



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$32 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$4,090 (2017)
POPULATION	196,440 (2017)

Australia has an enduring interest in the stability and prosperity of Samoa. Australia is Samoa's largest bilateral donor, and supports economic growth, health, education and governance.

Strategic direction

Australia's three strategic objectives in Samoa align with the Sustainable Development Goals: enable **economic growth**; support improved **health** and **education** outcomes; and strengthen **governance**. We also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of **gender equality**, **climate change** adaptation, **disaster resilience** and preparedness, and **disability inclusion**.

Program highlights

- Australia offered 62 **Australia Awards** scholarships for Samoans to commence study in 2018 (Australia (32), Pacific (20), online (10)) and supported 30 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in Samoa in 2017-18.
- Australia provided 1,889 **mobility devices** such as prosthetics to 1,367 Samoans (47.5% women; 75% rural areas) (Nov 2014-June 2018) through the *Samoa Integrated Mobility Device Project*. Samoa now has capacity to produce 600 mobility devices per year.
- Samoa's new **Parliament House**, built with Australian support, is a climate-resilient, state-of-the-art building which successfully blends traditional and modern design.
- Australia has co-financed a **submarine internet cable** to improve inclusive development, stimulate innovation, and promote efficient ways of doing business.
- Australia assisted with the development of Samoa's inaugural **National Security Policy** (2018).

For more details:

[Australia-Samoa Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-2019](#)
[Aid Investment Plan Samoa 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)

SAMOA

Development cooperation
fact sheet: April 2019

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Outcome(\$m)	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	23.4	23.6	23.6
Regional	10.2	5.7	5.1
Global	1.0	1.5	1.6
Other Government Departments	2.0	3.1	1.7
Total Australian ODA to Samoa	36.5	34.0	32.0
% of Total Australian ODA	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%

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

