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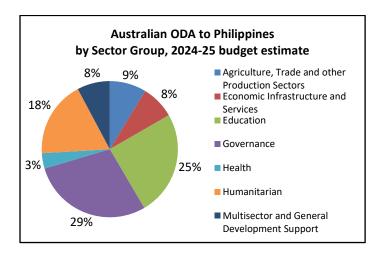
Estimated Australian ODA: 2024-25: \$94.2m

Gross National Income Per Capita: US\$3,950 (2022)

Population: 115.6m (2022)

Australian ODA	2022-23 Actual (\$m)*	2023-24 Budget Estimate (\$m)*	2024-25 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	68.1	69.4	70.4
Regional	22.5	11.2	13.5
Global/other	6.4	4.4	4.8
Other Government Departments	3.9	4.9	5.5
Total ODA to the Philippines	100.8	89.9	94.2

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



The 50-year development partnership between Australia and the Philippines is a key pillar of our bilateral relationship. As articulated in the *Australia-Philippines Development Partnership Plan 2024-2029*, the overarching goal for the partnership is a stable, prosperous and resilient Philippines.

Strategic direction

Our development partnership objectives are to enhance the conditions for stability, bolster inclusive and sustainable economic growth, and increase institutional and community resilience to social, economic, and climate-related shocks. These objectives reflect the principles and priorities agreed in the Philippines-Australia Strategic Partnership and support the priorities presented in the *Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028*.

Our development program focuses on catalytic investments across a range of sectors strategic to the Philippines and Australia. We are prioritising locally-led development by supporting the Philippine Government's own planning and engaging with local civil society and development partners.

Program highlights in 2023-24

- Mobilised \$16 million in private investment in women's economic empowerment in the Philippines since 2016.
- Supported coral restoration projects to help coastal communities in Zambales, Palawan, Pangasinan and Cebu adapt to the economic and environmental impacts of climate change.
- Supported key economic policy reforms on public sector reform, digitalisation, climate resilience and energy transition, and women's economic empowerment.
- Provided life-saving relief items for 4,250 persons (including 250 pregnant/nursing mothers) severely affected by 2023 Typhoon Doksuri/Egay.
- Strengthened case management within the Philippines' flagship social protection program, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), which reaches 4.4 million Filipino families.
- Supported the development of sector skills councils in data analytics and artificial intelligence, semiconductors and electronics, fruits and vegetables processing, healthcare, and green building construction, to help address the jobskills mismatch.