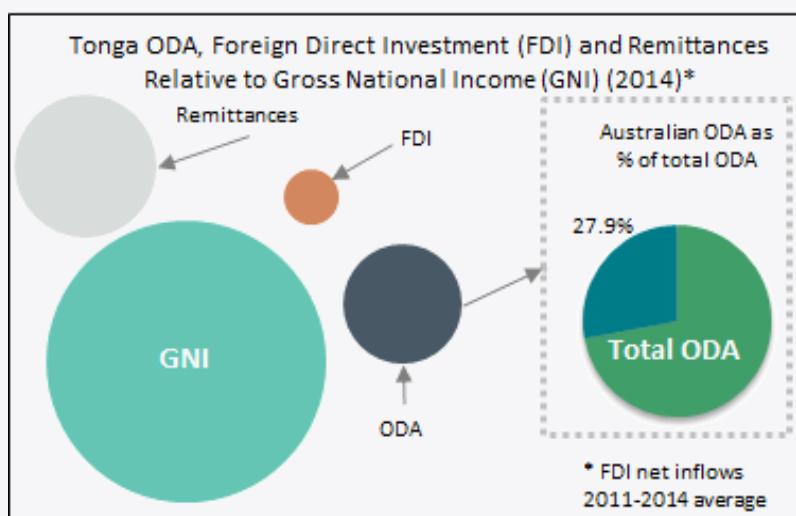
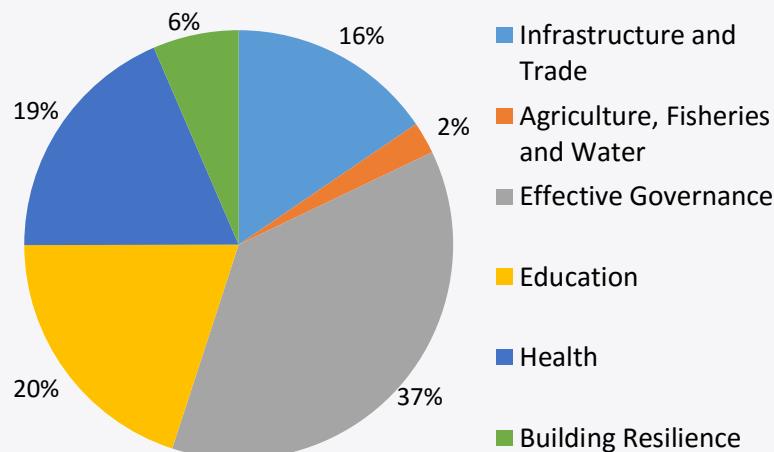
### Key framework document

[Australia-Tonga Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-19](#)  
[Aid Investment Plan for Tonga 2015-19](#)

	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	17.6	17.6
Regional	7.4	8.1
Global	1.6	1.6
Other Government Departments	2.3	3.0
<b>Total Australian ODA to Tonga</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>30.4</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

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

### Australian ODA to Tonga, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS