



TONGA



Development cooperation
fact sheet April 2019

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$26.6 Million
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$4,010 (2017)
POPULATION	108,020 (2017)

Australia has an enduring interest in Tonga's stability and prosperity. Australia supports economic reform, private sector development, stronger health systems and skills development.

Strategic direction

Australia's three strategic objectives in Tonga, which align with the Sustainable Development Goals, are to:

- enable economic **stability and growth**;
- strengthen the **health** system and reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs); and
- support **skills development**, with a particular focus on opportunities for **women** and people with a **disability**.

We also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of **climate change** adaptation, **disaster resilience** and preparedness, **gender equality** and **disability inclusion**.

Program highlights

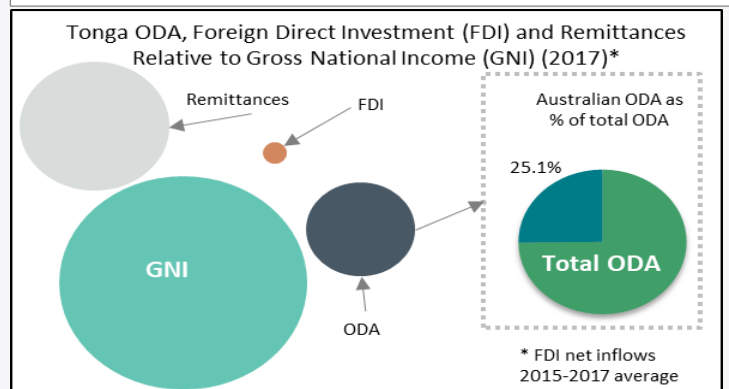
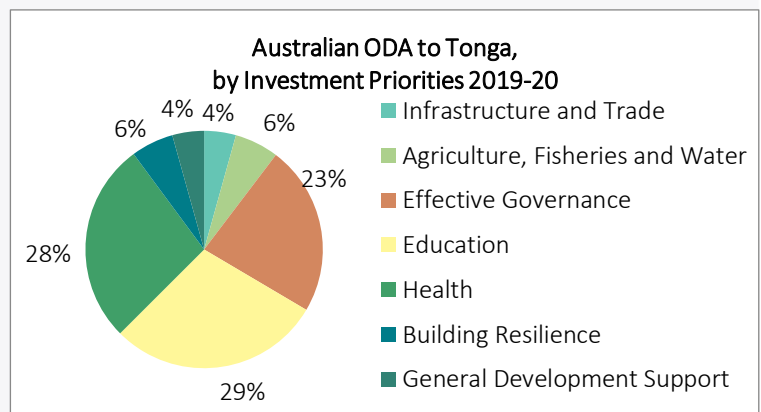
- Australia was one of the first to respond when Tropical Cyclone Gita struck in February 2018 (providing 135 tonnes of emergency supplies) and is a major contributor to **reconstruction** (\$14 million in total).
- **Economic reforms** supported by the development cooperation program have helped increase revenues and strengthen procurement.
- We are helping address the burden of **NCDs** through improved primary care; the provision of mobility devices like wheelchairs and prosthetics; and helping people quit smoking with a national anti-tobacco campaign.
- Australia offered 34 **Australia Awards** scholarships for Tongans to commence study in 2018: (13 in Australia; 21 in the Pacific) and supported 20 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in 2017-18

For more details:

- [Australia-Tonga Aid Partnership \(2016 - 2019\)](#)
- [Tonga Aid Investment Plan 2015-16 to 2018-2019](#)

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	23.8	17.6	17.6
Regional	10.1	6.0	5.6
Global	1.1	1.6	1.4
Other Government Departments	2.3	3.6	2.0
Total Australian ODA to Tonga	37.2	28.9	26.6
% of Total Australian ODA	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%

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



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

