Afghanistan Development Cooperation Fact Sheet: April 2019

Australia has provided more than $1.4 billion in ODA to Afghanistan since 2001. Important gains have been made, but three decades of war mean Afghanistan faces ongoing development, security and financial challenges. It remains one of the most difficult environments in which we undertake development cooperation.

**Strategic direction**

Australia’s development cooperation is helping Afghanistan become a more prosperous, secure and self-reliant nation. Australia provides at least 50 per cent of development assistance as ‘on-budget’ support through multilateral trust funds, and at least 80 per cent of our assistance aligns with Afghanistan’s National Priority Programs. The Australian development cooperation program has three strategic objectives:

- Supporting the Afghan Government to maintain economic growth and institute more effective and accountable governance;
- Empowering women and girls by addressing barriers to their social, political and economic participation; and
- Building resilience and supporting at-risk communities, including through the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

**Program highlights**

- Since 2013, Australia’s support has trained 4,035 police officers, and 998 judges and prosecutors on gender-based violence responses.
- Since 2009, over 9 million children have enrolled in school, including 3.6 million girls, through Australia’s support.

For more details:

Aid Investment Plan Afghanistan 2015-16 to 2017-18