Education is central to building a shared future with our region.

Education is a human right, a catalyst for development and a powerful driver for reducing poverty and building strong, inclusive and resilient communities. Australia’s education investments enhance the wellbeing of children and young people in Indo-Pacific partner countries and prepare them to contribute fully in their communities.

**Strategic direction**

Australia is strongly committed to promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. We are increasing our focus on evidence-based education and skills investments with new flexible approaches extending the reach of education services and increasing inclusion – especially for women, girls and people with disabilities.

Australia’s approach is guided by partner government education priorities and the needs of individual schools and communities. Together, we focus on early literacy and numeracy skills—essential for future learning and employment opportunities. Australia is also expanding access to its world-class education resources, alongside policy exchange and partnership opportunities, to reduce disadvantage, accelerate economic growth and support stability and security in our region.

**Program highlights**

- Australian development assistance has supported enrolment of 1,000,253 additional girls and boys in schools in the Indo-Pacific region since 2021-22.
- Australia supported Fiji, Indonesia, the Philippines and Ukraine to join the Global Partnership for Education in 2022, providing quality education to children in lower-income countries by building resilient education systems for stronger economies and more stable societies.
- In 2022, the Vanuatu Skills Partnership provided training to 1,057 people (423 women; 634 men; 50 people with disabilities) on 16 islands across a variety of sectors including agriculture, construction, handicrafts and tourism, supporting livelihoods and businesses.
- In Bangladesh, the Skills Development Program trained 29,083 people (13,083 women; 15,959 men; 41 transgender people; 929 people with disabilities) in Skills/Employability and Entrepreneurship in 2022.

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### Estimated Australian ODA: 2023-24: $577.7m

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*Includes ODA that is not attributed to particular countries or regions
Note: all outcome and budget figures include scholarships

**Australian Education ODA by Sector Group, 2023-24 budget estimate**

- **Basic education**: 22%
- **Secondary education**: 44%
- **Post-secondary education**: 10%
- **Other education**: 9%
- **Multisector Education and Training**: 15%

**Predominately Australia Awards scholarships**