



TIMOR-LESTE



Development Cooperation Factsheet:
February 2020

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$100.7 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$1,820 (2018)
POPULATION	1.3 MILLION (2018)

Australia and Timor-Leste share longstanding and deep ties, as close neighbours and friends.

Strategic direction

Australia is Timor-Leste's largest development partner, and we are committed to being an effective, responsive and long-term partner. Australia's development assistance contributes to the shared goal of a prosperous and secure nation, supporting the people of Timor-Leste to overcome **poverty** and achieve sustainable **economic growth**. This is consistent with Timor-Leste's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Australia's development assistance program contributes in three areas – economy, people and society. We support improving Timor-Leste's **economy** by creating jobs and a **stronger private sector**, increasing rural incomes and expanding vocational training. Our support improves people's lives by delivering **higher quality frontline services**, increasing the number of people that benefit from services and enabling **more women and girls to be safe and empowered**. We work to improve **society**, by making it easier for people to participate in decision-making and **improve government decision-making**.

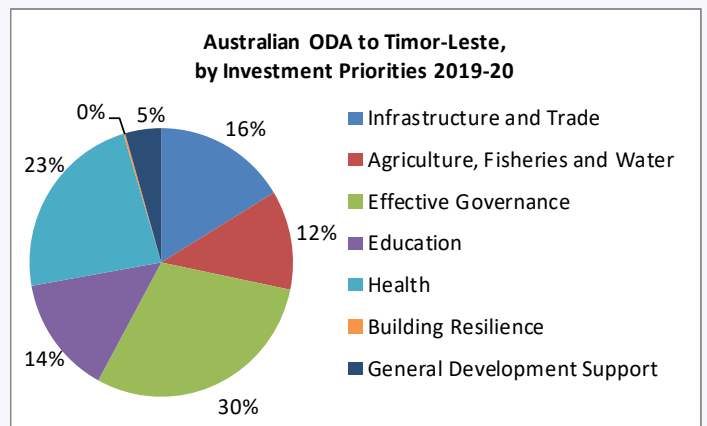
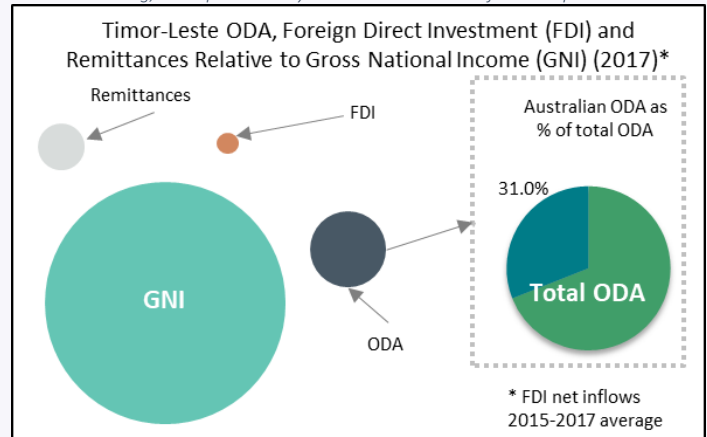
In 2020, 20 new Timorese students will study in Australia through the **Australia Awards Scholarships**.

Program highlights

- Our work with 3,000 teachers and school leaders since 2016 to adopt new teaching methods is benefitting over 48,000 students through improved learning outcomes – an essential foundation for skilled and engaged youth (SDG4).
- In 2018-19, we supported nearly 10,000 services for women and children who survived violence. Timely legal aid, shelter, and counselling is helping women access justice and re-establish themselves (SDG5).
- Our support for vocational training helps Timorese workers gain jobs locally as well as be competitive for offshore opportunities under the Seasonal Worker Program and the Pacific Labour Scheme (SDG4 and SDG8).

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Actual (\$m)	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)
Country Programs	69.3	73.2	73.0
Regional	6.4	6.1	11.1
Global	13.8	17.5	14.3
Other Government Departments	6.2	2.0	2.3
Total Australian ODA to Timor-Leste	95.8	98.8	100.7
% of Total Australian ODA	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%

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



For more details:

[Aid Investment Plan for Timor-Leste, 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)
[Aid Program Performance Report for Timor-Leste – 2018-19](#)