Australia has an enduring interest in a stable and prosperous Fiji, and is supporting Fiji’s most vulnerable communities while helping to strengthen democratic governance.

**Strategic Direction**

Australia’s development cooperation with Fiji focuses on supporting inclusive **economic growth** and **poverty reduction** through investments in private sector and human development. Working in partnership with the Government of Fiji, our assistance provides support to Fiji’s most vulnerable communities. Our investments in **education**, **effective governance**, **private sector development**, **health** and **gender equality** contribute towards achieving Fiji’s National Development Plan and the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Australia’s development cooperation objectives include:

- supporting increased **private sector** development;
- improving **human development**; and
- supporting Fiji’s recovery from Tropical Cyclone Winston.

**Program highlights**

- In 2018-19, proceeds from Fiji’s first sovereign green bond enabled rebuilding of more than 100 **schools**, rehabilitation of 170 **bridges** and access to **clean and managed water sources** for 42,600 people in 120 rural communities.

- In 2018-19, 85 **Australia Awards** scholars from Fiji studied in tertiary institutions in Australia and the Pacific. 88 Australian **Volunteers** for International Development (including 19 new volunteers), worked in Fiji in 2017-18.

- The Fiji Women’s Fund helped **advance gender equality** in 2018-19 by supporting 18 women’s organisations and groups deliver activities that reached 7,869 people.

- Australia supported Fiji’s Ministry of Education to develop a 10-module online course to **upskill current and future principals of over 900 schools**, with the first module expected by June 2019.

- As part of Australia’s $35 million assistance to Fiji for **Tropical Cyclone Winston**, 29 schools have been completed and work on a further five schools will be completed before June 2019.