



# TONGA

Development cooperation fact sheet:  
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ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$26.6 Million
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$4,300 (2018)*
POPULATION	103,197 (2018)*

Australia has an enduring interest in Tonga's stability and prosperity. Australia supports economic reform, private sector development, stronger health systems and skills development.

## Strategic direction

Australia's three strategic objectives in Tonga, which align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are to:

- enable economic **stability and growth** (SDG8);
- strengthen the **health** system (SDG3) and reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs); and
- support **skills development** (SDG4), with a particular focus on opportunities for **women** (SDG5) and people with a **disability** (SDG10).

We also continue to address the cross-cutting issues of **climate change** adaptation (SDG13), **disaster resilience** and preparedness, **gender equality** (SDG5) and **disability inclusion** (SDG10).

## Program highlights

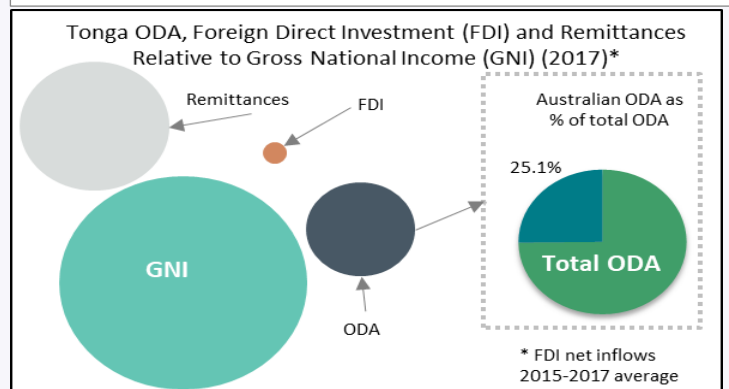
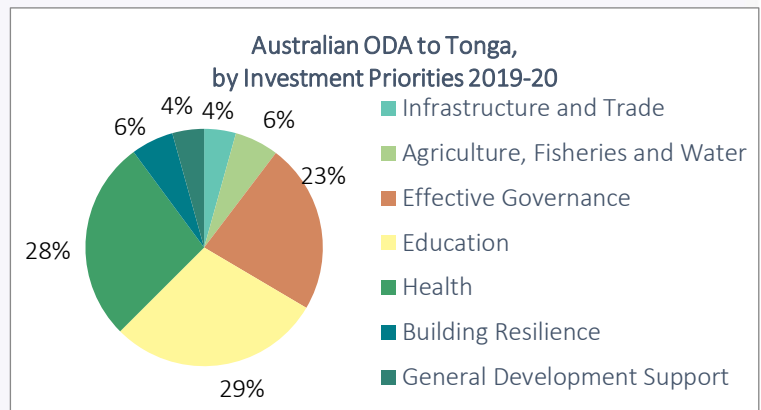
- Australia was one of the first to respond when Tropical Cyclone Gita struck in February 2018 (providing 135 tonnes of emergency supplies) and is a major contributor to **reconstruction** (\$14 million in total).
- **Economic reforms** supported by the development cooperation program have helped increase revenues and strengthen procurement.
- We are helping to address the burden of **NCDs** through improved primary care; the provision of mobility devices like wheelchairs and prosthetics; and helping people quit smoking with a national anti-tobacco campaign.
- Australia offered 34 **Australia Awards** scholarships for Tongans to commence study in 2018: (13 in Australia; 21 in the Pacific) and supported 25 **Australian Volunteers for International Development** in 2018-19

## For more details:

- [Australia-Tonga Aid Partnership \(2016 - 2019\)](#)
- [Tonga Aid Investment Plan 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Actual (\$m)	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	23.8	17.6	17.6
Regional	10.1	9.4	5.6
Global	1.1	1.4	1.4
Other Government Departments	2.3	2.7	2.0
<b>Total Australian ODA to Tonga</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>26.6</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

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



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

