



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$174.4 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US \$2,000 (2018)*
POPULATION	652,858 (2018)*

SOLOMON ISLANDS



Development cooperation fact sheet: February 2020

Australia has an enduring interest in supporting stability in Solomon Islands, underpinned by a healthy and educated population and a growing economy.

Strategic direction

Australia's development cooperation focuses on three objectives:

- supporting stability: **governance, law and justice, policing** ;
- **enabling economic growth** : resource and economic management, infrastructure, private sector engagement, aid for trade; and
- **enhancing human development**: health, education, gender equality, and disability inclusive development.

A strong partnership with the Solomon Islands Government is key to achieving our objectives. One quarter of Australia's bilateral development cooperation to Solomon Islands is delivered through partner government systems.

Our program draws on expertise from across the Australian Government, including the Australian Federal Police and Australian Electoral Commission, to deliver capacity support and advice to the Solomon Islands Government. The bilateral program continues a shift in focus to investments that **facilitate economic growth including increasing private sector partnerships**.

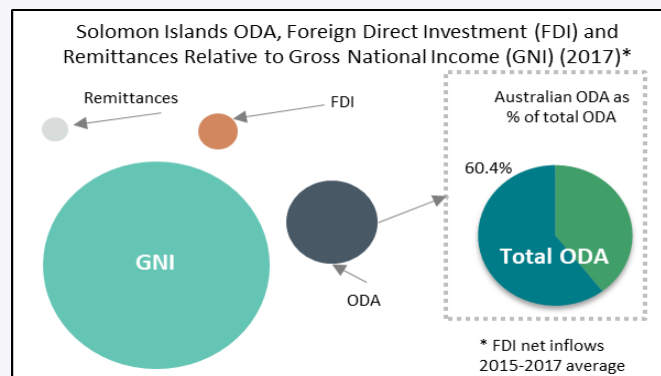
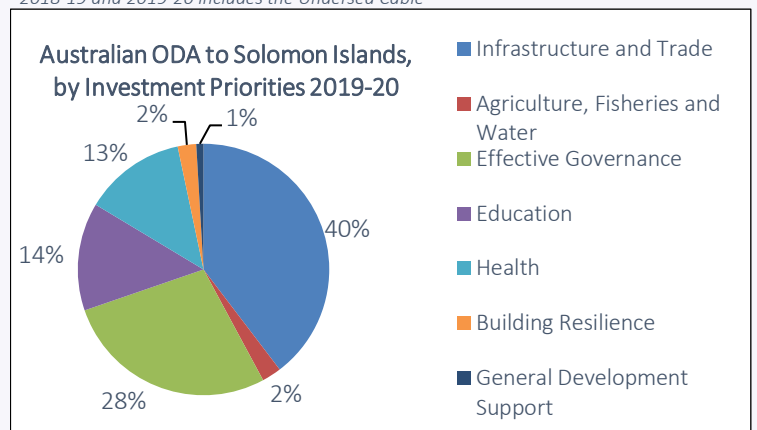
Program highlights

- In 2018-19, Australia supported the construction of 43 classrooms, continued professional development for 1,183 teachers and school leaders, and progressed curriculum reform.
- In 2018-19 Australia supported 45 nurses to complete a Diploma of Nursing.
- In 2019, Australia awarded 38 new scholarships to students to study at universities in Australia.
- In 2018-19, Australia supported the maintenance or rehabilitation of over 1000km of roads.
- In 2018-19, 20 workers were mobilised under the Pacific Labour Scheme. A further 314 workers participated in the Seasonal Worker Programme.

For more details: [Solomon Islands Aid Program Performance Report 2018-19](#) and [Aid Investment Plan Solomon Islands: 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual \$m	2018-19 Actual \$m	2019-20 Budget Estimate \$m
Country Programs	92.9	146.2	122.3
Regional	17.0	23.4	25.3
Global	12.5	12.3	11.6
Other Government Departments	20.0	16.2	15.3
Total Australian ODA to Solomon Islands	142.4	198.2	174.4
% of Total Australian ODA	3.5%	4.5%	4.3%

**Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
 2018-19 and 2019-20 includes the Undersea Cable



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

