



## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FACTSHEET

# Tonga

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## Overview

**Estimated Australian ODA:** \$69.7m (2025-26)

**Gross National Income Per Capita:** US\$5,260 (2022)

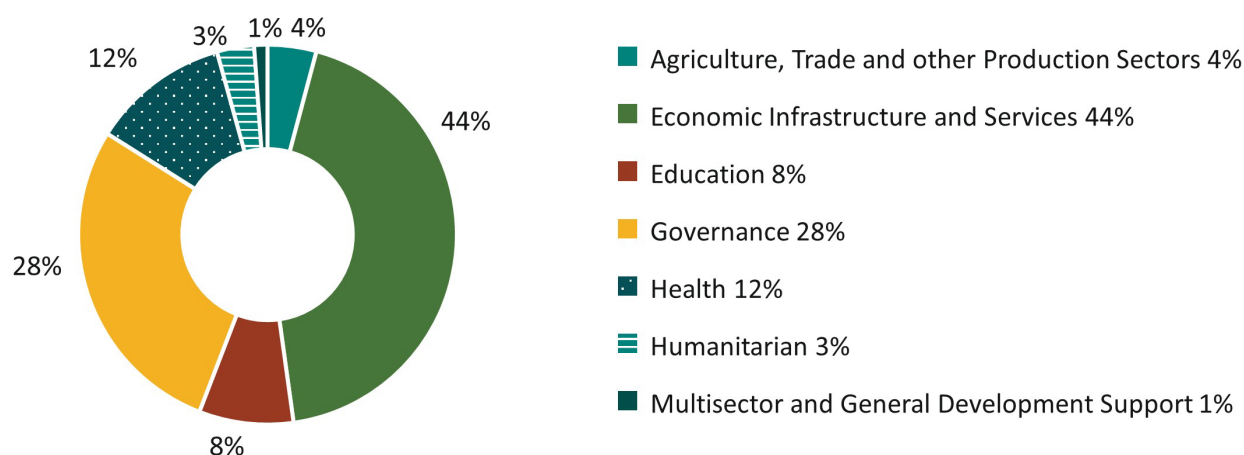
**Population:** 0.1m (2023)

Table 1: Australian ODA to Tonga, 2023-24 to 2025-26

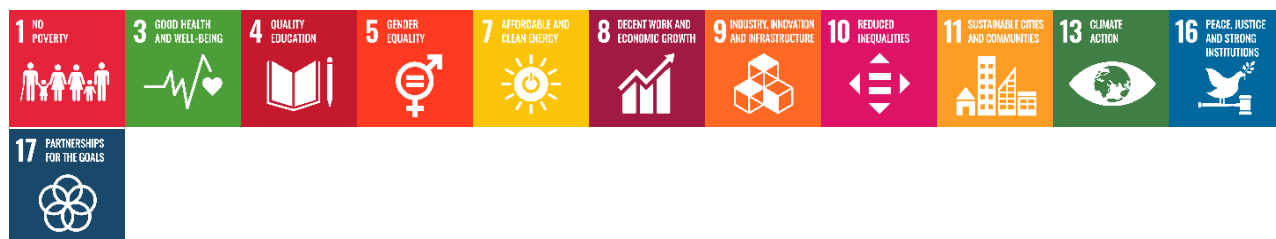
Australian ODA	2023-24 Actual (\$m)*	2024-25 Budget Estimate (\$m)*	2025-26 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	52.1	22.1	27.1
Regional	54.5	18.3	37.9
Global / Other	3.3	2.1	2.3
Other Government Departments	3.0	2.5	2.4
<b>Total ODA to Tonga</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>69.7</b>
<b>Percentage total Australian ODA</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

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

Figure 1: Australian ODA to Tonga by Sector Group, 2025-26 budget estimate



## Sustainable Development Goals



**Australia's partnership with Tonga is anchored in shared values, respect and mutual benefit.**

We have a long history of working together to address shared social, economic and security priorities, including enhanced resilience, improved human development and climate action. Australia and Tonga recognise that our respective national interests are served by a strong and enduring bilateral partnership and a peaceful, stable and prosperous Pacific. Australia is proud to partner with the Government and people of the Kingdom of Tonga to support its development priorities.

## Strategic direction

Our bilateral partnership is guided by values of *Feveitokai'aki* (sharing and cooperating), *Falala'anga* (trust) and *Fefaka'apa'apa'aki* (mutual respect). Australia will continue to invest in what we know is working, while making changes to reflect the needs and voices of Tongans and focus where Australia can truly make a positive and sustainable impact.

Australia's long-term vision, priorities and strategies for our development partnership with the Kingdom of Tonga is highlighted in the [Australia – Kingdom of Tonga Development Partnership Plan 2024–2029](#).

## Program highlights

Key activities in our development partnership include:

- ongoing support for economic recovery and humanitarian relief efforts after the devastating Hunga-Tonga Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption and tsunami in 2022 and the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$85 million budget support package to the Government of Tonga over 4 years from FY2024-25 to support Tonga manage its significant debt repayments and recover from economic shocks
- \$69.7 million committed in Official Development Assistance in FY2025-26 to support new and ongoing development programs across climate, economic development, infrastructure, sports, gender and social inclusion, health, and security
- approximately \$75 million worth of infrastructure support through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – including the Tonga Hawaiki Submarine Cable Branch System, and financial support to the upgrading Tonga's international port, and the reconstruction of Tonga's Parliament House and the Office of the Legislative Assembly
- ongoing capability uplift and security cooperation, including through the Defence Cooperation Program, Tonga-Australia Policing Partnership, Pacific Maritime Security Program and other cyber programs
- 3,480 workers from Tonga participating in the Pacific-Australia Labour Mobility scheme (as of March 2025)
- over 600 Australian Awards scholarships to Tongan students since 1997.