



INFRASTRUCTURE

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Infrastructure systems form the basis of building resilient societies. In times of crisis, access to communications, healthcare, transportation, energy, and water and sanitation infrastructure are critical. The availability of reliable and quality infrastructure promotes social and economic growth by facilitating trade and investment, stimulating enterprise opportunities, generating employment and providing poor people with access to basic services.

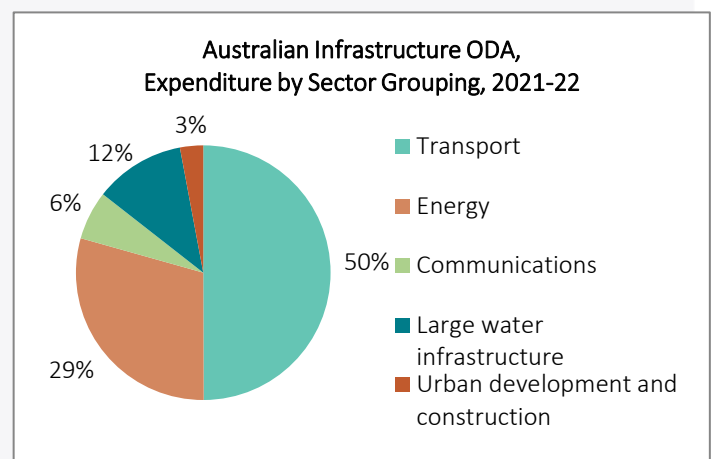
Strategic direction

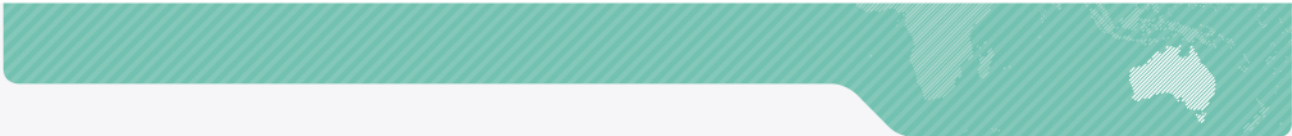
As outlined in *Partnerships for Recovery: Australia's COVID-19 Development Response*, Australia will invest in infrastructure and transport links in ways that support sustainable economic growth and local jobs. We will cooperate closely with the international financial institutions to ensure that their policy advice and financing is available to the countries of the region, and that alternative offers of assistance are transparent and made on reasonable terms. We will provide high-level advice on stimulus and economic measures designed to steer a path towards recovery.

Sector performance

- **Strengthened capacity** to develop and implement public-private infrastructure projects enabled the Philippines Government to tender 17 infrastructure projects competitively, exceeding its target by 13%.
- **Maintained 1,768 kilometres** of PNG's national priority roads in 2019.
- Leveraged \$6.3 million of private investment in Cambodia that will bring **piped, treated water or reliable electricity** to over 210,000 people in rural areas.

AUSTRALIAN ODA	2019-20 Actual \$m	2020-21 Budget Estimate \$m	2021-2022 Budget Estimate \$m
Pacific	154.6	156.4	199.6
Southeast and East Asia	161.8	135.2	121.6
South and West Asia	11.2	0.2	5.7
Africa and the Middle East	0.9	0.3	0.1
Rest of the World*	109.8	32.6	50.9
Total Australian Infrastructure ODA	438.3	324.7	377.8



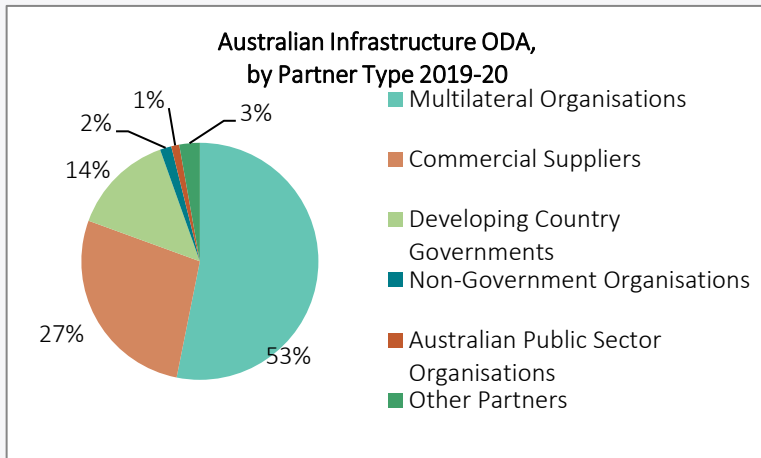


Current Priorities

- Invest in **labour intensive infrastructure projects** in our region to help create jobs and drive economic recovery after COVID-19.
- Work closely with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to implement their ambitious agendas for **infrastructure investment in the Indo-Pacific**.
- Encourage private investment in infrastructure by working with governments in our region through bilateral and multilateral investments to **improve the investment environment** and **build viable pipelines** of investable projects.
- Continue to **roll-out Australia’s flagship infrastructure investment**, The Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP).
- Further strengthen the **incorporation of gender equality and climate resilience** in infrastructure investments.



Source: Workers erecting a wind turbine at the Gul Ahmed Wind farm in Pakistan, Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG), 2015.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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[Strategy for Australia’s aid investments in economic infrastructure](#)