



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FACTSHEET

Naoero

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Overview

Estimated Australian ODA: \$46.0m (2026-27)¹

Gross National Income Per Capita: US\$20,400 (2024)

Population: 11,947 (2024)

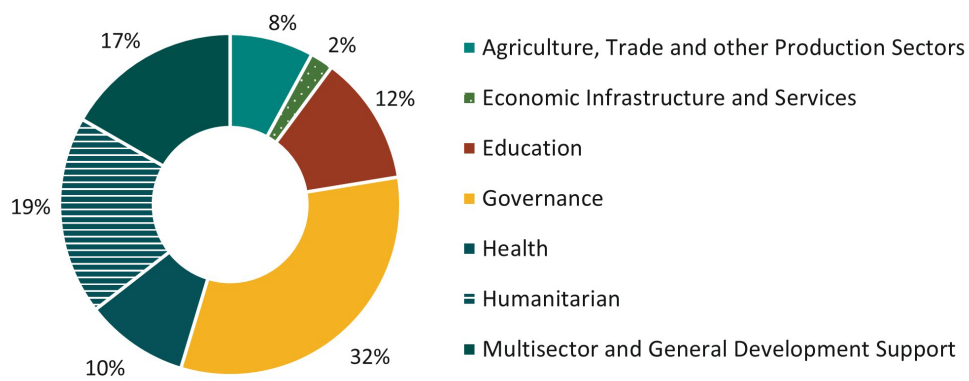
Table 1: Australian ODA to Naoero, 2024-25 to 2026-27

Australian ODA	2024-25 Actual (\$m)*	2025-26 Budget Estimate (\$m)*	2026-27 Budget Estimate (\$m)* ¹
Country Programs	47.6	25.9	25.9
Regional	31.4	18.4	19.6
Global / Other	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Government Departments	0.6	1.5	0.3
Total ODA to Naoero	79.8	46.0	46.0
Percentage total Australian ODA	1.6%	0.9%	0.9%

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

¹ 2026–27 ODA allocations and flows to Naoero may change pending Naoero's scheduled graduation from ODA eligibility from 1 January 2027. DFAT would provide non-ODA development assistance following Nauru's graduation.

Figure 1: Australian ODA to Nauru by Sector Group, 2026-27 budget estimate



Sustainable Development Goals



Australia is proud to be Naoero's partner of choice with the largest economic, development and security cooperation program. Our partnership with Naoero builds on our extensive shared history, cultural affinity, and love of sport which binds our people.

Australia is committed to strengthening our development partnership and advancing our shared interests in a peaceful, stable and prosperous Pacific. We are supporting high-quality outcomes in priority sectors for Naoero across health, education, sport, infrastructure, economic governance, and advancing gender equality and disability inclusion.

Strategic direction

The Nauru-Australia Treaty signed on 9 December 2024 elevated the long-standing partnership between our two countries to an integrated economic, social and security partnership. The Treaty further strengthens our commitment to work with Naoero on its development challenges and shape our program to be responsive and best support emerging needs and priorities.

Our development program builds on Naoero's priorities in the *National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) 2019-2030* for a stronger and more diversified economy underpinned by stable and responsible governance. To respond to this, we are refocusing bilateral programs to ensure our partnerships support Naoero's prosperity and resilience. Australia's support delivers investments in climate-sensitive infrastructure as well as economic governance reforms, education pathways, strengthened public health outcomes, and avenues for long-term fiscal sustainability post-2033.

Program highlights

In 2025-26, Australia supported:

- Economic resilience through reforms and improvements in expenditure control and fiscal transparency, improved budget processes, increased taxation and customs revenue capture, and risk-based audits.
- Uptake of the Queensland Certificate of Education and TVET opportunities in schools, as well as individual education plans to support students with learning disabilities.
- Removal and destruction of unexploded ordinances from the Naoero airport runway, and completion of the East Micronesia Cable connection to provide secure, reliable telecommunications, and connectivity to Naoero.
- Public health outcomes through mobilising health advisors to the Department of Health and Medical Services, and deploying an expert medical team to Naoero during a 2025 dengue fever outbreak.
- Improved transparency, inclusivity and accountability in key democratic institutions such as the Naoero Parliament, judiciary, Nauru Police Force, and Nauru Electoral Commission.

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Figure 1 presents the percentage of Australia's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Naoero for the financial year 2026-27 attributable to seven sector groups.

This information is presented in a doughnut chart, where the seven primary Sector Groups take a portion of shading in the doughnut in direct proportion to the total percentage attributable to each Sector Group.

The percentages of total Australian ODA by Sector Groups are:

- Economic infrastructure and services 16.7%
- Education 5.6%
- Governance 8.3%
- Health 4.2%
- Multisector and General Development Support 11.3%