



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$79.7 Million
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$3,660 (2017)
POPULATION	104.9 Million (2017)

Australia and the Philippines have a long-standing bilateral relationship. We share common perspectives on many regional, economic and security issues and we cooperate closely in a broad range of areas including development.

Strategic direction

Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia's three strategic objectives in the Philippines are to:

- enhance the foundations for economic growth by investing in **infrastructure**, **aid for trade** and **education** (SDGs 4, 8 & 9);
- build stronger institutions for transparent and accountable **governance** (SDGs 11, 16 & 17); and
- improve conditions for **peace and stability** (SDG 4 & 16).

We continue to address the cross-cutting issues of **disaster resilience and preparedness**, **gender equality** (SDG 5) and **disability inclusion** (SDG 10). Australia expects to award 263 short-term and long-term **Australia Awards scholarships** in 2019.

Program highlights

- Timely **humanitarian assistance** in response to the Marawi conflict, Typhoons Tembin and Manghkut, and the eruption of Mount Mayon.
- Peace** program and policy dialogues through NGO partners supported passage through Congress of the Bangsamoro Organic Law in Congress.
- Research, policy advocacy and technical support enabled the Philippine Department of Education to link Professional Standards for Teachers with the national Results-Based Performance Management System, which will support better **student learning outcomes**.
- Strengthened capacity to develop and implement public-private **infrastructure** projects enabled the Philippine Government to tender 17 infrastructure projects competitively, exceeding its target by 13 per cent.
- Contributed to analysis and policy dialogue on key areas of **economic reform**, including transfers for the poor, feeding in to passage of the landmark Tax Reform Acceleration and Inclusion Act in December 2017.

For more details:

[Aid Investment Plan for the Philippines: 2015-16 to 2017-18*](#)

PHILIPPINES

Development cooperation
fact sheet: April 2019



Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)*	2018-19 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	64.4	67.0	63.7
Regional	10.8	4.9	6.8
Global	6.7	6.7	6.4
Other Government Departments	3.8	4.2	2.8
Total ODA to Philippines	85.6	82.8	79.7
% of Total Australian ODA	2.1%	1.9%	2.0%

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

