



AFGHANISTAN

Development Cooperation Factsheet

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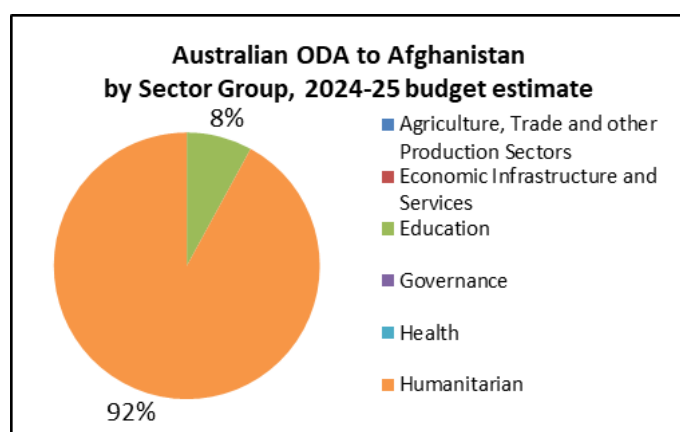


Estimated Australian ODA: 2024-25: \$50.0 mil

Gross National Income Per Capita: USD380 (2021)

Population: 41.1 mil (2022)

Australian ODA	2022-23 Actual (\$m)*	2023-24 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2024-25 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	49.1	50.0	50.0
Regional	0.0	0.0	0.0
Global	1.0	0.0	0.0
Other Government Departments	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Aust. ODA to Afghanistan	50.1	50.0	50.0



Afghanistan is facing one of the world's most severe and protracted humanitarian crises. Decades of violence, recurrent natural disasters, poverty, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic have left the Afghan people vulnerable. The UN estimates that 23.7 million people require humanitarian assistance, including 12.3 million children.

Strategic direction

In September 2021, Australia pivoted its development program in Afghanistan to support humanitarian activities. This recognises the acute needs facing the Afghan people and complexities delivering assistance in Afghanistan, due to sanctions obligations.

DFAT has continued to deliver humanitarian aid funding through UN partners, in line with the *Regional Humanitarian Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan 2021-2024*. UN partners represent the most appropriate mechanism to deliver food security, health and protection assistance to the most vulnerable. Partners have demonstrated experience in accessing affected populations, negotiating with the Taliban, and ensuring compliance with sanctions.

Program highlights

- Australia has committed \$213 million in humanitarian assistance to respond to the Afghanistan crisis from 2021 to 2024
- Through the World Food Programme, Australia is supporting food, nutrition and livelihoods
- Through the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund, Australia is providing multi sector support including shelter, food security and protection
- Through the United Nations Population Fund, Australia is supporting sexual and reproductive health, psychosocial counselling and protection services
- Through UN Partners, Australia is supporting internally displaced people in Afghanistan and neighbouring countries hosting Afghan refugees.

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