



Gender Equality

Development Cooperation Factsheet

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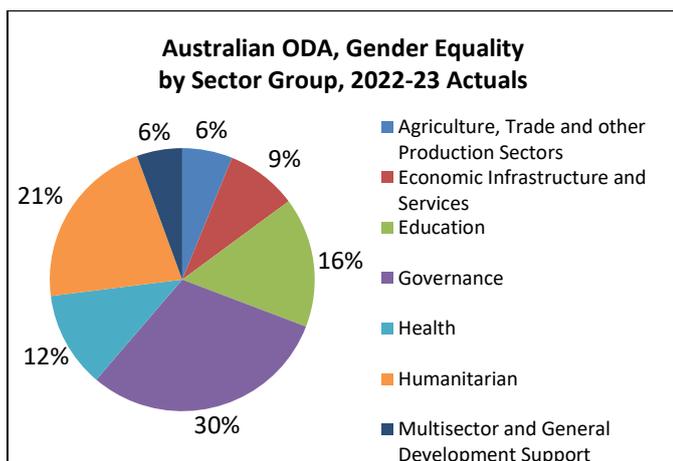
Estimated Australian ODA allocation for gender equality, disability, and social inclusion 2024–25: \$102.3 million.

TOTAL AUSTRALIAN GENDER EQUALITY ODA BY REGION, 2021-22 to 2022-23

Region	2021-22 Actual \$m*	2022-23 Actual \$m*	2022-23 Actual %
Pacific	530.9	660.2	38%
Southeast and East Asia	516.0	673.7	38%
South and West Asia	233.3	216.7	12%
Africa and the Middle East	79.4	125.4	7%
Rest of the World**	141.7	80.4	5%
Total Gender Equality ODA	1,501.4	1,756.4	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.



PRIORITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Australia is committed to advancing gender equality and the human rights of women and girls in all their diversity.

Gender equality is an essential precondition of stability, security, and prosperity, and benefits everyone. Gender inequality compounds the most pressing development challenges, preventing individuals, communities, and countries from meeting their full potential. More than 380 million women and girls worldwide are living in extreme poverty.

Strategic Direction

Gender equality is a core issue for action of Australia's International Development Policy. We are developing a new International Gender Equality Strategy. Over the last year we consulted widely to inform the Strategy, including over 40 round table discussions with more than 600 stakeholders in Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.

We have reinstated a target for 80 per cent of all development investments to address gender equality effectively and the new requirement for new investments of more than \$3 million to include gender equality objectives.

In 2024-25, we will provide \$65 million through the Indo-Pacific Gender Equality Fund to advance the rights of women and girls in all their diversity.

Program Highlights

- Australia is collaborating with regional partners on the new \$20 million Southeast Asia Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention Platform. The Prevention Platform is the first of its kind in Southeast Asia. It will work across governments, civil society, and regional and international organisations to build locally-led capacity, evidence and practice to prevent GBV in all its forms.
- Pacific Women Lead works with a network of over 40 partners across 14 Pacific countries to provide crisis services, financial and business development, and prevent unintended pregnancies.
- Pacific Islands Forum Leaders revitalised the Gender Equality Declaration, re-affirming commitment to gender equality and social inclusion and re-invigorating actions for priority and emerging gender equality issues.