



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20*	\$42.6 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$3,180 (2017)
POPULATION	4.7 MILLION (2017)

The Palestinian Territories (PTs), consisting of the West Bank and Gaza, is one of the poorest regions in the Middle East. Australia's development cooperation is a tangible demonstration of our longstanding support for the Middle East peace process.

Strategic direction

Australia has a long history of supporting Palestinians. Our development cooperation focuses on inclusive economic growth and basic services for refugees in the PTs and the region. Our Aid Investment Plan aligns with the Palestinian Authority's (PA) National Policy Agenda. Our work in the agriculture sector contributes towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG), particularly achieving food security and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Key features of Australia's development cooperation in the PTs include:

- the Australia Middle East NGO Cooperation Agreement Phase 3 (AMENCA 3) to improve the competitiveness of the **agriculture** sector through Australian and local NGOs;
- funding for the **UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs** (OCHA) in the PTs to support humanitarian needs; and
- support to the UN's Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to assist Palestinian refugees access **quality basic services** in the PTs and across the region.

In 2018-19, Australia plans to provide ten **Australia Awards** scholarships to students from the PTs.

Program highlights

- Australian funding to UNRWA contributed to universal primary **education** for 526,000 Palestinian refugee students (half girls) and humanitarian assistance to more than 1.4 million Palestinian refugees in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Since 2016, more than 7,000 women reported **economic empowerment** and equitable roles in the **agriculture sector**, and more than 23,000 farmers have reported increased incomes with support from AMENCA 3.
- Australia has provided scholarships for 78 students (including 22 women) since 2012, which has helped build public sector management skills within the PA.

For more detail:

- [Australia's Aid Investment Plan for the Palestinian Territories 2015-19](#)

ODA = Official Development Assistance

PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

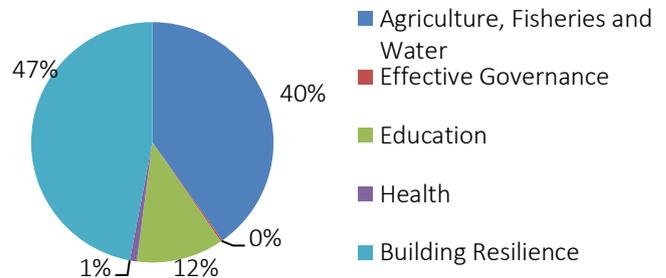


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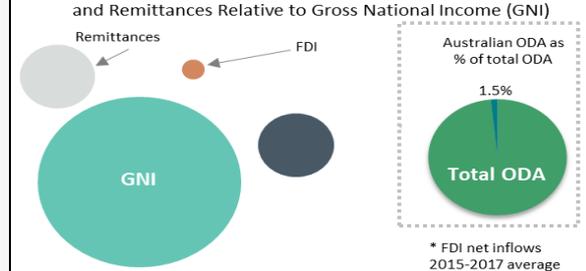
Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)*	2018-19 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2019-2020 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	20.5	20.5	20.5
Regional	1.4	2.3	1.6
Global	20.6	15.4	20.4
Other Government Departments	-	-	-
Total Australian ODA to Country	42.4	38.3	42.6
% of Total Australian ODA	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

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

Australian ODA to Palestinian Territories, by Investment Priorities 2019-20



Palestinian Territories ODA, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Remittances Relative to Gross National Income (GNI)



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

