



SRI LANKA



Development cooperation fact sheet:
October 2019

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20*	\$27.1 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$4,060 (2018)*
POPULATION	21.7 MILLION (2018)*

Australia maintains an interest in supporting Sri Lanka to develop as a secure, stable and prosperous partner in the Indian Ocean region, underpinned by an effective post-conflict reconciliation process.

Strategic direction

The Australian development cooperation program in Sri Lanka is based on an economic partnership approach. We focus on creating economic opportunities for all Sri Lankans. Our work contributes towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development goals (SDGs), especially SDG10 on reducing inequality. All our investments seek to support social unity and reconciliation.

Three objectives guide the program in Sri Lanka:

- expand **economic opportunities (SDG8)** for the poor;
- **support government** to be more responsive to the needs of citizens and the **private sector (SDG16)**; and
- increase **gender equality (SDG5)**.

Program highlights

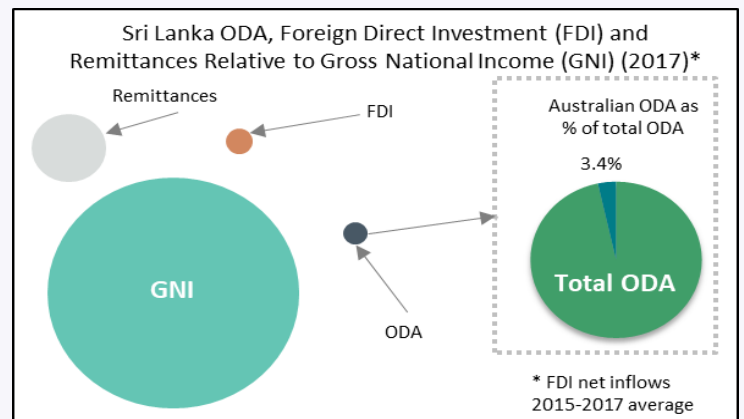
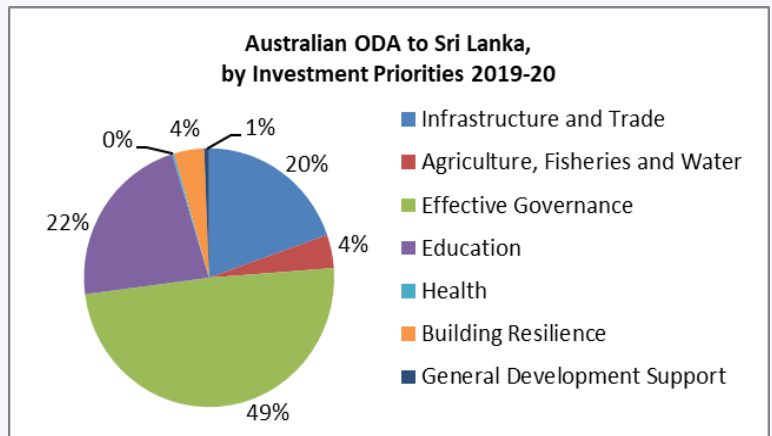
- The **Market Development Facility** has led to the creation of more than 460 jobs in tourism and related sectors, many of them for women in conflict-affected areas of Sri Lanka.
- The Women in Work program has led to 18 of Sri Lanka's largest companies committing to **promote women's leadership, recruitment and retention**.
- The **Governance for Growth** program assisted the Sri Lankan Government to revise its trade policy, establish a Trade Information Portal and prepare for a National Single Window on trade.

For more details:

[Aid Investment Plan for Sri Lanka 2015-19](#)

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	19.4	19.8	19.9
Regional	6.0	3.9	2.4
Global	5.4	3.6	4.8
Other Government Departments	-	-	-
Total Australian ODA to Sri Lanka	30.9	27.3	27.1
% of Total Australian ODA	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%

*Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

