Australia’s sport for development programs are expanding in 2020, building on more than a decade of investment in using sport to bring together communities and address social issues.

**Strategic direction**

Following the conclusion of the flagship Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP) program at the end of June 2020, Australia will launch the Australian Sports Partnerships Program (ASPP), a new Indo-Pacific sport for development program. In line with one of the four strategic priorities of Sports Diplomacy 2030 - strengthening communities in the Indo-Pacific and beyond – the program’s goal is for Australia Indo-Pacific sports partnerships to support all people to realise their full potential through sport. The program will focus on achieving the following development outcomes:

1. Sport programs attract and retain women and girls and people with a disability as well as boys and men;
2. Sport organisations are safe, inclusive and accessible;
3. Australia and its partners in the Indo-Pacific use sport to strengthen relationships and build closer collaborations.

**Pacific Sports Partnerships program highlight:**

The involvement of people with disabilities increased during 2018-19 in badminton, football, gymnastics, hockey, rugby league, swimming, table tennis and volleyball with participants reporting improved fitness and motor skills, contributing to a better quality of life.

*In line with recommendations made in the 2017 Independent Evaluation of PSP, DFAT undertook to rationalise the PSP portfolio in terms of countries and sports, in order to maximise program impact.*

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### Key figures 2018-19 to 2019-20

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### Key program outputs - participation

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### Sports 2019-20:

- AFL
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball

### Pacific Countries 2018-22:

- Fiji
- Nauru
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Tonga
- Vanuatu

### Asian Countries 2020-22:

- India
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka

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For more detail:

- Sports Diplomacy 2030
- Australian sport for development independent evaluation 2017