



## SRI LANKA

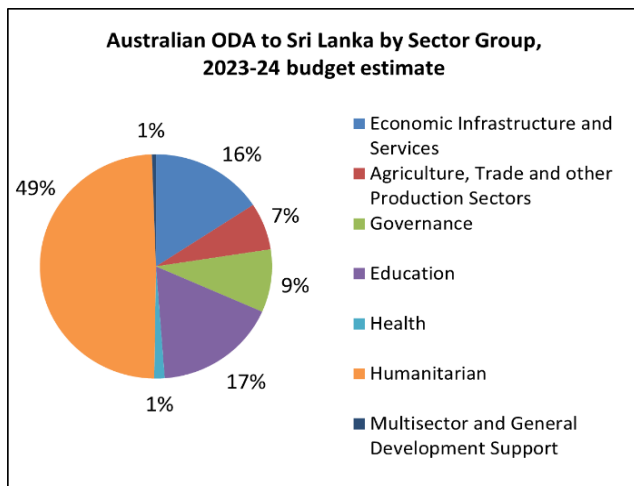
### Development Cooperation Factsheet May 2023



**Estimated Australian ODA:** 2023-24: 24.1m  
**Gross National Income Per Capita:** USD 4,030 (2021)  
**Population:** 22.2m (2021)

Australian ODA	2021-22 Actual (\$m)*	2022-23 Budget Estimate (\$m)*	2023-24 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	21.3	23.0	16.1
Regional	0.9	2.6	5.0
Global	24.8	27.7	2.4
Other Government Departments	0.4	1.1	0.6
<b>Total ODA to Sri Lanka</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>24.1</b>

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



### PRIORITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Australia is a long-standing and trusted development cooperation partner for Sri Lanka. Australia continues to support Sri Lanka as it emerges from its worst economic crisis in 70 years.

Australia stands with the people of Sri Lanka in this difficult time, particularly women, youth and the urban poor that are experiencing severe hardship. Australia’s continued assistance supports our mutual interest in a secure and resilient Indian Ocean and reinforces our relationship built on cooperation and community connection.

#### Strategic direction

In line with the Sustainable Development Goals, Australia’s development cooperation program in Sri Lanka aims to:

- support governance and reform agendas to foster inclusive economic growth;
- improve livelihoods, including through employment opportunities for disadvantaged Sri Lankans;
- provide humanitarian assistance in response to food insecurity, health and protection issues;
- support education and training through Australia Awards scholarships.

#### Program highlights

- Australia was first to respond to the economic crisis with a total package of support valued at \$75 million including emergency food assistance.
- Australia’s partnership with the World Bank is supporting economic governance reform and fiscal stability in line with IMF recommendations.
- Our new support to The Asia Foundation and International Federation for Electoral Systems will strengthen local service delivery, planning, budget management, and support women and citizen’s voice and participation in electoral processes.
- The Australia Awards program continues to provide education opportunities most valued by Sri Lanka’s public and private sector. A total of 24 Sri Lankans will be awarded long-term Australia Awards Scholarships in 2024 and a cohort of women entrepreneurs will be supported to participate in the Export Council of Australia’s Women Trading Globally short course help them grow their businesses.