Australia has an enduring interest in a stable and prosperous Fiji, and is supporting Fiji’s most vulnerable communities while helping to strengthen governance.

**Strategic Direction**

Australia’s development cooperation with Fiji focuses on supporting inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction through investments in private sector and human development. Working in partnership with the Government of Fiji, our assistance provides support to Fiji’s most vulnerable communities. Our investments in education (SDG4), effective governance (SDG8), private sector development (SDG8), health (SDG3) and gender equality (SDG5) contribute towards achieving Fiji’s National Development Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Australia’s development cooperation objectives include:

- supporting increased private sector development;
- improving human development; and
- supporting Fiji’s recovery from Tropical Cyclone Winston.

The Fiji-Australia Vuvale Partnership provides the framework for our engagement. It captures our ambitions for the future and provides guiding principles for our ties – trust, respect and understanding.

**Program highlights**

- Australia, working with the International Finance Corporation, facilitated a public-private partnership in the Fijian health sector, the first of its kind in a Pacific Island Country.
- Under the Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative, Australia supported Fiji to develop an online asset registry to broaden access to finance for small to medium enterprises.
- Australian support to Fiji Women’s Fund advanced gender equality by supporting Medical Services Pacific to provide health and social services to 5,156 clients (2,686 women and 2,470 men, inclusive of 44 people with disabilities).
- In 2019, Australia awarded 85 new Australia Awards to scholars from Fiji to study in tertiary institutions in Australia and the Pacific, and 60 Australian Volunteers worked in Fiji across 34 organisations in 2018-19.
- Through Australia’s $35 million assistance for Tropical Cyclone Winston, we have built two health centres and 34 schools.