



SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL

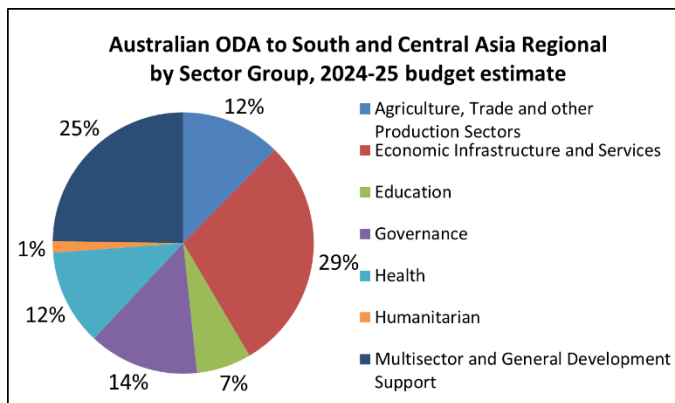
Development Cooperation Factsheet

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Estimated Australian ODA: 2024-25: \$103.1m

Australian ODA	2022-23 Actual (\$m)*	2023-24 Budget Estimate (\$m)*	2024-25 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	-	-	-
Regional	15.2	12	12.0
Global/other	30.4	114.2	90.5
Other Government Departments	0.9	0.8	0.6
Total ODA to South and Central Asia Regional	46.5	127.1	103.1

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



Australia is working with partners in South and Central Asia to create a stable, prosperous and resilient region. South and Central Asia’s immediate needs are in climate resilience, economic infrastructure and services, skills and humanitarian aid.

Australia’s regional development contributions to South and Central Asia focus on addressing transboundary challenges and deploying our expertise in water resources, agriculture, trade and infrastructure to support long-term stability and economic security.

The South and Central Asia Regional program supports technical assistance, project preparation, analysis and research, capacity building, people-to-people links, advocacy and policy reform. Gender equality and climate change are focuses of all investments under the regional aid program.

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

Program highlights

- The South Asia Water Security Initiative (SAWASI) is strengthening city-level water governance and undertaking investments to increase access to reliable, safe water and sanitation services (especially for women and girls) while enhancing community resilience to climate change including flooding and other water-related shocks in South Asian megacities.
- The Australia Awards in South Asia and Mongolia (AASAM) program supports knowledge transfer and people-to-people links between Australia and the countries in South Asia region and Mongolia through a range of activities including Australia Awards scholarships, short courses, and on-award scholar and alumni engagements.
- The South Asia Regional Infrastructure Connectivity Program (SARIC) is improving transport and energy connectivity across the region, through leveraging loans, investing in the private sector and providing technical assistance to plan a pipeline of transport and energy products connecting economies in the region.

PRIORITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

