



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)

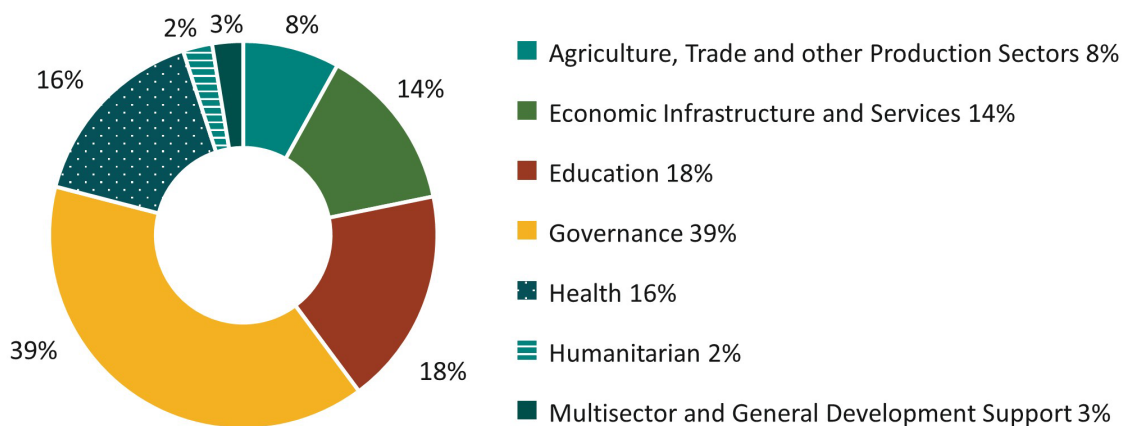
Population: 1.4m (2023)

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



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](#) (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*].