



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Aid factsheet: October 2018



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2018-19	\$572.2 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US2,680 (2016)
POPULATION	8.1 MILLION (2016)

Australian ODA	2016-17 Actual (\$m)*	2017-18 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2018-19 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	477.8	471.8	519.5
Regional	21.2	19.7	21.4
Global	16.9	10.6	11.5
Other Government Departments	34.4	38.9	19.8
Total Australian ODA to PNG	549.9	541.0	572.2
% of Total Australian ODA	13.2%	13.3%	14.0%

As our nearest neighbour and close regional partner, a stable and prosperous PNG is in Australia's national interest.

Strategic direction

Australia's development partnership with PNG focuses on inclusive economic growth, with targeted investments in private sector-led growth, health and education. We are working together to strengthen governance in line with PNG's own policy priorities.

The development partnership has three strategic objectives: promoting effective governance; enabling economic growth; and enhancing human development. Gender equality is a cross-cutting issue for all programs. Australia's work contributes to PNG's progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals.

Program highlights

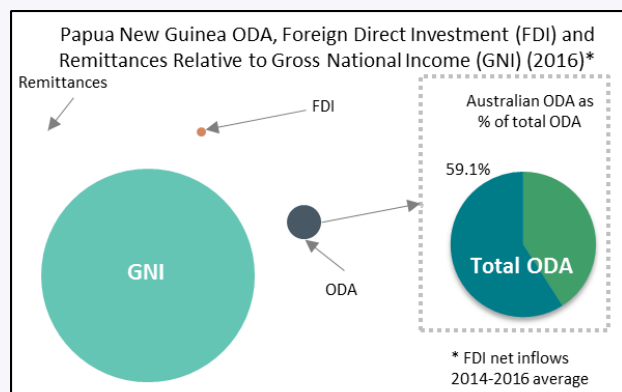
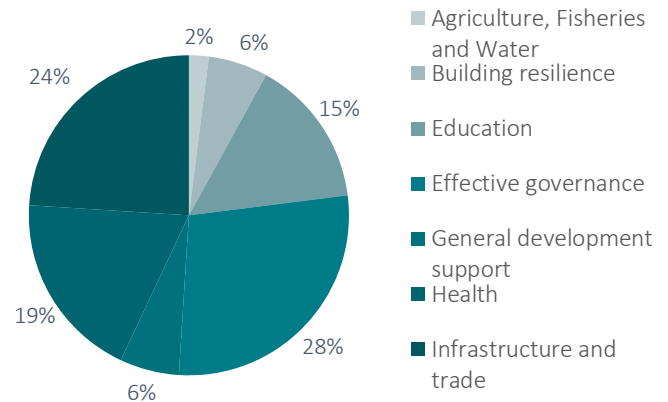
- Providing \$5 million in humanitarian assistance to support PNG's recovery from the devastating earthquakes in February and March 2018.
- Increasing the Government of PNG's tax revenue by PGK315 million through a project with the PNG Internal Revenue Commission.
- Supporting the maintenance and reconstruction of 1,981 kilometres of roads in 2017.
- Co-funded the Coral Sea Cable System, which will have a transformative impact on internet connectivity in PNG which currently has some of the highest internet prices, and poorest connectivity, in the world.

Key framework documents

- [Aid Investment Plan Papua New Guinea: 2015-16 to 2017-18](#)
- [PNG-Australia Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-17 \(extended to the Ministerial Forum in 2019\)](#)
- [Joint Understanding between Australia and Papua New Guinea on further bilateral cooperation on health, education and law and order.](#)

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

Australian bilateral ODA to PNG, by Investment Priorities 2017-18



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS