Australia’s **sport for development** programs are expanding in 2019, building on more than a decade of investment in using sport to bring together communities and address social issues.

### Strategic direction

Following the conclusion of the flagship **Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP)** program in late 2019, Australia will launch a new Indo-Pacific sport for development program. In line with one of the four strategic priorities of **Sports Diplomacy 2030** - strengthening communities in the Indo-Pacific and beyond – the program will focus on achieving development outcomes through:

1. Creating **leadership pathways** and increasing participation of women and girls in sport
2. Harnessing the power of sport to promote **gender equality**, **disability inclusion**, **social cohesion** and **healthy lifestyles**
3. Supporting institutional policies, practices and systems to help build **safe, fair and accessible sport**
4. Supporting global efforts to increase awareness of the contribution of sport to the **Sustainable Development Goals**

**Pacific Sports Partnerships program highlight**

The **Pacific Women’s Sports Leadership Program (PWSLP)** brought together female sports leaders from across the Pacific for a workshop in Samoa in October 2018 to increase leadership capability and confidence of women in sport, building on a successful pilot in Papua New Guinea in 2016.

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### Sports 2018-19:

- AFL
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball

### Pacific Countries 2018-20:

- Fiji
- Nauru
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Tonga
- Vanuatu

### Asian Countries 2019-20:

- India
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka

### For more detail:

- **Sports Diplomacy 2030**
- Australian sport for development independent evaluation 2017