# TUVALU AND AUSTRALIA

## Supporting Tuvalu’s development plan for a peaceful, prosperous and resilient Tuvalu

**One of only two diplomatic missions in Tuvalu**

Official Development Assistance

AUD17.1 million (FY 2023-24 estimate)

Development cooperation that responds practically to Tuvalu’s priorities

* Including climate change, economic reform, education and health

Taking meaningful action to tackle climate change

* Responding to Tuvalu’s drought and water insecurity
* Supporting the mobilisation of the Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project to protect Tuvalu from the impact of rising sea levels and cyclones
* Recruited a civil engineer to strengthen Tuvalu’s public works capacity to progress climate change and non-climate change related infrastructure projects

Over 140 Tuvaluan workers have participated in Australia’s labour mobility programs since 2012 (as at March 2023)

Board member and contributor to the Tuvalu Trust Fund (average AUD1 million annually)

Supporting gender equality and social inclusion across a range of investments

Providing fiscal support, including extraordinary budget support in 2022-23 for post-COVID recovery and revitalisation

Proactively responded to COVID-19, including vaccines, technical advisers, nurses and procurement support

Provided a Guardian-Class Patrol Boat to support Tuvalu’s sovereignty and protection of Exclusive Economic Zone and fisheries resources

Investing in education and scholarships

* Improving literacy, numeracy and inclusive education through the Tuvalu and Australia Partnership for Quality Education
* 19 Tuvaluan scholars studying in Australia and the region through Australia Awards (May 2023)
* 190 Tuvaluan graduates from the Australia Pacific Training Coalition (since 2007)