



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$174.4 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US \$1,920 (2017)
POPULATION	611,343 (2017)

Australia has an enduring interest in supporting stability in Solomon Islands, underpinned by a healthy and educated population and a growing economy.

Strategic direction

Australia's development cooperation focuses on three objectives:

- Supporting stability: **governance, law and justice, policing;**
- **Enabling economic growth:** resource and economic management, infrastructure, private sector engagement, aid for trade; and
- **Enhancing human development:** health, education, gender equality, disability inclusive development.

A strong partnership with the Solomon Islands Government is key to achieving our objectives. One quarter of Australia's bilateral development cooperation to Solomon Islands is delivered through partner government systems.

Our program draws on expertise from across the Australian Government, including the Australian Federal Police and Australian Electoral Commission, to deliver capacity support and advice to the Solomon Islands Government. The bilateral program continues a shift in focus to investments that **facilitate economic growth including increasing private sector partnerships.**

Program highlights

- In 2017-18, Australia supported the completion of 74 classrooms, the expansion of 13 schools, and continuing professional development for 1,440 teachers.
- 42 Solomon Islands students received scholarships in Australia and the Pacific region in 2017-18 under the Australia Awards Scholarships program.
- In 2018, Australia supported the rehabilitation of 97 km of roads and maintenance of 970 km of roads.
- In September 2018, Solomon Islands joined the [Pacific Labour Scheme](#). The scheme will enable Solomon Islanders to undertake low and semi-skilled work in rural and regional Australia for up to three years.

For more details:

[Aid Investment Plan Solomon Islands: 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)

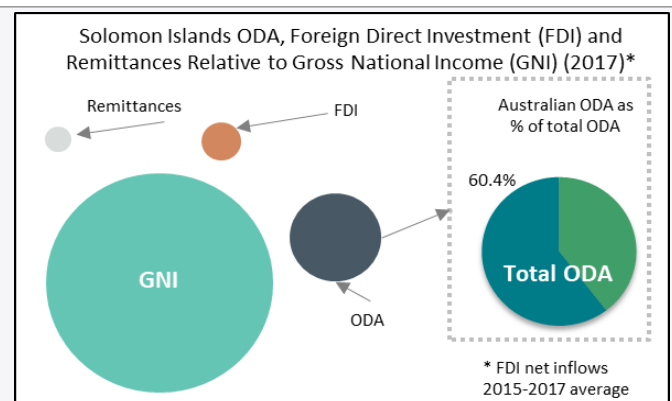
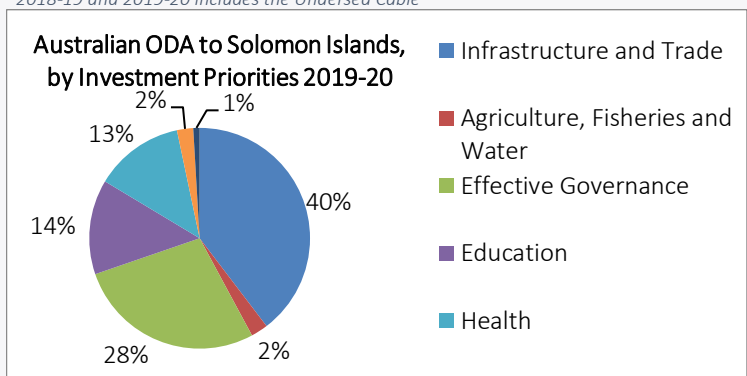
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Development cooperation fact sheet: April 2019

	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Estimated Outcome	2019-20 Budget Estimate
Country Programs	92.9	146.1	122.3
Regional	16.1	24.3	25.3
Global	12.8	9.0	11.6
Other Government Departments	20.0	18.9	15.3
Total Australian ODA to Solomon Islands	141.8	198.3	174.4
% of Total Australian ODA	3.5%	4.6%	4.3%

**Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
2018-19 and 2019-20 includes the Undersea Cable



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

