



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20 \$23.4 MILLION

Australia has a growing trade and economic partnership with South and West Asia. Our objective in the region is to promote stability and prosperity through regional cooperation and economic growth.

### Strategic direction

The program takes a long-term approach with two inter-related objectives that support this goal:

- **increased water, food and energy security** in South Asia to facilitate economic growth and improve the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable (particularly women and girls); and
- **increased regional connectivity** through trade facilitation and sustainable infrastructure.

Under these two objectives the program supports technical assistance, project preparation, analysis and research, advocacy and policy reform. **Gender equality** is a focus of all investments under the regional development cooperation program.

Australia is also building the capability of regional institutions, including the **Indian Ocean Rim Association**, and promoting greater cooperation on **maritime safety and security**, **women’s economic empowerment** and the **blue economy** in the Indian Ocean region.

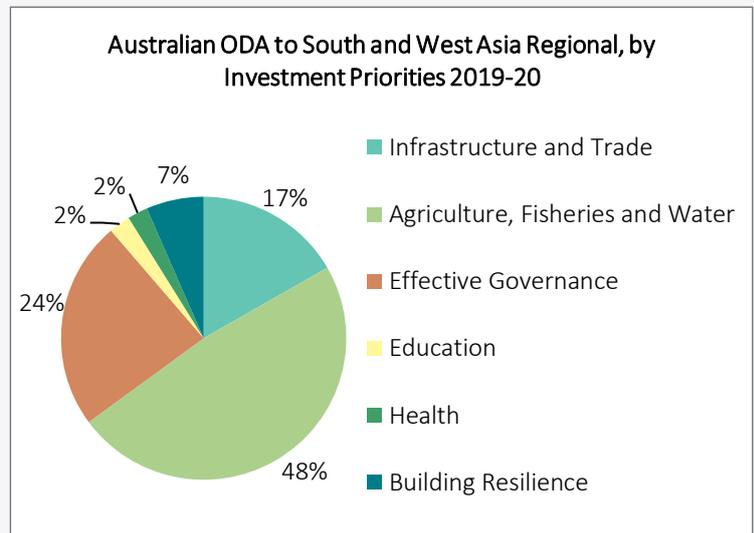
### Program highlights

- **Women's Enterprises for Economic Impact** (BEES Network) is building the capacity of poor, small-scale producers, particularly women, to compete in selected value chains in local and regional markets in several South Asian countries.
- The Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio is supporting **energy and water efficiency** across South Asia in the textiles, cement, packaging and glass industries.

## SOUTH AND WEST ASIA REGIONAL

Development cooperation fact sheet: April 2019

Program	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	Actual	Estimated Outcome	Budget Estimate
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Country	-	-	-
Regional	24.4	16.3	14.6
Global	3.3	6.3	7.9
Other Government Departments	2.0	1.7	0.8
<b>Total ODA to South and West Asia</b>			
<b>Regional</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>23.4</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>



### For more details:

- [Overview of Australia’s South and West Asia Regional development cooperation program](#)

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

