



**\$84.2 MILLION** ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2017-18

**US1,990 (2015)** GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA\*

**91.7 MILLION (2015)** POPULATION\*\*

Australia and Vietnam’s partnership extends across political, security, trade, investment and people-to-people activities. Strengthening our partnership is important to our national interest and the region’s prosperity.

**Strategic direction**

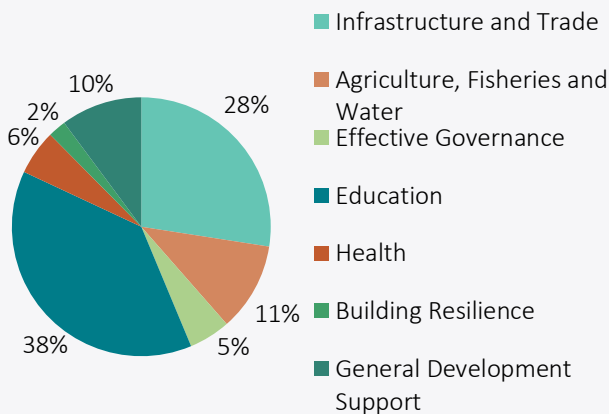
Australia’s economic partnership with Vietnam is supporting reform through stimulating the private sector, upskilling the workforce and supporting inclusive growth. Our Aid Investment Plan addresses 16 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals - particularly alleviating poverty (Goal 1), gender equality (Goal 5), decent work and economic growth (Goal 8) and partnerships for the goals (Goal 17).

Our program has three objectives:

- enabling and engaging the private sector for development
- assisting the development and employment of a highly skilled workforce
- promoting women’s economic empowerment.

In 2017 we are offering a mix of up to 217 long- and short-term **Australia Awards** scholarships for Vietnamese students to study in Australia.

**Australian ODA to Vietnam, by Investment Priorities 2017-18**



	2016-17 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2017-18 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	58.5	58.4
Regional	13.2	10.8
Global	9.4	9.3
Other Government Departments	5.4	5.7
<b>Total Australian ODA to Vietnam</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>84.2</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

ODA = Official Development Assistance

**Program highlights**

- Australia’s largest aid investment on mainland South-East Asia, the Cao Lanh Bridge is 85 per cent complete and will improve local economic growth.
- The completion of our water and sanitation program (2011-2015) connected 139,000 households to water for the first time and 239,000 households gained access to a toilet.
- The Australia in Vietnam Gender Equality Strategy was launched, demonstrating Australia’s priority commitments and whole-of-government approach to improving quality of life for women and girls in Vietnam, and supporting the Government of Vietnam in implementing its National Gender Equality Strategy 2011-2020.

**Key framework document**

- [Australia’s Aid Investment Plan for Vietnam 2015-20](#)
- [Vietnam’s Socio-Economic Development Strategy 2011-20](#)

