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, and 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 2018-19, Australia supported the construction of 43 classrooms, continued professional development for 1,183 teachers and school leaders, and progressed curriculum reform.
- In 2018-19 Australia supported 45 nurses to complete a Diploma of Nursing.
- In 2018, Australia awarded 38 new scholarships to students to study at universities in Australia.
- In 2018, Australia supported the rehabilitation of 97km of roads and maintenance of 970km 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

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

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**Australian ODA to Solomon Islands, by Investment Priorities 2019-20**

- Infrastructure and Trade
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Water
- Effective Governance
- Education
- Health
- Building Resilience
- General Development Support

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**Solomon Islands ODA, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Remittances Relative to Gross National Income (GNI)**

- **GNI**
- **ODA**
- **Total ODA**
- **FDI**
- Remittances

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**Sustainable Development Goals**