



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2021-22	\$105.2 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$1,890 (2019)
POPULATION	1.3 MILLION (2019)

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.

Australia has been Timor-Leste’s primary partner in its immediate COVID-19 response and early recovery. Australia has invested additional resources, and drawn on existing partnerships and aid investments, to support the Timor-Leste Government’s response. Beyond the immediate health response, Australia is working in partnership with the Timor-Leste Government to deliver long-term human development outcomes, strengthen governance and support the resilience of institutions and communities.

Thirteen new Australia Awards scholars were selected in the 2021 Intake to study in Australia.

### Program highlights

- Australia is providing \$24.3 million (over three years) for the procurement and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines as part of our commitment to full vaccination coverage in Timor-Leste.
- Working with the National Health Laboratory (NHL) and the Menzies School of Health Research, Australia has played a critical role in helping establish COVID-19 testing in Timor-Leste. The NHL can now run more than 1,000 tests per day.
- Australia provided technical and logistics support to facilitate emergency cash payments to more than 298,000 families across Timor-Leste (95 per cent of households).
- Australia provided \$7 million for community infrastructure projects in one-third of communities across Timor-Leste to help create jobs and stimulate economic activity.
- Australia has supported the Liga Inan program which uses simple mobile phone technology to connect midwives and pregnant women. With more than 15,000 women enrolled, this has almost doubled the likelihood of women delivering their babies with healthcare professionals.

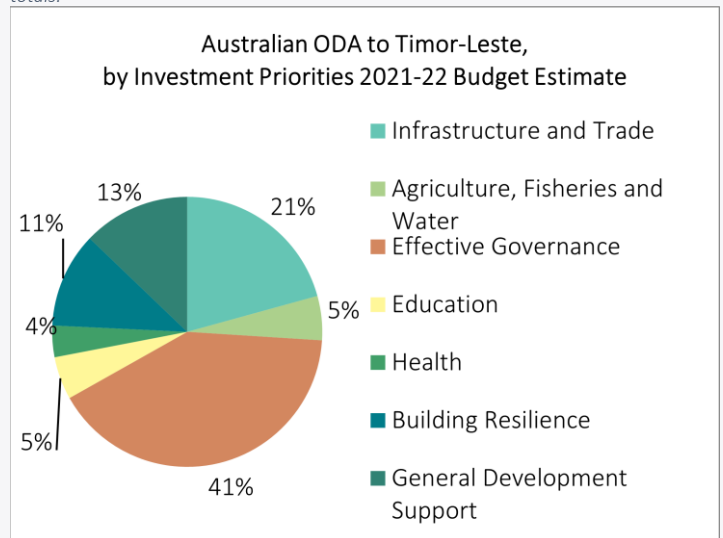
# TIMOR-LESTE

Development Cooperation Factsheet:  
May 2021



Australian ODA	2019-20 Actual * \$m	2020-21 Budget Estimate \$m*	2021-22 Budget Estimate \$m*
Country Programs	86.0	73.0	73.0
Regional	12.9	19.8	5.2
Global	19.4	10.9	25.4
Other Government Departments	2.3	1.4	1.6
<b>Total Australian ODA to Timor-Leste</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>105.2</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

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



### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



For more details:

[COVID-19 Development Response Plan for Timor-Leste, 2020-21 to 2021-22](#)  
[Timor-Leste Development Program Progress Report – 2019-20](#)