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 (SDGs): enable economic growth (SDG8); support improved health (SDG3) and education outcomes (SDG4); and strengthen governance (SDG17). We also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of gender equality (SDG5), climate change (SDG13) adaptation, disaster resilience and preparedness, and disability inclusion (SDG10).

Program highlights

- Australia offered 56 Australia Awards scholarships for Samoans to commence study in 2019 (Australia [36], Pacific [10], online [10] and supported 18 new and 12 ongoing Australian Volunteers for International Development in Samoa in 2018-19.
- 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