



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FACTSHEET

Sport for development

MAY 2025

Table 1: Key Program Figures

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Estimated Australian ODA	\$6 million	\$6 million	\$6 million
Countries	7	7	7
Partnerships with Australian/regional organisations	18	37	37

Table 2: Key Program Outputs

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Participants	167,277	185,724	98,734	209,745
% of female participants	43%	43%	48%	48%
% of primary school-aged participants	28%	25%	36%	37%
Participants with a disability	2,134	4,374	4,837	7,843
Volunteers and staff*	1,019	679	628	339
Individuals trained**	3,964	7,419	4,410	4,158

* 47% women, 2% people with a disability and 18% identifying as LGBTQI+, including Pacific culture gender identities

** 50% women, 7% people with a disability and 0.4% identifying as LGBTQI+, including Pacific culture gender identities

Sustainable Development Goals



Australia's sport for development programs use sport to bring together communities, create opportunities and address social issues.

Building on more than a decade of investment, *Team Up* is the Australian Government's flagship sports for development program in the Pacific.

Strategic direction

Team Up aims to deepen Australia's linkages with the region in line with Sports Diplomacy 2032+. The program's goal is for sports partnerships to support all people to realise their full potential. The program focuses 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.

Team Up builds strategic partnerships with regional and global organisations, elevating Australia to a position of global influence in sports for development. It aligns with Australia's international development policy, which is centred on 'listening, respect and genuine partnership' for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Team Up Program highlights

Team Up has expanded across the Pacific, with 37 partnerships involving over 70 organisations transforming lives through sport. The Play for Equity Fund has provided small grants to 29 community initiatives using sport to advance gender and disability justice.

With *Team Up*'s support, FIBA Oceania developed the Hoops for Equality playbook, which helped shape FIBA HQ's Global Basketball for Good, including content on equality and safeguarding. *Team Up* has influenced policy across the region in line with DFAT's International Development Policy, driving change in safeguarding, disability and gender inclusion. Programs promoting healthy relationships and consent demonstrate this approach, including the Pacific adaptation of the NRL Voices Against Violence curriculum. *Team Up* is a member of the Oceania Impact Network and ONOC Equity and Education Commissions.

Former participants of *Team Up* programs are now competing internationally in several sports including basketball and soccer, with one representing Tonga at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

For more detail:

- Team Up
- Sports Diplomacy 2032+ Strategy

Participating Sports

AFL, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball, Para-Athletics, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Swimming, Surfing, Table Tennis, and Volleyball.

Team Up Countries

Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu