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Leading position as a foreign aid donor and 2nd largest bilateral donor in 2014 after US 7th largest donor overall in terms of Official Development Assistance (ODA) grants & loans

#### Australian ODA to the Philippines in 2015-16: AUD 84.8 M

represents 0.2 % of Philippine Governments annual revenue of USD 42.5 Billion

Objective	AUD million	% of total ODA
Bilateral		
Objective 1 Enhancing the foundations for economic growth	32.8	38.7
Objective 2 Building stronger institutions for transparent and accountable governance	17.8	21.0
Objective 3 Improving conditions for peace and stability	17.8	21.00
Sub-Total Bilateral	68.4	80.7
Regional and Global	12.5	14.7
Other Government Departments	3.9	4.6
Total ODA Expenditure	84.8	100

#### Table 1 Total ODA Expenditure in FY 2015-16

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## **AUSTRALIA'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

#### Objective 1: ECONOMIC Enhancing the foundations for economic growth

- Infrastructure, Women's Economic Empowerment, Education, Economic Reform

#### **Objective 2: GOVERNANCE**

# Building stronger institutions for transparent and accountable governance

- HR and Organisational Development, Financial Management, Policy Reform, Child Protection

#### Objective 3: PEACE & STABILITY Improving conditions for peace and stability

- Peace Process, Access to Quality Education, Humanitarian Assistance

### THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

- 6% growth in 2015 and one of the fastest in Asia
- High population = slow GDP per capita
- Poverty incidence at 26.3% (27.9% in 2012)
- Improved credit ratings, increased FDI, fiscal policies sound
- Increased access to education and nutrition and K 12 reforms
- Peace is holding, but BBL did not pass and new plans are being developed
- Reforms continue from Aquino to Duterte; 10 point economic plan is welcome
- A new AUS-PH Comprehensive Partnership (Nov 2015)

### **HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUSTRALIA IN 2015-16**

- Leveraged AUD200 million in Phil. Gov funding for local roads in 74 provinces; rehabilitating 380 kms and maintaining 248 kms provincial roads
- Supported PPP's tendered 12 projects; assisted Phil Government get the projects to market in which 2 projects worth USD631 million were awarded
- Supported the establishment of the Philippine Competition Commission
- Responded to Typhoons Melor and Koppu
- With the Dept of Education, we supported the K to 12 agenda with new curriculum development and teacher standards, built 87 classrooms, 101 day care centres and 252 school buildings
- Brokered three partnerships with Australian and Philippine Universities
- Supported the peace process with Gov't of Philippines, MILF and conflict affected communities

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#### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT 2015-2016**

#### AQC RATINGS

AQC investment performance over the previous 12 months and where available last year's AQC ratings are included.

Investment name									
	Approved budget and duration	year on year	Relevance	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Monitoring and Evaluation	Sustainability	Gender equality	Risks and Safeguards
Organisational 23/03	AUD48,378,054.39	2015-16	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	23/03/09 - 30/06/19	2014-15	6	6	6	6	5	6	5
INI428 - Philippines Social Protection	AUD27,791,190.21 3/02/09 - 30/06/17	2015-16	5	5	5	4	5	4	5
		2014-15	6	5	5	4	5	4	5
	AUD5,844,267.74 1/01/10 - 30/06/19	2015-16	5	4	4	3	4	4	5
		2014-15	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
INJ223 - Basic Education Sector Transformation (BEST) Program	AUD157,465,811.48 1/07/10 - 30/06/19	2015-16	6	5	5	4	5	5	5
		2014-15	6	5	5	5	5	5	5
INJ766 - Strengthening Public Private Partnership Program	AUD41,074,557.68 22/03/11 - 31/06/17	2015-16	6	5	5	5	5	4	5
		2014-15	6	6	5	5	5	4	5
ING581 - Philippines: Disaster and Climate Risks Management	AUD45,888,342.85 2/06/06 - 31/12/17	2015-16	6	5	4	4	5	5	4
		2014-15	6	4	4	4	6	4	5
INK078 - Public Financial Management Program Phase 2	AUD29,264,942.93 1/07/11 - 30/06/17	2015-16	5	5	4	5	4	4	5
		2014-15	5	5	4	5	4	3	5
INH947 - Basic Education Assistance for ARMM	AUD97,899,830.33 1/09/09 - 30/06/17	2015-16	5	4	4	5	5	4	6
		2014-15	6	4	4	4	4	4	5
INI632 - Australia-WB Philippines Development Trust Fund	AUD47,094,288.00 1/06/09 - 30/06/16	2015-16	5	4	4	3	4	4	4
		2014-15	4	4	4	3	4	3	4
INJ839 - The Asia Foundation Partnership Philippines	AUD33,920,000.92 1/07/11-30/06/17	2015-16	5	5	4	4	5	4	5
		2014-15	6	4	4	4	5	3	5
INL343 - Peacebuilding in Conflict-Affected Mindanao	AUD22,401,639.26 1/04/14 - 30/06/17	2015-16	5	5	5	5	5	4	5
		2014-15	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

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#### **ALIGNING INVESTMENTS TO PHILIPPINE PRIORITIES**

- A new Philippine Development Plan is being drafted and Australia will update our AIP to align in 2017
  - new performance framework
  - strategic priorities and investments to remain broadly the same
- Agree a Plan of Action under the Comprehensive Partnership with mutual obligations
- New Gender Plan of Action across our investments
- Work with Gov't of Philippines and communities to support the peace process
- Good implementing partner performance needs to continue. Better use of partnerships to meet joint aid objectives

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – THE NEW INVESTMENTS**

New investments in next 18 months: approximately 40% of the bilateral program will be re-set

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