



29.6 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2016-17

US\$4,260 (2014) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA*

102,000 (2014) 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 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia's three strategic objectives are to:

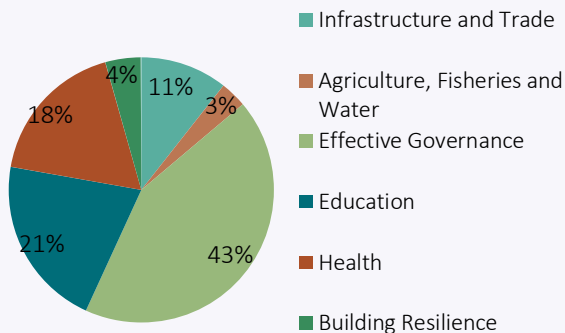
- enable economic stability and growth through support for governance, economic and private sector development reforms (SDGs 1 and 8)
- strengthen the health system in Tonga and reduce the health and economic burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (SDG 3)
- support skills development through a range 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 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 2016, for the 2017 intake, Australia will offer 32 **Australia Awards** for Tongan students (8 in Australia and 24 in the Pacific).

We expect to support 39 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in Tonga in 2016-17, including 25 new volunteers.

Australian ODA to Tonga by investment priorities 2016-17



	2015-16 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2016-17 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Total Country Programs	17.6	17.6
Total Regional	7.0	7.3
Total Global	1.0	1.3
Total Other Government Departments	3.3	3.3
Total Australian ODA to Tonga	28.8	29.6
% of Total Australian ODA	0.7%	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 2015-16, Australia supported the launch of a 5-year national NCD strategy; delivery of screening for rheumatic disease for thousands of school children; the establishment of Tonga's first national smoking Quit Line; and expansion of diabetes outreach services to remote communities.
- In 2015-16, Australia helped 185 Tongans (99 male and 86 female) complete skills training in response to labour market demand; and supported improvements in basic education by providing syllabus and resource books to primary schools, teacher training, and classroom construction.
- Australia continues to support two Tongan women's NGOs, the Women and Children's Crisis Centre and the Tongan National Women's Centre, to provide support services.

Key framework document

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

