



VANUATU



Aid fact sheet: October 2018

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2018-19	\$62.3 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$2,920 (2017)
POPULATION	270,400 (2016)

Australia has an enduring interest in a stable and prosperous Vanuatu and is Vanuatu's largest bilateral donor.

Strategic direction

Australia's aid aligns with the priorities identified in the Government of Vanuatu's National Sustainable Development Plan and contributes toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Our investments focus on four strategic objectives:

- building **resilient infrastructure** and an environment for **economic opportunity**;
- improving early **education** and essential **health** services;
- improving community safety and **resilience**; and
- supporting cyclone **recovery** and **reconstruction**.

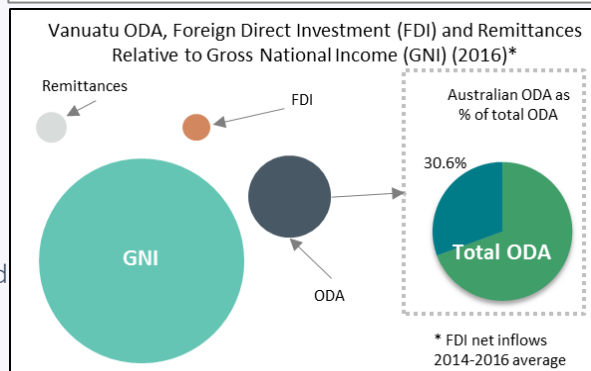
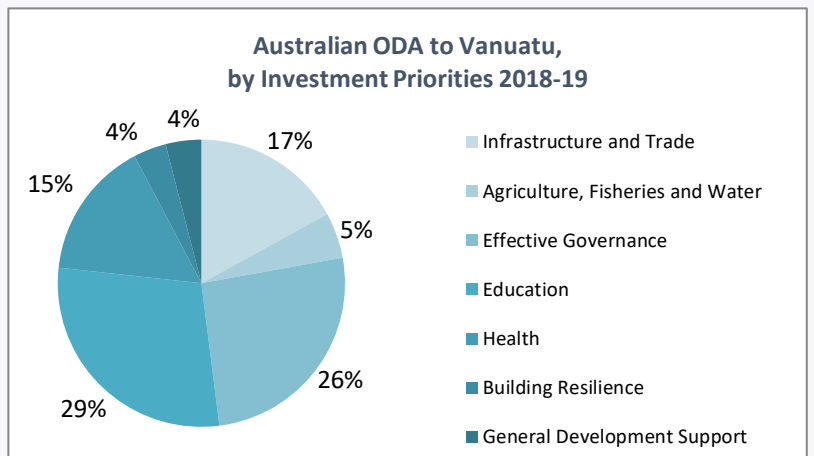
Australia and Vanuatu share strong people-to-people links. In 2017-18, Australia supported 43 ni-Vanuatu students through **Australia Awards** to study at tertiary institutions in Australia and the region, and 85 **Australian Volunteers** to undertake capacity building placements in Vanuatu. Australia continues to work closely with the Vanuatu Government to support disaster recovery and reconstruction. We provided \$5.55 million to support evacuation and resettlement of over 11,000 people impacted by the Ambae island volcano eruptions.

Program highlights 2017-18

- Australia supported the Vanuatu Public Works Department to conduct maintenance and rehabilitation on 525 km of rural roads, linking communities to services and markets.
- 6,063 women and children survivors of violence received counselling and support services.
- Year 3 school curriculum development and teacher training was completed, and reading material translated into 59 languages and distributed to over 270 schools.
- Australia's \$35 million assistance for Tropical Cyclone Pam recovery contributed to the completion of 16 health facilities, 65 classrooms, 33 public buildings, 79 water systems, 28 tourism bungalows and 6 livestock breeding centres.
- Training of over 100 health professionals, including medical interns and midwives boosted Vanuatu's medical workforce.

Australian ODA	2016-17 Actual (\$m)*	2017-18 Estimate Outcome (\$m)*	2018-19 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	42.0	45.7	41.9
Regional	12.8	7.9	9.9
Global	9.5	9.0	8.9
Other Government Departments	1.7	1.8	1.7
Total Australian ODA to Country	66.1	64.3	62.3
% of Total Australian ODA	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%

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



Key framework documents

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