# Development Cooperation Factsheet

## Timor-Leste

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**Overview**

Estimated Australian ODA: $135.9m (2025-26)

Gross National Income Per Capita: US$2,020 (2023)

Population: 1.4m (2023)

### *Table 1: Australian ODA to Timor-Leste, 2023-24 to 2025-26*

| Australian ODA | 2023-24 Actual ($m)\* | 2024-25 Budget Estimate ($m)\* | 2025-26 Budget Estimate ($m)\* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Country Programs | 78.8 | 82.8 | 99.7 |
| Regional | 17.0 | 19.9 | 11.6 |
| Global / Other | 21.5 | 19.9 | 20.8 |
| Other Government Departments | 4.7 | 0.8 | 3.8 |
| **Total ODA to Timor-Leste** | **122.0** | **123.3** | **135.9** |
| **Percentage total Australian ODA** | **2.5%** | **2.5%** | **2.7%** |

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

#### Figure 1: Australian ODA to Timor-Leste by Sector Group, 2025-26 budget estimate

Figure 1 presents the percentage of Australia’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Timor-Leste for the financial year 2025-26 attributable to seven sector groups.

This information is presented in a doughnut chart, where the seven primary Sector Groups take a portion of shading in the doughnut in direct proportion to the total percentage attributable to each Sector Group.

The percentages of total Australian ODA by Sector Groups are:
Agriculture, trade and other production services 8%
Economic infrastructure and services 14%
Education 18%
Governance 39%
Health 16%
Humanitarian 2%
Multisector and General Development Support 3%

### Sustainable Development Goals



**Australia and Timor-Leste are close neighbours and friends that share deep and enduring ties.**

Australia has been at the forefront of international support for Timor-Leste and is the country’s largest development partner. Our relationship with Timor-Leste is profoundly important to Australia; the history, resilience and prosperity of our two countries are closely interconnected. We share strong people-to-people connections and longstanding development partnerships based on mutual respect and shared interests.

### Strategic direction

The overarching goal for the Australia – Timor-Leste development partnership is to foster a peaceful, stable, prosperous and resilient Timor-Leste.

The [Australia – Timor-Leste Development Partnership Plan 2025–2030](https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/timor-leste/development-assistance/development-partnership-with-timor-leste) (DPP) translates into action the development priorities that Australia and Timor-Leste share. The DPP sets out agreed objectives, how we will work together to deliver shared outcomes, and how progress will be monitored.

A commitment to ongoing dialogue and engagement with government and non-government actors in support of a genuine and respectful partnership underpins our engagement with Timor-Leste.

### Program highlights

In 2023-24, Australia supported:

*Quality services*

* 99% of young girls aged 11-14 years received the HPV vaccine in 2024 *[Partnership for Human Development (PHD), up to $120 million, Phase 2:2021-2016].*

*Inclusive and sustainable economic growth*

* around 4,400 employment opportunities for Timorese workers through Australian labour mobility schemes.
* MDF-supported coffee interventions with five exporters benefited 3,194 farmers (36% women) generating an additional USD136,163 in farmer income and USD454,552 business revenue [*MDF, $12.1million, 2022-2027*].

*Sovereignty, stability and resilience*

* delivery of the first undersea cable connection (Timor-Leste South Submarine Cable) marking significant advancement in Timor-Leste’s telecommunications infrastructure *[AIFFP, AUD $47.8m, 2022-28].*
* Timor-Leste’s successful accession to the World Trade Organisation *[PROSIVU, $43.9 million, 2022-2026].*

*Supporting all Timorese people to equally thrive and prosper*

* 16,711 services provided to women and children who have experienced violence *[Nabilan, $20.5 million, 2022-2026]*.