



PHILIPPINES



Aid fact sheet: February 2020

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$79.7 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$3,480 (2020)
POPULATION	110.04 (2020)

Australia and the Philippines have a long-standing bilateral relationship. We share common perspectives on many regional, economic and security issues and we cooperate closely in a broad range of areas including defence, law enforcement and development.

Strategic direction

Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia's three strategic objectives in the Philippines are to:

- enhance the foundations for economic growth by investing in **infrastructure**, **aid for trade** and **education** (SDGs 4, 8 & 9);
- build stronger institutions for transparent and accountable **governance** (SDGs 11, 16 & 17); and
- improve conditions for **peace and stability** (SDG 4 & 16).

We continue to address the cross-cutting issues of **disaster resilience and preparedness**, **gender equality** (SDG 5) and **supporting the needs of people with a disability** (SDG 10).

Australia expects to award 380 short-term and long-term **Australia Awards** scholarships in 2020.

Program highlights in 2018-19

- Supported significant progress in reducing clan conflict in the southern Philippines, with sixteen local conflicts formally settled through mediation, improved ceasefire mechanisms, and better communications between communities and police.
- Contributed to the passage of the Universal Health Care law that enrolls all Filipinos into the government national health insurance system and provides free primary health services.
- Humanitarian activities supported response to disasters reaching 163,494 people, including assistance for the most vulnerable people affected by Typhoon Mangkhut, the Marawi conflict and recurrent conflict in Mindanao.
- Trained 900 public school teachers, 102 Islamic school teachers and 450 school heads, and rolled out an innovative peace and inclusion curriculum with teachers reporting 32% less violence among students.

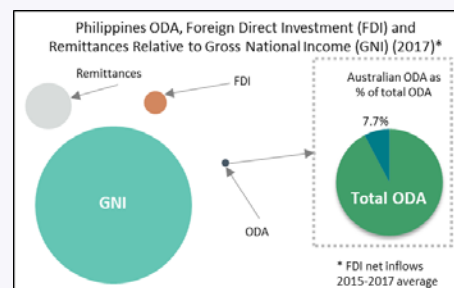
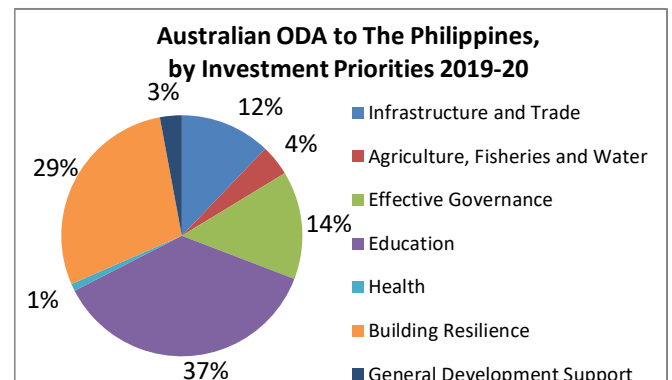
Key framework document

[Aid Investment Plan for the Philippines: 2015-16 to 2017-18*](#)

*a new Aid Investment Plan is under development.

	2017-18 Actual (\$m)*	2018-19 Actual (\$m)*	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	64.4	65.9	63.7
Regional	10.8	10.8	6.8
Global	6.6	6.0	6.4
Other Government Departments	3.8	4.1	2.8
Total Australian ODA to Philippines	85.7	86.8	79.7
% of Total Australian ODA	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%

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



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS