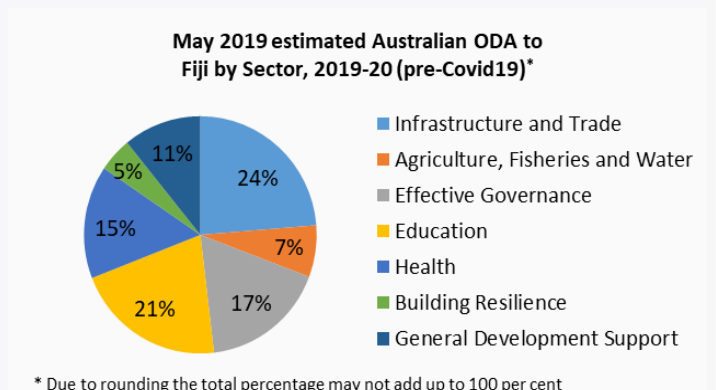




2019-20 FIJI DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Program Budget	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Bilateral	35.0
Regional	14.3
Global	6.4
Other Government Departments	3.2
Total Australian ODA to Fiji	58.8

* Actual expenditure is expected to be available In December 2020



COVID-19 Development Response

- Australia quickly mobilised a range of assistance, totalling \$17.5m, to support Fiji’s effective COVID-19 response, including:
 - direct budget support for the Fijian Government’s COVID-19 Response Fund
 - procurement of medical supplies for Fiji’s Centre for Disease Control
 - funding for livelihood diversification (income generation) activities
 - procurement of Personal Protective Equipment, flu vaccines for frontline health staff and support for the Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)
 - procurement of IT equipment to assist with contact tracing
- Australia contributed to the purchase of IT equipment to support the Fiji Parliament to remain operational during COVID-19.
- We supported local firms pivot to manufacture key health supplies (25,000 litres of hand sanitiser and 1,000 face shield units to MHMS), which also facilitated much needed economic activity.


Other program highlights

- Australia supported the Fiji Government’s response to Tropical Cyclones Sarai and Harold and the Kadavu earthquake, including:
 - food rations for 15,235 people

- post disaster counselling for 2,167 people (1,079 women)
- four RAAF flights carrying humanitarian supplies (delivered during COVID-19 border closures), as well as supporting damage assessments and logistics.
- Australia supported an end-to-end review of the pharmaceutical supply chain, recommending reforms that could result in 30-40 per cent savings in costs of medicines and increase their availability across health facilities.
- Through Australian support, we provided counselling services for more than 9,263 women and girl survivors of violence
- Australia supported an additional 3,277 school enrolments (including 1,621 girls).
- Australia provided cash transfers totalling \$5.2m, delivered through Fiji’s social welfare schemes as part of Fiji’s response to TC Harold
 - this support is directly benefiting 13 per cent of the population (approx. 118,000 people) and is Australia’s largest cash transfer in the Pacific.
- Australia supported the ADB’s USD200m policy-based loan, by providing \$1m of budget support to the Ministry of Economy to assist with business-enabling and investment reforms
 - this is the first ever ADB policy-based loan in public sector management to achieve the ADB’s highest gender rating.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2019-20 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS*

TITLE OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK INDICATOR/BENCHMARK	BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AGAINST INDICATOR/BENCHMARK
Objective 1. Health Security	1.1 Women and men, girls and boys are provided with emergency assistance in conflict and crisis situations, such as major cyclones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided food rations for 15,235 people (41 per cent children) after TC Sarai and TC Harold • Provided post-disaster counselling for 2,167 people (1,079 women).
	1.2 New or improved therapeutics, diagnostics, vaccines or additional equipment, to which Australia has contributed, are accessible in Fiji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procured over AU\$1.5m of lab reagents, consumables and equipment. • Delivered AU\$364,461 worth of bio-medical equipment. • Installed oxygen concentrators at two remote health centres.
	1.3 Strengthened Fijian health system including preparedness for health emergencies at Colonial War Memorial Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deployed two advisers to serve in COVID-19 Taskforce and Incident Management Team. • Mobilised and funded a public health communications team. • Supported drafting and delivery of National Health Strategic Plan and 10-year health strategic workforce plan and roadmap.
	1.4 Increased efficiency of procurement processes to ensure consistent supply of medicines and other health commodities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported a review of the pharmaceutical supply chain, recommending reforms that could result in 30-40 per cent savings in costs (of approximately FJD\$37 million).
Objective 2. Stability	2.1 Numbers reached with new or improved social protection programs, including remote communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided top-up payments to recipients of social protection schemes, reaching approximately 118,000 beneficiaries (\$5.2m allocated and \$4.85m disbursed in 19-20).
	2.2 More women and girl survivors of violence in Fiji receive services such as counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided over 9,263 women and girls with counselling services.
	2.3 Number of additional girls and boys enrolled in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported 3,277 (1,621 girls) additional enrolments.
	2.4 Number of additional verified students with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the enrolment of 74 additional students with disabilities.
	2.5 Evidence of strengthened and effective coordination during disaster responses (including across CSOs and Government).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced communications technology at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) • Upgraded a Mobile Emergency Operations Command vehicle that provides the National Disaster Management with a mobile coordination capacity. • Funded an emergency communications specialist co-located in Fiji's National Disaster Management Office (NDMO).
Objective 3. Economic Recovery	3.1 Australian budget support, aligned with other development finance, supports the Government of Fiji to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed an Assessment of National Systems for Fiji, enabling Australia budget support in fulfilment of a Vuvale Partnership commitment



	maintain macroeconomic stability and achieve Public Financial Management milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided \$19.5m to assist the Government of Fiji in the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health - Disaster management (following TC Harold) - Social protection/welfare schemes - Economic and fiscal reform - General budget support.
	3.2 Number of Awards in each intake focused on skills supporting health systems and services, economic management and public sector reform.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported 29 Awards in priority areas in 2019 intake (14 women) and 10 Awards in priority areas in 2020 intake (6 women) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from a total 76 Awards in the 2019 intake (35 women) and 18 Awards in the 2020 intake (9 women).
	3.3 Number of women entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained 156 participants (97 women) through a business development webinar. • Mentored 25 Participants (17 women) post-webinar. • Trained 150 women on financial literacy and safeguarding business during COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - also provided mentoring support to seven members of Women in Business Council.
	3.4 Examples of partnering, with private sector and others, to ensure supply lines are open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the local manufacturing and distribution of 25,000 litres of hand sanitiser in response to a shortage, as well as 1,000 face shield units for the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MoHMS). • Relocated more than 11 tonnes of Kava from Vanua Levu to Levuka, providing above the average price per kilo for wet kava (average FJD9/kilo) and farm-gate pick-up, reducing farmers' costs to bring the kava themselves to their markets/exporters.

*NOTE:2019-20 was a transition year for the Fiji program following the signing of the Vuvale Partnership in September 2019. As such, the program has reported progress against selected *Partnerships for Recovery* Tier 2 performance indicators.

ANNEX A: PROGRAM QUALITY

Investment Monitoring Report ratings

Investment name	Approved budget and duration	year on year	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Gender equality
Fiji Program Support Facility	\$84.4m	2019 AQC	4	4	4
	2016-22	2020 AQC	4	5	3
Fiji Program Support Facility (Health Program)	\$20.7m	2019 AQC	4	4	4
	2016-22	2020 AQC	4	4	3
Fiji Program Support Facility (Education Program)	\$20.0m	2019 AQC	4	4	4
	2016-22	2020 AQC	4	4	3
Pacific Women Fiji Country Plan	\$25m	2019 AQC	4	4	5
	2014-22	2020 AQC	5	4	5
Inclusive Economic Growth (Market Development Facility)	\$17.5m	2019 AQC	3	4	4
	2017-22	2020 AQC	4	5	5
Supporting Private Sector Development in Fiji	\$14.3m	2019 AQC	5	5	5
	2016-20	2020 AQC	5	5	4

Final Investment Monitoring Report ratings

Investment name	Approved budget and duration	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Gender equality	Relevance	Monitoring and Evaluation	Sustainability
Bilateral Governance Program	\$17.5m 2015-20	5	4	4	5	3	5

Definitions of rating scale:

Satisfactory (4, 5 and 6)

6 = Very good; satisfies criteria in all areas. 5 = Good; satisfies criteria in almost all areas.

4 = Adequate; on balance, satisfies criteria; does not fail in any major area.

Less than satisfactory (1, 2 and 3)

3 = Less than adequate; on balance does not satisfy criteria and/or fails in at least one major area.

2 = Poor; does not satisfy criteria in major areas. 1 = Very poor; does not satisfy criteria in many major area.