



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

## SAMOA

### Development Cooperation Factsheet

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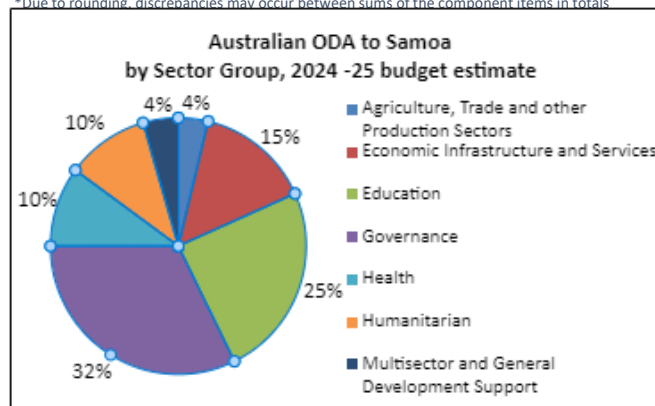
Estimated Australian ODA: \$51.8 m (2024-25)

Gross National Income Per Capita: USD 3,660 (2022)

Population: 222,382 (2022)

Australian ODA	2022-23 Actual (\$m)*	2023-24 Budget Estimate (\$m)*	2024-25 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	26.5	29.0	29.0
Regional	30.1	20.9	19.1
Global	0.8	0.9	1.2
Other Government Departments	2.9	2.7	2.5
<b>Total ODA to Samoa</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>51.8</b>

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



### PRIORITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Australia is Samoa's largest bilateral development partner. Our development partnership is grounded in long-term, locally led programs, designed to directly respond to Samoan's priorities.

Our development partnership operationalises commitments in the Samoa-Australia Bilateral Partnership Arrangement (signed 2023), including on climate and disaster resilience; economic growth and partnerships; human and social development; and people to people links.

#### Strategic direction

Our development cooperation is centred on listening, respect and genuine partnership, and advances our shared vision in the *2050 Blue Pacific Strategy* of a peaceful, prosperous, and resilient region. Australia is committed to supporting Samoa deliver on the *Pathway for the Development of Samoa*, and reach the Sustainable Development Goals. Locally-led development, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), and climate considerations are mainstreamed across the breadth of our partnership.

#### Program highlights

- Australia supports Samoa's development objectives through our long-term flagship partnerships: **Tautua: Human Development for All** (\$40m, 2021-29), **Tautai: Governance for Economic Growth** (\$45m 2022-30), and **budget support** (\$50m 2023-31 bilaterally, plus regional program contributions including \$20m in 2024).
- Australia is building Samoa's **Legislative Assembly Office**, with construction commencing in 2024.
- Contributions (\$6m, 2022-25) to the World Bank's **Health System Strengthening Program for Results** helps Samoa address non-communicable diseases.
- PacificAus Sports and Team Up** support activities in cricket, football, netball, rugby league and rugby union at elite and grassroots levels.
- In 2023-24, Australia provided 36 **Australia Awards** scholarships to Samoans, and Samoa hosted 7 **Australian Volunteers**.
- The **Samoa-Australia Policing Partnership** recently celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the **Nafanua III** Guardian Class Patrol Boat was officially handed over in November 2023.
- Australia and Samoa value the role of **regional institutions**, several of which are hosted in Samoa, for development, decision making, and collaborating on issues of regional significance.