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Krevanofi Women s Coffee Farmers, Papua New Guinea

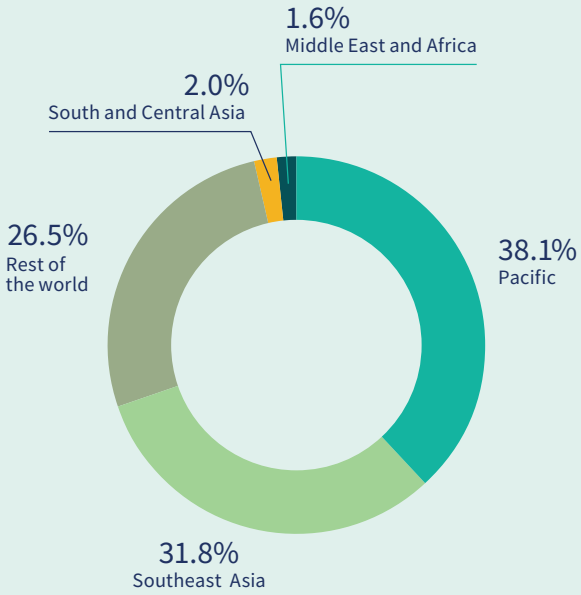
Australia's Aid for Trade (A4T)

Strong global and regional trade and investment architecture supports a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous world—where all voices are heard, countries cooperate and trade, and disputes are managed and resolved in accordance with international law and norms. Open and inclusive rules-based trade improves business enabling environments and enhances economic integration.

Australia's wide-ranging A4T investments help achieve this vision by promoting sustainable, inclusive and resilient economic growth and supporting our development partners to cooperate, trade, and thrive.

Australia's A4T is guided by its International Development Policy[1], International Gender Equality Strategy[2], and International Disability Equity and Rights Strategy[3].

A4T by Region 2024–25 Allocation



A4T total (FY 2024/25)

21.5%

of Australia's total ODA

($1.087 billion of $5.034 billion total ODA)

Composition of A4T (FY 2024/25)

01 **74.4%**
Infrastructure and Trade

02 **25.4%**
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

03 **0.2%**
Effective Governance

1 International Development Policy | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
2 Australia's International Gender Equality Strategy | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
3 Australia's International Disability Equity and Rights Strategy: Advancing equity to transform lives | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



The 55th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Forum

Pacific Islands Forum's Permanent Representation to the World Trade Organization

Australia is committed to supporting Pacific island countries engage in the rules-based trading system from which we all benefit.

As a proud Member of the Pacific Islands Forum, and longstanding partner of the Forum Secretariat, Australia supports the Secretariat's Geneva Office to elevate Pacific island voices in WTO negotiations, help Pacific island countries benefit from WTO Membership, promote Pacific exports in the EU, and deliver the Pacific Aid for Trade Strategy 2026-2030.

PACER Plus

PACER Plus is a development-focused regional trade agreement. Australia and New Zealand jointly fund the PACER Plus Programme, which helps implement PACER Plus by supporting goods and services trade facilitation, tourism capacity building, digital trade, biosecurity and more.

PACER Plus is complemented by other initiatives in the Pacific that aim to create jobs, improve competitiveness, expand inclusive access to new markets, increase living standards and support regional economic integration and resilience.

A4T and the Sustainable Development Goals

Australia's A4T is directly supporting several of the Sustainable Development Goals including:



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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Cables, Connectivity, and Capacity Building

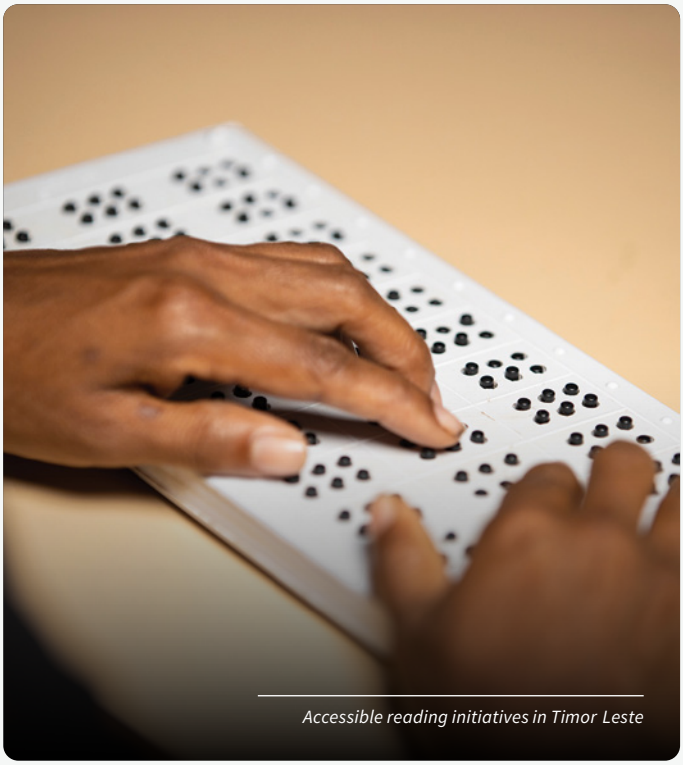
Digital connectivity, e-commerce and digital trade are vital to contemporary trade and investment. Through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP), Australia provides loans, grants, guarantees and equity financing packages for governments and private sector partners to invest in high-quality, sustainable infrastructure across the Pacific and Timor-Leste.

The AIFFP delivers impact through socially inclusive and resilient infrastructure that connects people and expands opportunity across the transport, energy, telecommunications and digital sectors. This is complemented by a wide range of technical assistance and capacity building activities that encourage and enable trade.

Pacific Trade Invest (PTI) Australia and Europe

PTI facilitates trade and investment deals between Pacific Islands Forum economies and the rest of the world. Australia supports the Australian and European PTI offices. Our support helps businesses across the Pacific to strengthen access to these markets.

In 2025 PTI Australia facilitated AUD92m in trade for over 240 Pacific businesses, nearly AUD40m of those trade deals benefited 145 women-led businesses. In the growing European market, PTI Europe facilitated AUD5.9m in trade in 2024 in sectors most affected by economic shocks, such as tourism, digital trade, and short-term labour mobility.



Accessible reading initiatives in Timor Leste



Papua New Guinea s Kimbe Port upgrade

Regional Trade for Development

Australia's Regional Trade for Development (RT4D) initiative assists eligible ASEAN Member States to meet their commitments and realise the advantages offered by the Agreement establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA), and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). RT4D provides tailored support to ASEAN economies to strengthen skills, build networks, and ensure regional trade benefits everyone.

Inclusive Aid for Trade Initiatives

Australia is committed to advancing inclusive trade. Removing barriers to participation strengthens economic growth, social cohesion and builds more resilient societies.

Australia's A4T advances women's economic empowerment, disability equity and rights, and inclusive trade through partnerships such as: the *Asian Development Bank's Trade* and *Supply Chain Finance Program's Women in Leadership Training*, which is strengthening women's leadership and access to trade finance; the *WIPO-Australia Funds in Trust initiative*, which promotes accessible innovation and reading opportunities for people with print-disabilities; and the *International Labor Organization's Better Work Inclusive Threads program* in Sri Lanka, which promotes workplace accessibility and employment opportunities for garment workers with disabilities.



AsureQuality and Samoa Apiculture Organisation inspecting hives for the Pacific BEE Project

Pacific Beekeeping Enabling Environment (BEE) project

The Pacific BEE project, a partnership between Australia, the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), is strengthening Pacific apiculture and expanding market opportunities for Pacific honey. It is training Pacific beekeepers to meet biosecurity challenges, and enhancing regional coordination and action on pest and disease management, and supporting emerging industries in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. Building on the success of the STDF's Niue Bee Sanctuary and the Niue honey project, the BEE project is contributing meaningfully to Pacific development, environment, and food security goals.

Productive capacity and food security

Australia's A4T supports agricultural production, agribusiness, food security, livelihoods, and trade across the globe. The Africa–Australia Partnership for Climate Responsive Agriculture, a six-year initiative of the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR), builds on ACIAR's long-established work in South and East Africa. It expands ACIAR's footprint north and west, with a focus on Egypt, Morocco, Ghana and Nigeria. Through collaborative research and capacity development this partnership facilitates agriculture-led development and works with farming communities to enhance climate responsiveness, improve food security and support inclusive economic growth. The partnership aims to empower smallhold farmers to adopt climate-smart practices; strengthen women's participation and advance gender equality, disability and social inclusion; develop research partnerships; and encourage locally led, sustainable solutions.

Measuring Aid for Trade effectiveness under Australia's International Development Policy[4].

Australia's International Development Policy includes measurable trade and development objectives and targets to drive meaningful change.

1 Trade

Increase capacity of our partner countries to participate effectively in rules-based trade and economic architecture.

Support partner countries to engage productively in the multilateral trading system.

2 Inclusive development

80% of all development investments will address gender equality effectively.

3 Sustainable development

At least half of all new bilateral and regional investments valued at more than **$3 million** will have a climate change objective from Australia's **FY2024/25**.

4 International Development Policy | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australia's development policy - performance and delivery framework | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade