



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-2020*	\$2.6 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$9,310 (2018) *
POPULATION	515,696 (2018) *

As an Indian Ocean neighbour Australia has an interest in a stable and prosperous Maldives underpinned by strong democratic institutions and a robust civil society.

Strategic direction

In alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the objectives of the Australian development cooperation program to the Maldives are to:

- improve **human resource development** through scholarships and fellowships (SDG4);
- foster **people-to-people links**; and
- strengthen **governance**, especially through a stronger civil society and improved access to justice (SDG16).

Twelve Long Term Australian Awards will be funded in 2020 to enable Maldivian students to study in Australia.

Program highlights

Since 2007, Australia has provided 423 Maldivians with long-term and short-term **scholarships** to study in Australia.

For more details:

[Maldives Country Brief](#)



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MALDIVES

Development cooperation fact sheet:
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Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual \$m	2018-19 Estimated Outcome \$m	2019-20 Budget Estimate \$m
Country Programs	2.0	1.8	1.8
Regional	1.3	1.7	0.7
Global	-	0.01	0.1
Total ODA to Maldives	3.3	3.4	2.6
% of Total Australian ODA	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

*Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

