



Supporting economic prosperity in the Pacific

Australia is investing in inclusive economic growth, sustainable infrastructure, jobs, skills and connectivity - to ensure prosperity for communities and generations to come.

Together Australia and our partners across the Pacific are streamlining open and transparent trade, providing and taking advantage of commercial opportunities for exporters and investors, supporting jobs and skills development, and providing labour mobility opportunities.

Australia supports resilient economic prosperity for all Pacific peoples

We are deepening our economic and people-to-people connections, including by:

Expanding and improving the **Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme**, which provides jobs to Pacific and Timor-Leste workers who send home an estimated average of AUD1,500 each per month

Providing new opportunities for Pacific and Timorese nationals to live, work and study in Australia through the **Pacific Engagement Visa**

Supporting critical infrastructure projects, through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility (AIFFP), which **employs local workers and stimulates skills development and local economic growth**

Training over **20,000 people (42% female)** since 2007 through the Australia Pacific Training Coalition - Australia's largest skills investment in the Pacific and Timor-Leste

Strengthening social protection systems to support households and communities to manage the challenges of socio-economic vulnerability and multi-hazard shocks

Providing direct budget support to help partner governments **build economic resilience** and maintain expenditure on health, education and social services

Partnering with **multilateral development banks and international financial institutions** to help Pacific partners find innovative solutions to economic challenges

Financing (in collaboration with partners) critical ICT infrastructure such as the Coral Sea Cable System, East Micronesia Cable, and branch systems for Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu to deliver **reliable internet connectivity**

Promoting regional economic integration by supporting Pacific members to implement the development-focussed **PACER Plus** trade agreement

Working with Australian businesses to secure an **Australian banking presence** and investing in **regional banking initiatives** to keep communities and economies connected and finance flowing across the region

More than 40 years of tariff free access to Australia for Pacific island countries

Increasing cultural and economic ties through Australia's kava trade, with **348 exporters exporting over 570 tonnes of kava** to Australia since December 2021

Supporting a safer, more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient aviation sector that underpins the region's **prosperity and economic development**

Boosting the **private sector and regional trade** in sectors such as agriculture, tourism, manufacturing and financial services



Photo: PALM scheme workers from Fiji

Sustainable economic growth underpins our shared vision for peace and prosperity

HOW WE DELIVER

We are transparent and coordinated in our efforts, delivering in line with Pacific priorities