Australia has an enduring interest in Kiribati’s stability and prosperity. We are Kiribati’s largest bilateral development partner, supporting improved economic prospects and resilience, improved education and a healthier population.

**Strategic direction**

Australia’s development cooperation aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals and Kiribati’s development priorities, which include:
- improving education and building a healthier population
- supporting the Kiribati Government to implement its Economic Reform Plan.

Across all our investments, Australia seeks to strengthen Kiribati’s capacity to build climate resilience and to improve gender equality and disability inclusiveness.

Support for workforce skills will increase labour mobility opportunities for I-Kiribati to work in Australia and elsewhere in the Pacific.

In 2019, Australia will support 100 I-Kiribati students to study at tertiary education institutions in Australia and the region. Twelve new Australian volunteers will be deployed to Kiribati in 2018-19 to help build local capacity.

**Program highlights**

- Since 2012, Australia’s basic education program has contributed to curriculum reform, teacher training, and improved learning environments for more than 11,000 children.
- Since 2015, more than 770 I-Kiribati have worked in Australia under our labour mobility schemes.
- Since 2012, Australia has supported more than 1,250 I-Kiribati students to graduate from the Kiribati Institute of Technology.

**For more details:**
- Aid Investment Plan for Kiribati 2015-19
- Australia-Kiribati Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-19