



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Development cooperation fact sheet: April 2019

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$119 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$1,486 (2017)
POPULATION	1.1 BILLION (2017)

Australian development cooperation assists African people to achieve more equitable access to the benefits of economic growth and saves lives through appropriate and effective humanitarian action.

Strategic direction

The bulk of Australia’s development cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa is directed to countries where we have strong national interests and are able to leverage results.

Australia Awards is our flagship program offering scholarships in support of good **governance** and capacity building in the **agriculture, extractives** and **public policy** sectors, where Australia has expertise and the greatest potential to make a difference. This work contributes towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Four objectives underpin Australia’s development cooperation program to Sub-Saharan Africa:

- contribute to African leadership and **human capacity development** in areas of critical skills shortages;
- enhance **agriculture’s** contribution to sustainable and inclusive economic growth and food security;
- respond appropriately to **humanitarian crises** through effective humanitarian partners and support advocacy for effective international humanitarian action; and
- empower women and girls and improve **gender equality** outcomes.

Program highlights

- **Australia Awards–Africa**, in 2018 supported 479 awards including 156 Masters scholarships, 233 short course awards and 90 Australia Awards fellowships.
- Women received 46 per cent of the Australia Awards-Africa Scholarships in 2018.
- Australia improved **agricultural productivity** by conducting research into food security and farming techniques that increased crop yields and benefited the livelihoods of African farmers.
- In 2017-18 Australia’s response to protracted crises in Somalia and South Sudan reached over 1,117,000 vulnerable people with life-saving **humanitarian assistance**.

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2019-20 Budget Estimated (\$m)
Country Programs	31.9	32.8	31.8
Regional	13.1	16.7	7.1
Global	90.9	66.6	72.4
DFAT & Other Government Departments	38.6	9.1	7.6
Total ODA to Sub-Saharan Africa	174.5	125.2	119.0
% of Total Australian ODA	4.3%	2.9%	2.9%

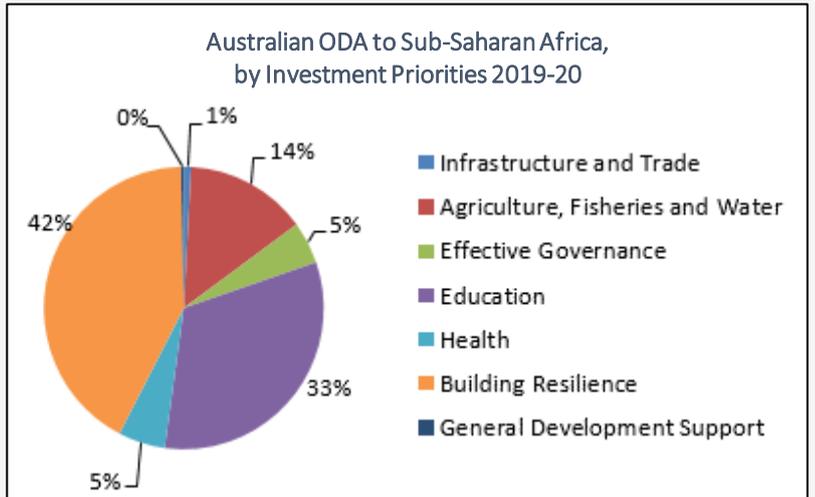
Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

In 2018-19, the **Australian NGO Cooperation Program** will fund Australian NGOs to work with local partners to deliver 109 projects in 28 African countries.

In 2018-19, Australia will support 100 **volunteer placements** in South Africa, Tanzania, Eswatini (Swaziland) and Lesotho.

For more details:

[Australia’s Aid Investment Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

