



# VANUATU



Development cooperation Fact sheet:  
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ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$66.2 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$2,970 (2018) *
POPULATION	292,680 (2018) *

Australia has an enduring interest in a stable and prosperous Vanuatu and is Vanuatu's largest bilateral donor.

## Strategic direction

Australia's development cooperation aligns with the priorities identified in the Government of Vanuatu's National Sustainable Development Plan and contributes toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our investments focus on four strategic objectives:

- building resilient infrastructure (SDG 8,9,11) and an environment for economic opportunity;
- improving early education (SDG4) and essential health services (SDG3);
- improving community safety and resilience (SDG 5,16); and
- supporting cyclone recovery and reconstruction (SDG 9,11,13).

## Program highlights

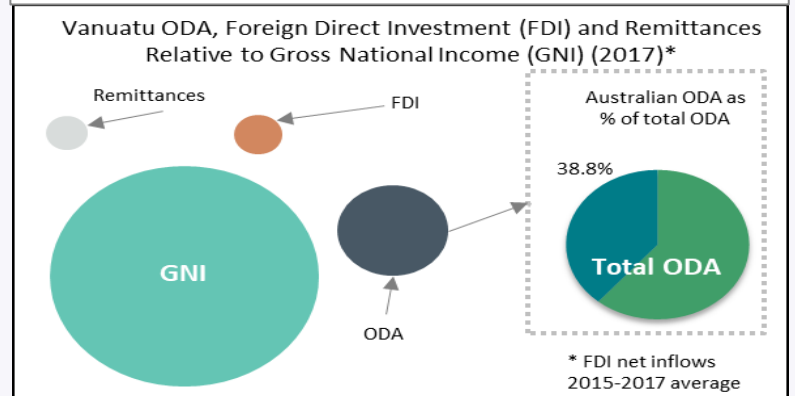
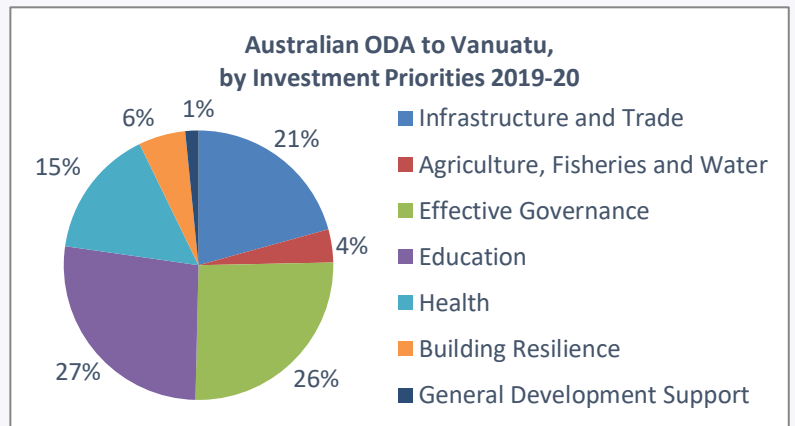
- Australia's \$35 million assistance for Tropical Cyclone Pam recovery contributed to the completion of 93 health facility buildings, 197 classrooms, 61 public buildings, 87 water systems, 18 cooperatives and 43 tourism businesses and bungalows.
- Supported approx. 1523 km of road maintenance and 37 km of road rehabilitation and improvements, linking communities to services and markets.
- Over 8,800 women and children survivors of violence received counselling and legal support services.
- Completed Years 1-4 primary school curriculum development and teacher training, with reading material translated into 59 languages and distributed to over 430 schools.
- Supported training of over 430 law and justice officials and 245 new police recruits.
- Provided \$5.55 million to support evacuation and resettlement of over 10,000 people impacted by the Ambae island volcano eruptions.
- In 2018-19, 46 Australia Awards scholars from Vanuatu studied at tertiary institutions in Australia and the region and 82 Australian Volunteers undertook capacity building placements in Vanuatu.

## For more details:

- [Vanuatu Aid Program Performance Report 2018-19](#)
- [Vanuatu Aid Investment Plan 2015-16 to 2018-19](#)
- [Australia-Vanuatu Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-19](#)

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)*	2018-19 Estimated Outcome (\$m)*	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	45.6	43.9	41.9
Regional	15.2	7.2	11.2
Global	9.5	10.1	11.9
Other Government Departments	2.1	1.8	1.2
<b>Total Australian ODA to Vanuatu</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>66.2</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

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



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

