



## Southeast Asia Regional

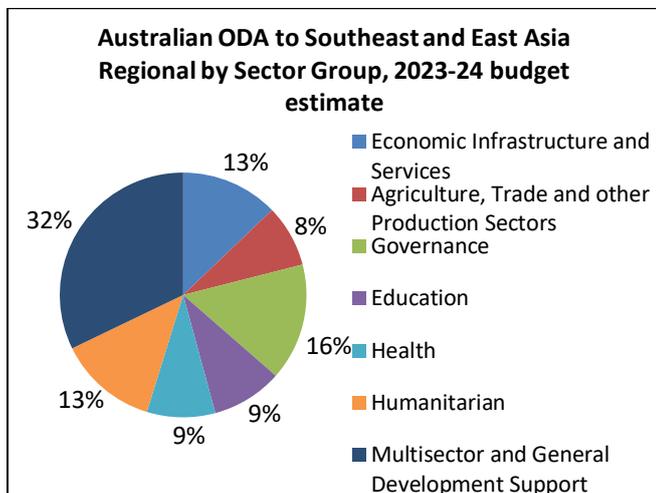
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**Estimated Australian ODA:** 2023-24: \$346.3 mil  
**Population:** 683,828 mil (2022)

Australian ODA to Southeast and East Asia	2021-22 Actual (\$m)*	2022-23 Actual (\$m)*	2023-24 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Regional	155.0	141.4	210.9
Global	139.6	122.4	135.4
Other Government Departments	0.6	0.1	0.0
<b>Total Aust. ODA to Southeast Asia</b>	<b>295.2</b>	<b>264.0</b>	<b>346.3</b>

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



### PRIORITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Australia shares a region and a future with Southeast Asia. We will work with our partners to sustain and protect the hard-won development gains of the nine ODA-eligible countries in the region.<sup>1</sup>

#### Strategic direction

Australia has a vision for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Southeast Asia. Australia’s development assistance is responding to partner priorities and tackles shared challenges – including climate change, gender equality, inclusive and sustainable growth, and fostering resilient communities. We are committed to upholding ASEAN centrality, including through our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP), and supporting the Mekong subregion.

#### Program highlights

- Through Australia’s Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with **ASEAN**, we provided 100 Aus4ASEAN scholarships to support emerging leaders to study in Australia in fields that advance the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, including international law, trade, science and public health.
- The **Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I)** program has assisted partners to accelerate transport connectivity, the transition to clean energy and telecommunications reforms, working with more than 49 Australian organisations to build relationships with 31 Southeast Asian government agencies.
- The **Mekong-Australia Partnership (MAP)** supported environmental resilience in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam through technical assistance and training on climate adaptation and disaster resilience. A partnership with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) supports fish migration, river health and food security in the Mekong River Basin.
- **Investing in Women (IW)** has stimulated \$15.4 million of investment into 82 women-led businesses in the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar, and catalysed over \$525 million of additional capital. The next phase of IW (2023-27) will build on these achievements to increase opportunities for women in the private sector.

<sup>1</sup>Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia