



30.4 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

US\$4,280 (2015) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA*

104,000 (2015) POPULATION*

Australia has an enduring interest in the stability and prosperity of Tonga. As Tonga's largest bilateral donor, Australia supports economic reform, private sector development and health 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 and 8)
- strengthen the health system in Tonga and reduce the health and economic burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (SDG 3)
- support skills development through a range of technical and vocational education training opportunities, and scholarships, with a particular focus on opportunities for women and those with disability (SDG 4).

We will also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of climate change adaptation, disaster resilience and preparedness, 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 (12 in Australia and 22 in the Pacific).

We expect to support 15 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in Tonga in 2017-18.

	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
Total Australian ODA to Tonga	28.9	30.4
% of Total Australian ODA	0.8%	0.8%

ODA = Official Development Assistance

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: delivery of screening for rheumatic disease for nearly all of Tonga's school children, including those in remote communities; continued delivery of a public anti-tobacco campaign; and continued delivery of diabetes outreach services.
- Australia continues to support 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.

Key framework document

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

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

