ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2021-22 $59.3 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA USD1,536 (2019)*
POPULATION 1.1 BILLION (2019)*

**SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**
Development Cooperation Factsheet: May 2021

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

In 2019-20, Australia supported 58 volunteer placements in 10 African countries.

In 2020-21, the Australian NGO Cooperation Program will fund Australian NGOs to work with local partners to deliver 72 projects in 18 African countries.

In 2019, Australia’s humanitarian assistance reached over 234,572 vulnerable people in Somalia and South Sudan.

Australia is prioritising its aid investments in Africa to foster resilience and preserve economic and development gains.

**Strategic direction**

Africa is important to Australia’s global interests. COVID-19 is compounding Africa’s development challenges and disrupting agricultural productivity, supply chains, employment, markets and food security. By maintaining our commitment to Australia Awards scholars, we build capacity in key sectors and ensure sustained connections between Australians and future African leaders. Working with partner governments, multilateral agencies and non-government organisations amplifies Australia’s ability to reach those impacted by COVID-19, conflict and displacement.

Australia’s development cooperation program to Sub-Saharan Africa is focussed on three target areas:

- health security;
- stability;
- economic recovery.

**Australia Awards** is the flagship program delivered by DFAT and offers scholarships in support of good governance and capacity building in the agriculture, extractives and public policy sectors, where Australia has expertise and the greatest potential to make a difference.

**Program highlights**

- **Australia Awards–Africa** in 2020 supported 238 awards including 113 Masters scholarships and 125 short course awards. The program has been on pause since COVID-19 restricted international travel and has focussed on support to scholars in Australia.
- Women received 47 per cent of the Australia Awards-Africa Scholarships in 2020.

For more details:
Australia’s COVID-19 Development Response Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa 2020-22

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*ODA = Official Development Assistance
SDG = Sustainable Development Goals
*Data sourced from the World Bank