



PHILIPPINES



Aid fact sheet: October 2018

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2018-19	\$85.4 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$3,580 (2016)
POPULATION	104,567,076 (JULY 2017 EST)

Australia and the Philippines have a long-standing bilateral relationship. We share common perspectives on many regional, economic and security issues and we cooperate closely in a broad range of areas including defence, law enforcement and development.

Strategic direction

Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, Australia's three strategic objectives in the Philippines are to:

- enhance the foundations for economic growth by investing in **infrastructure**, **aid for trade** and **education**;
- building stronger institutions for transparent and accountable **governance**; and
- improving conditions for **peace and stability**.

We will also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of **disaster resilience and preparedness**, **gender equality** and **supporting the needs of people with a disability**.

In 2017-18:

- 136 awardees from the Philippines were in Australia on **Australia Awards** scholarships; and
- 38 Australian **volunteers** undertook assignments in the Philippines.

Program highlights

- Timely humanitarian assistance in response to the Marawi conflict, Typhoons Tembin and Mangkut, and the eruption of Mount Mayon.
- Peace program and policy dialogues through NGO partners supported passage of the Bangsamoro Organic Law in Congress.
- Research, policy advocacy and technical support enabled the Philippine Department of Education to link Professional Standards for Teachers with the national Results-Based Performance Management System, which will support better student learning outcomes.
- Strengthened capacity to develop and implement public-private infrastructure projects enabled the Philippine Government to tender 17 **infrastructure** projects competitively, exceeding its target by 13%.
- Contributed to analysis and policy dialogue on key areas of **economic reform**, including transfers for the poor, feeding in to passage of the landmark Tax Reform Acceleration and Inclusion Act in December 2017.

Key framework document

[Aid Investment Plan for the Philippines: 2015-16 to 2017-18](#)

Australian ODA	2016-17 Actual (\$m)*	2017-18 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2018-19 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	67.2	65.0	67.0
Regional	9.9	6.8	8.3
Global	5.5	6.7	6.5
Other Government Departments	4.9	4.7	3.6
Total Australian ODA to Philippines	87.5	83.2	85.4
% of Total Australian ODA	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%

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

