



Disability equity and rights

Development Cooperation Factsheet

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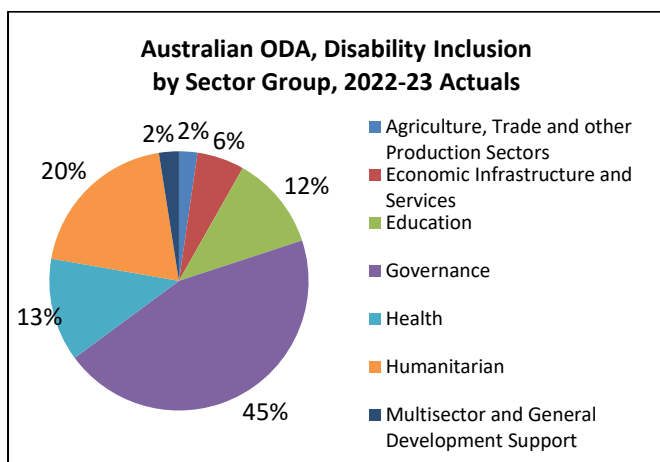
Estimated Australian ODA allocation for disability inclusive development 2024–25: \$14.0 million.

TOTAL AUSTRALIAN DISABILITY INCLUSION ODA BY REGION, 2021-22 to 2022-23

Region	2021-22 Actual \$m*	2022-23 Actual \$m*	2023-22 Actual %
Pacific	29.3	31.1	27%
Southeast and East Asia	37.1	50.0	43%
South and West Asia	13.8	11.3	10%
Africa and the Middle East	4.4	9.2	8%
Rest of the World**	25.3	14.2	12%
Total Disability Inclusion ODA	109.9	115.9	100%

*Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items in totals.

**Includes ODA that is not attributable to particular countries or regions.



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Disability-inclusive development provides opportunities for people with disabilities to participate on an equal basis with others and realise their full potential.

People with disabilities are the world's largest and most disadvantaged minority, making up 16 per cent of the global population. One-in-five of the world's poorest have a disability.

Strategic direction

Disability equity is a core issue for action of Australia's International Development Policy. People with disabilities bring abilities and value to their communities. Australia is committed to putting gender, disability, and social inclusion at the centre of its development policies, harnessing the potential of all citizens and maximising opportunities for poverty reduction and sustainable development.

Australia takes a 'twin track' approach to disability inclusion – supporting disability-specific investments as well as including people with disabilities as participants and beneficiaries across all development activities.

Program highlights

- Australia's new Disability Equity and Rights Strategy will promote and support a leading role for people with disabilities and their organisations at all stages across the development program. An inclusive and accessible consultation process reached over 380 people and attracted 94 submissions. It included in-country consultations with people with lived experience and their organisations in Laos, The Philippines, Indonesia, Fiji, PNG, Kiribati, and Samoa. The strategy will launch in 2024.
- Phase 2 of the Australia-Cambodia Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services program has commenced. ACCESS 2 supports people with disabilities access quality, integrated services that respond to their needs. Representative organisations participate in disability policy development and planning, leading to improved outcomes for people with disabilities.