



# LAO PDR

Development Cooperation  
fact sheet: April 2019



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$37.9 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$2,270 (2017)
POPULATION	6.9 MILLION (2017)

Australia and Lao PDR are long-standing regional partners. Our countries share a warm relationship underpinned by development cooperation, economic ties and community links.

### Strategic direction

Australia has a strong interest in supporting Laos' efforts to develop its economy and contribute to regional security and prosperity. Australian development cooperation supports Laos' socio-economic priorities and goal to graduate from Least Developed Country status. Major bilateral programs contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals relating to basic education, human resources development and private sector development.

### Program highlights

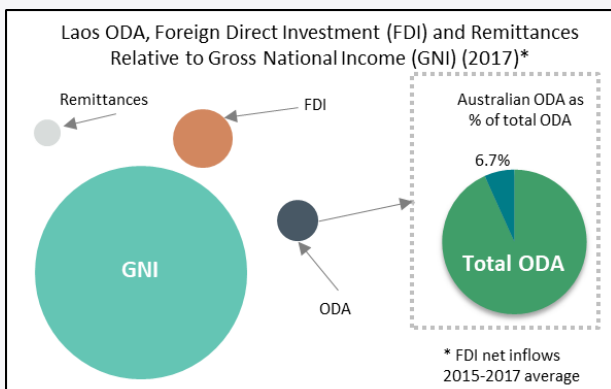
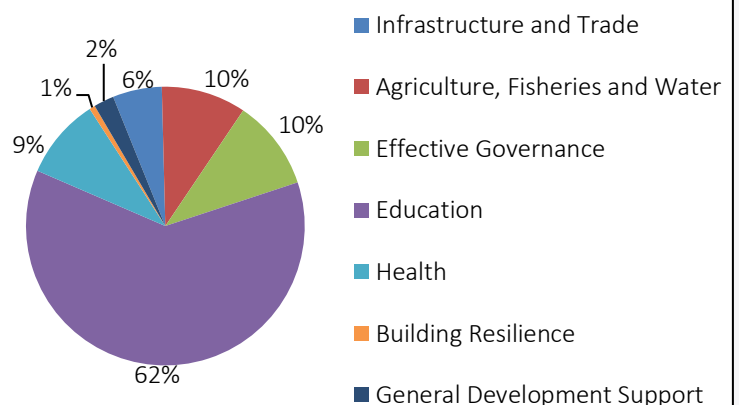
- In 2016-17, more than 81,500 **education** administrators were trained; children in 194 schools across Laos received water and sanitation; and more than 140,000 children received school meals.
- In 2017-18, 25 village banks, providing **financial services** to 15,546 people (53 per cent women), were established.
- Since 2014, 215 Lao students, including 36 in 2018, have completed their studies in Australia under the Australian Government's **scholarship** program.

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)*	2018-19 Outcome (\$m)*	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	22.1	24**	20.6
Regional	9.6	5.9	5.3
Global	9.3	9.5	9.3
Other Government Departments	4.6	4.3	2.7
<b>Total Australian ODA to Lao PDR</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>37.9</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

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

\*\* Includes additional \$3 million in humanitarian funding for the 2018 dam collapse and for UXO clearance.

### Australian ODA to Laos, by Investment Priorities 2019-20



For more details

[Australia's Aid Investment Plan for Laos 2015-16 to 2019-20](#)



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS