Australia is supporting Nepal to enhance economic opportunities for the poor and strengthen governance to deliver services under its new federal structure.

**Strategic direction**

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Australian development cooperation program with Nepal focuses on:

- Building **governance** capacity and stronger financial systems to support transition to a new federal structure;
- Support for **humanitarian preparedness** by building resilience and pre-positioning supplies for effective response;
- Creating jobs and economic opportunities for the poor through support for community livelihoods and rural development;
- **Gender equality, social inclusion and disaster risk reduction** as key elements of all current and new investments including Australia Awards, regional sustainability, trade and infrastructure investments and the Australian NGO Cooperation Program.

**Program highlights**

- In partnership with The Asia Foundation, Australia is building an evidence base to support Nepali subnational governance reform. The program supported 25 local governments to enhance service delivery and economic governance through co-designing priority areas of support. Training has been provided to over 4,000 mediators to manage interpersonal, socio-economic and political disputes, so far resulting in the resolution of over 2,500 cases.
- Australia is offering 29 long-term awards and 70 short-term awards under the Australia Awards program.
- Australia is supporting 18 volunteers through the Australian Volunteers for International Development program.

For more details:

Australia’s Aid Investment Plan Nepal 2016-2020

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

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**Australian ODA to Nepal, by Investment Priorities 2019-20**

- Infrastructure and Trade: 9%
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Water: 3%
- Effective Governance: 3%
- Education: 26%
- Health: 32%
- Building Resilience: 20%
- General Development Support: 7%

**Nepal ODA, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Remittances Relative to Gross National Income (GNI) (2017)**

- FDI net inflows 2013-2017* average: 1.7%
- ODA as % of total ODA: 1.7%

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*ODA = Official Development Assistance