



**\$558.3 MILLION ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2016-17**

**US2,240 (2014) GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA\***

**7.5 MILLION (2014) POPULATION\***

As our nearest neighbour and close regional partner, a stable and prosperous PNG is in Australia's national interest.

**Strategic direction**

Australia's aid to PNG focuses on inclusive economic growth to reduce poverty, with targeted investments in private sector development and human development. We are increasingly working to strengthen governance in line with PNG's own policy priorities.

Australia's aid program in PNG has three strategic objectives:

- promoting effective governance
- enabling economic growth
- enhancing human development.

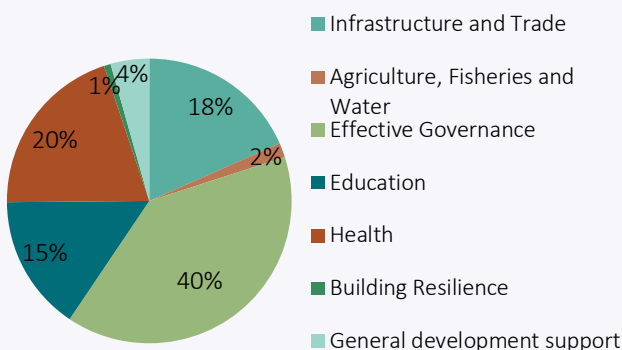
As a cross-cutting issue, all programs effectively integrate gender equality.

Australia's work in health, education and gender equality contributes towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3, SDG 4 and SDG 5.

We supported over 1,100 **Australia Awards** scholars to study in Australia and in PNG in 2015-16, with a focus on ensuring that women have equal opportunity to study.

We placed 35 new **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in PNG in 2015-16, to join 33 on-going volunteers.

**Australian ODA to PNG by investment priorities 2016-17**



ODA = Official Development Assistance

	2015-16 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2016-17 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Total Country Programs	471.0	477.3
Total Regional	23.5	24.7
Total Global	10.7	9.9
Total Other Government Departments	44.6	46.5
<b>Total Australian ODA to PNG</b>	<b>549.8</b>	<b>558.3</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

**Program highlights**

- The Pacific Leadership and Governance Precinct has delivered courses to more than 1,100 PNG students since 2015 in support of PNG's public service leadership renewal.
- In 2015-16 we built 150 classrooms, 55 teachers' houses and 57 ablution blocks, benefiting 5,000 children.
- We supported over 1,500 survivors of family and sexual violence to access counselling, case management and in some cases repatriation and reintegration in 2015-16.
- During 2015 Australia funded the maintenance and upgrading of approximately 1,400 km of PNG's 8,700 km national road network.

**Key framework documents**

- [Aid Investment Plan for Papua New Guinea 2015-19](#)
- [PNG-Australia Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-17](#)
- [Joint Understanding between Australia and Papua New Guinea on further bilateral cooperation on health, education and law and order \(2013\)](#)

