



# SAMOA



Aid fact sheet: May 2018

\$35.5 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2018-19

US\$4,100 (2016) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

196,000 (2017) POPULATION

Australia has an enduring interest in the stability and prosperity of Samoa. Australia is Samoa's largest bilateral donor, and supports economic growth, health, education and governance.

## Strategic direction

Australia's three strategic objectives in Samoa align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- enable economic growth by supporting economic infrastructure and economic reform (SDGs 8 and 9);
- support health and education outcomes by lifting the quality of education and health services, and by improving health systems and health information (SDGs 3 and 4); and
- strengthen governance by constructing a new and accessible parliament house and providing technical assistance to strengthen revenue collection and budget processes (SDG 16).

We will also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of gender equality (SDG 5), climate change adaptation (SDG 13), disaster resilience and preparedness (SDG 13), and supporting the needs of people with a disability (SDG 10).

## Program highlights

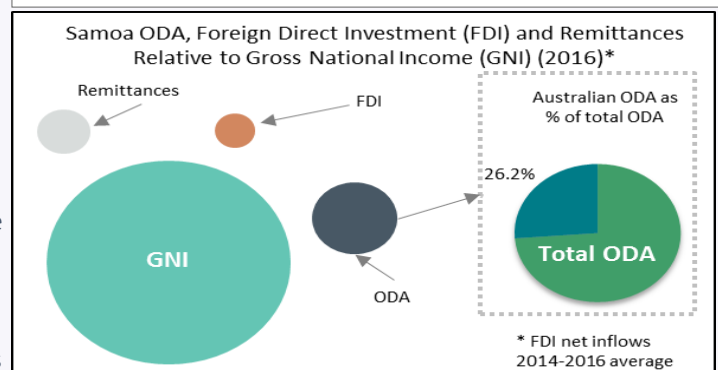
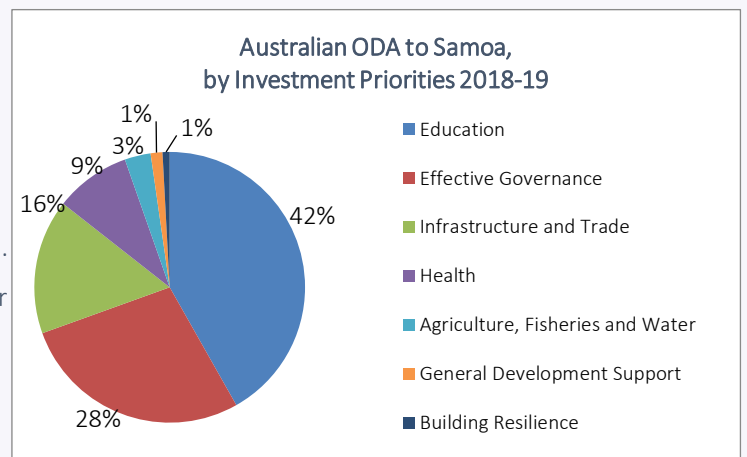
- Australia supported improvements to the regulatory environment and price predictability in Samoa's electricity market. Ninety percent of consumers (35,000 households) now have payment meters installed to help monitor usage.
- The new submarine internet cable provided by Australia, Asian Development Bank and World Bank is expected to improve the speed and capacity of internet services and stimulate innovation, support efficient ways of doing business, and promote inclusive development.
- Australia offered 58 **Australia Awards** scholarships for Samoans to commence study in 2018 (Australia (28), Pacific (20), online (10)) and supported 25 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in Samoa in 2016-17.

## Key framework documents

- [Australia-Samoa Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-2019](#)
- [Aid Investment Plan Samoa 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)

	2017-18 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2018-19 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	23.6	23.6
Regional	7.0	8.1
Global	1.6	1.7
Other Government Departments	2.8	2.1
<b>Total Australian ODA to Samoa</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

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



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS