



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FACTSHEET

Effective Governance

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Overview

Estimated Australian Governance ODA: \$1,227.9m (2026-27)

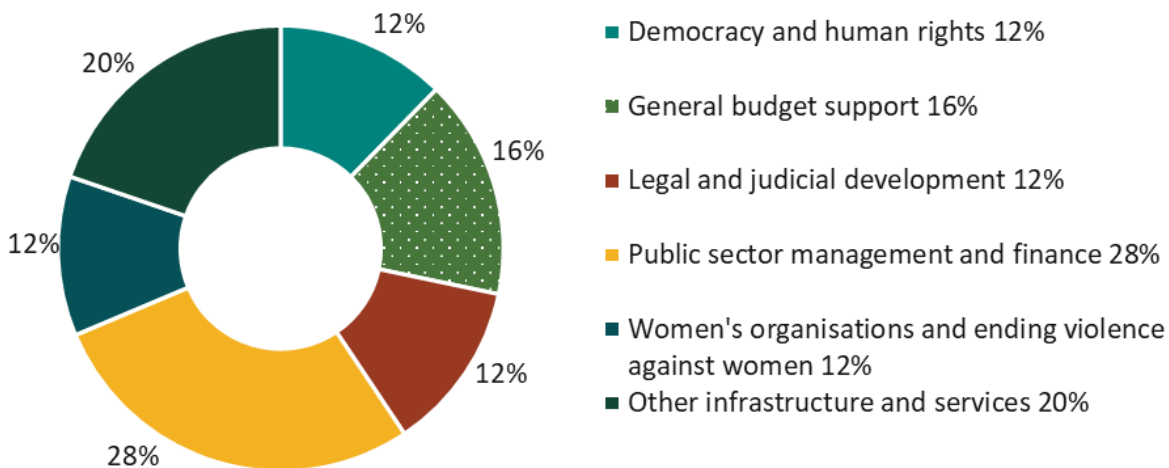
Table 1: Australian Governance ODA 2024-25 to 2026-27

Region	2024-25 Actual (\$m)*	2025-26 Budget Estimate (\$m)*	2026-27 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Pacific	765.7	690.3	707.2
Southeast Asia	293.9	311.3	341.0
South and Central Asia	41.0	52.1	45.0
Other Asia [^]	5.1	-	3.6
Middle East and Africa	17.5	21.8	14.8
Rest of the World*	143.8	134.7	116.3
Total Governance ODA	1,267.0	1,210.2	1,227.9

[^]Figures for 'Other Asia' were previously grouped under Southeast Asia. In the 2026–27 Budget Summary, a separate line was introduced for Other Asian Countries to align with the ODA Statistical Summary, with historical actual ODA expenditure restated accordingly in this table.

*Includes ODA that is not attributed to specific countries or regions.

Figure 1: Australian Governance ODA by Sub-sector, 2026-27 budget estimate



Sustainable Development Goals



Effective governance is central to the vision of building a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Australia prioritises investments in governance because it underpins effective, accountable states that can sustain their own development, deliver for and engage all citizens, navigate differences peacefully, and are resilient in the face of external pressures and shocks. Where governance is effective, all other development outcomes are also stronger. Governance is Australia's largest sector investment.

Strategic direction

Australian investments are tailored to each local context. They support local leadership, foster accountable and inclusive governance policies and practices, improve access to basic services and support businesses to thrive. Australia partners with public institutions such as parliaments, audit and law enforcement agencies, elections administrations, as well as multilateral, civil society and private sector organisations.

Our Governance work directly contributes to SDG 1's target of poverty eradication, SDG 5's commitment to gender equality and SDG 16's focus on peaceful and just societies, and effective and inclusive institutions.

Program highlights

In 2024-25, Australia supported:

- Transparency International (TI) Pakistan, through the *TI Indo Pacific Partnership Program Phase 2*, to strengthen anti-corruption safeguards within Pakistan's US\$7 billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) financing program. This included sustained advocacy and engagement with the IMF to improve fiscal transparency, procurement accountability and public asset disclosures – embedding stronger governance in national economic reform efforts.
- Samoa's Office of the Electoral Commission, through the *Tautai – Governance for Economic Growth Program*, to prepare for early elections. Australian-funded ICT equipment for mobile registration booths, communications support and inclusion training for electoral officials helped increase voter registration from 56 to 88 per cent. This included a 191% increase for persons with disabilities, strengthening the credibility and inclusiveness of Samoa's electoral process.
- All eleven ASEAN countries through *DFAT's Cyber and Critical Tech Cooperation Program* to strengthen understanding of international law in cyberspace. The initiative trained officials in applying international law to cyber operations, supporting regional cyber stability and online human rights protections.
- Indonesia's disability inclusion agenda through the *Australia-Indonesia Partnership Towards an Inclusive Society (INKLUSI)* and its civil society partners, including Organisations of People with Disabilities such as SIGAB and FKDC. Advocacy and technical assistance strengthened 24 Disability Service Units (ULDs) at District level to promote and facilitate employment of people with disability. Engagement with the private sector improved workplace accessibility, inclusive employment practices, and disability employment data reporting. In one district the ULD enabled 651 people with a disability to gain employment across 27 companies.