



Australia's Official Development Assistance

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET SUMMARY 2024–25

Partnering for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific

Australia works closely with partners in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and across the globe to support sustainable development and help build a safer and more resilient world.

We are investing in our region to build our collective resilience and sovereignty.

We stand with our neighbours as interconnected and unprecedented global uncertainties challenge our region's economic security and stability. At every step, Australia is guided by our aspirations for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific and by the needs and priorities of our partners and region.

In 2024–25, the Australian Government will provide more than \$4.96 billion in Official Development Assistance (ODA). This builds on the substantial increases delivered since the October 2022 Budget, reflecting the Government's commitment to sustainable ODA growth – and to better supporting the region's priorities.

We support partners in their efforts to implement the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and maintain momentum towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We also support bilateral, regional, and global initiatives designed to build economic integration and resilience and assist our

partners to participate in and benefit from the global rules-based order.

We are implementing Australia's first long-term International Development Policy in a decade, launched in 2023. We are investing in issues that matter most to our partners. Core areas for action are climate change, locally led development and gender equality. The policy is underpinned by a rigorous performance and delivery framework to maximise the impact of Australia's development assistance.

Through our revitalised approach, Australia is partnering more effectively, respectfully, transparently, and responsively with all development partners.

Country and regional Development Partnership Plans (DPPs) are being shaped to drive bilateral and regional investments. Prepared with our partners, the DPPs represent genuine partnership, translating shared development priorities into action. DFAT continues to strengthen its development capability to drive even greater impact.

Driving equitable development remains a fundamental priority for Australia. In 2024–25 we will continue our investments in advancing gender equality (over

\$1.7 billion in 2022-23). In 2024 the Government is releasing an International Gender Equality Strategy to lift Australia's international ambition and commitment to deliver safety and opportunity for women and girls everywhere.

Development partnerships beyond Official Development Assistance

Official Development Assistance is only one way in which we support our developing country partners. We also contribute policy and governance expertise from across federal and state governments to build regional ties and tackle shared development challenges. Australia provides substantial financial and technical non-ODA support across biosecurity, meteorological services, maritime safety, community policing, telecommunications, and other development partner priorities.

Beyond government, Australia's world-class civil society, business, sports, media, cultural, faith-based and education institutions strengthen our development partnerships and impact. The newly established Office of First Nations International Engagement is deepening Australia's development connections with partners in our region and beyond.



International Disability Equity and Rights Strategy consultations in Suva, Fiji. Credit: DFAT

Pacific Highlights

Australia shares an ocean, region and future with the Blue Pacific Continent. We work with the Pacific to prepare for and respond to shared regional challenges and achieve shared goals.

In 2024–25, Australia is delivering a record \$2 billion in development assistance to the Pacific, maintaining Australia’s position as the region’s largest and most comprehensive development partner.

Our respect for Pacific priorities is fundamental for our development partnerships, and will be reflected in new bilateral and regional Development Partnership Plans. We are committed to delivering high-quality and impactful investments that respond to the needs of local communities across the Pacific, driving local employment, procurement and skills. Pursuing locally led development is a powerful means to strengthen both our impact and our partners’ capability.

Our longstanding presence and commitment to supporting Pacific priorities continues in 2024–25, including in climate change, infrastructure, education, gender equality, health and connectivity. For example, we are supporting the region’s transition to renewable energy, helping countries build climate resilience, providing more targeted climate finance, and sharing our innovations in climate adaptation. We continue to invest in climate change mitigation and adaptation by contributing \$100 million to the Pacific Resilience Facility and supporting community-scale renewable energy in rural and remote areas.

Australians see the Pacific as family. We are strengthening these bonds and delivering economic support through expanding and improving the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme in line with Australian and Pacific aspirations, by embedding skills development and piloting family accompaniment. We are also enhancing longer-term Pacific aviation support through a new five year \$100 million Australia-Pacific Partnerships for Aviation Program, for a safer, more sustainable and resilient Pacific aviation sector that underpins economic growth.



In 2022–23, Australia provided \$392.9 million in direct budget support to 12 Pacific countries helping to **improve fiscal resilience and enable the delivery of critical services**

Highlight



Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project. Credit: Hall Contracting

Australia-Tuvalu Falepili Union

Australia and Tuvalu are taking the next steps in enacting our shared vision for the Falepili Union, which will help safeguard our collective peace, security and sovereignty.

Our partnership recognises that climate change is the single greatest threat to the livelihoods, security and wellbeing of the peoples of Tuvalu. Australia will support Tuvalu’s efforts to enable its people to continue to live and thrive at home. That includes supporting Tuvalu’s climate adaptation efforts.

Australia is providing an additional \$19 million to extend the Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project, taking our total contribution to \$38 million. The project is a large-scale land reclamation and coastal rehabilitation project that will expand Tuvalu’s land, creating vital space for new housing and essential services for Tuvaluans.

In addition, Australia will provide \$50 million in 2024–25 to Tuvalu to secure its first undersea telecommunications cable, alongside \$25 million from likeminded partners.



Mekong-Australia Partnership funded ACIAR Fish pass opening in Van Vieng, Laos.
Credit: DFAT



Basic Education Quality and Access in Laos (BEQUAL) program. Credit: DFAT

Southeast Asia Highlights

Australia is deepening engagement with Southeast Asia. We are listening to the region's perspectives and building our partnerships to tackle shared challenges – including climate change, inclusive and sustainable growth, gender equality, disability and social inclusion and fostering resilient communities.

From 2024–25, Australia's \$1.3 billion ODA budget to the region will be guided by eight new whole-of-government country and regional Southeast Asia Development Partnership Plans. We are committed to a high quality development program that makes a real difference and meets the priorities of our partners.

Australia is supporting climate action and the transition to net zero in Southeast Asia. We are allocating over \$57 million in 2024–25 to invest in climate-focused small and medium enterprises, deliver short courses and support policy reform under the Australia-Indonesia Climate and Infrastructure Partnership (KINETIK). We are supporting climate innovation through the Aus4Adaptation program in Vietnam. Expanded support to climate change and clean energy transition through the Australia for ASEAN Futures Initiative will enhance ASEAN-led regional energy policy and planning.

Australia will provide a further \$222.5 million to support the resilience and prosperity of the Mekong subregion through the second phase of the Mekong-Australia Partnership. The Partnership will improve water security, respond to climate change and combat transnational crime.

Human development is central to our partnerships. In Laos, Australia's flagship education investment, the Basic Education Quality and Access (BEQUAL) program, is modernising the way education is delivered through teacher training and reform in the primary education sector. In Myanmar, we are investing in basic education services for children living in vulnerable and conflict-affected communities and delivering primary health care, essential health supplies and mental health services through local non-government providers.



Since 2020, **Australia mobilised more than \$149 million of private capital from a \$24 million investment through Australian Development Investments**, supporting climate and gender outcomes across Southeast Asia

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50 years of ASEAN-Australia Dialogue Partnership

At the 2024 ASEAN-Australia Special Summit to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Australia Dialogue Relations, Australia announced over \$500 million in new initiatives. From deepening our economic and cultural ties, to strengthening our educational and environmental cooperation, the package reinforces Australia's commitment to Southeast Asia and ASEAN.

Invested: Australia's *Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040* featured across all elements of the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit. The Government announced \$140 million in a second phase of the Partnerships for Infrastructure program to support the policy and regulatory reforms necessary to attract quality infrastructure finance. This complemented non-ODA measures to implement the Strategy, including investment Deal Teams and a new \$2 billion Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility, both of which will help to catalyse Australian private sector investment into Southeast Asia.

In partnership with the university sector, the Australian Government also announced over 75 Australia for ASEAN Scholarships and Fellowships to support the next generation of leaders from ASEAN member states and Timor-Leste to study in Australia and advance the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.



ASEAN Leaders pose for the annual Family Photo during the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit 2024 in Melbourne.
Credit: Irene Dowdy/ASEAN

Climate and infrastructure finance

Australia is increasingly using innovative financing mechanisms alongside grants to meet our region's greatest challenges, including climate change and its many impacts. Our newly established Australian Development Investments uses ODA to deliver climate and gender equality outcomes by mobilising significant additional private and philanthropic finance.

We are considering climate risk in all Development Partnership Plans and increasing our climate investments, including through a new flagship facility, Climate Resilient Communities. From 2024–25 at least

half of all new country and regional investments over \$3 million will include a climate objective.

Australia is deploying high-quality climate finance to meet the needs of our developing country partners. This includes prioritising grant-based funding for Pacific adaptation projects and more flexible financing options to support mitigation efforts in Southeast Asia.

Australia expects to deliver \$3 billion to the global climate finance goal over 2020–25.

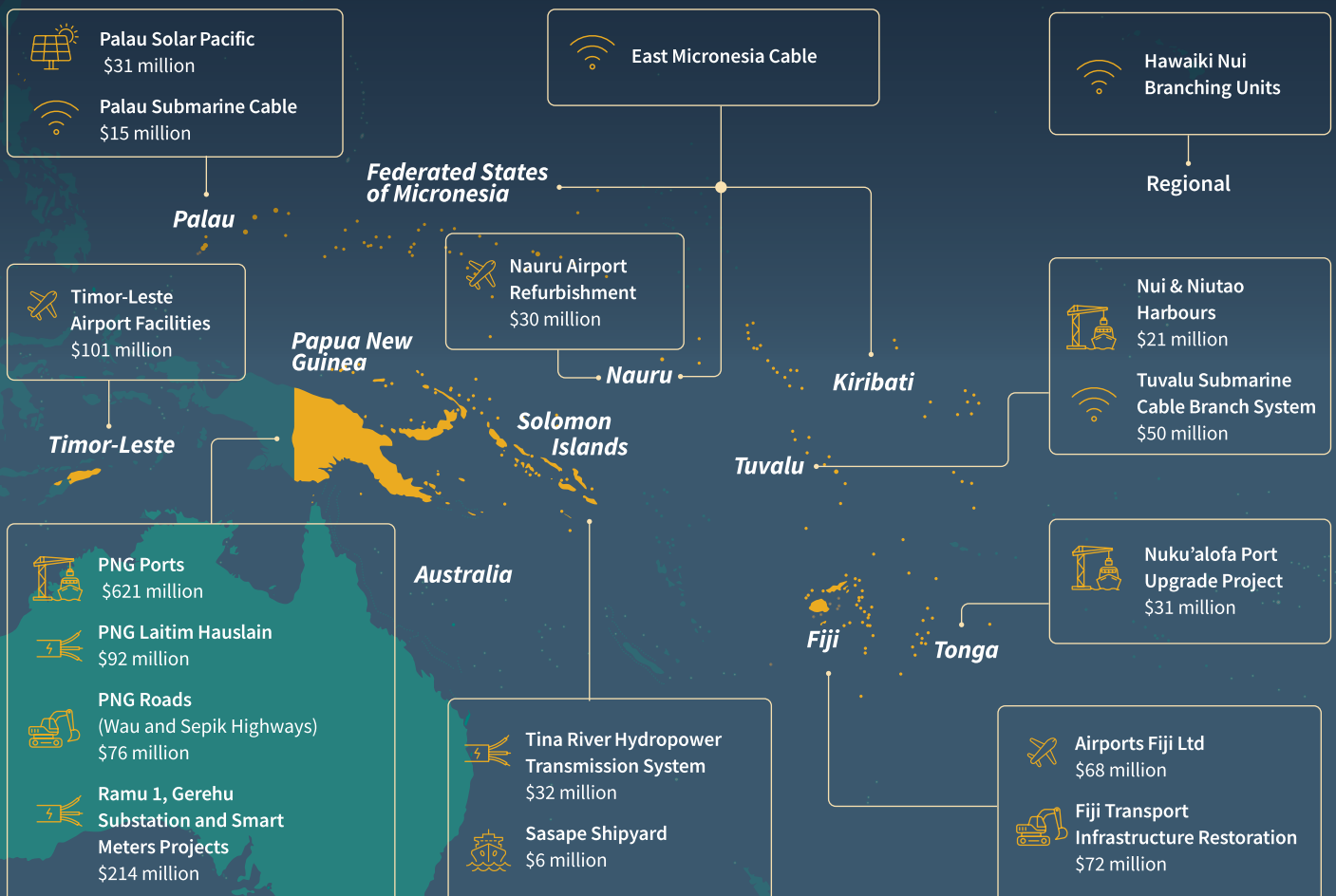
Australia has re-joined the Green Climate Fund with a \$50 million contribution. We will help countries access more climate financing from multilateral funds by embedding climate finance experts in Pacific Island countries and advocating for the needs of our Pacific neighbours in multilateral replenishments. Our pledge of \$492 million towards the USD5 billion replenishment of the Asian Development Bank's Asian Development Fund (2025–28) will deliver transformative development projects such as climate resilient hospitals and schools across the Indo-Pacific's most vulnerable countries.

Infrastructure

Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific

The Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) is investing more than \$1.8 billion in concessional finance and ODA grants to deliver 20 critical infrastructure projects across ten countries. From 2024–25 to 2027–28, the ODA contribution from AIFFP grants and concessional lending is estimated to be over \$900 million. The AIFFP is supporting partners to build transformative infrastructure including submarine telecommunications cables, ports, wharves, roads, bridges, runways, and clean energy. We invest in climate resilient infrastructure and support the transition to net zero, with a strong focus on local content, jobs and procurement.

Announced Projects





Ms. Jeannie Andrada is the founder and product creator of JustGoLowCarb, the first Filipino snacks brand for a low carb diet. Through Investing in Women, JustGoLowCarb was able to finance its business expansion and market outreach. Credit: Flordeliz Ranola



The Australian-funded SPRINT initiative provides critical access to sexual and reproductive health services to women and girls during humanitarian emergencies. Yasoda was able to receive an ultrasound near her home in the Jarjakot District, Nepal. Credit: International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Delivering safety and opportunity for all

Gender equality, disability and social inclusion are at the centre of Australia's development and humanitarian efforts. Our countries are made stronger, more secure and more inclusive when all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential and thrive.

Australia is developing a new International Gender Equality Strategy, International Disability Equity and Rights Strategy, and an International LGBTQIA+ Human Rights Engagement Strategy to guide Australia's development, humanitarian and foreign policy efforts. We have already consulted with over 1,000 people in more than 30 countries to inform these ambitious new strategies.

Through the \$65 million Indo-Pacific Gender Equality Fund, Australia is supporting regional partners to improve women and girls' wellbeing, integrate gender equality into peace and security efforts, end gender-based violence, and advance women and girls' economic empowerment and leadership. Australia is increasing our development assistance for international disability equity and rights by boosting the Disability Inclusive Development Fund to \$14 million. This supports new initiatives that increase access to essential assistive technology for children with disabilities in the Pacific.



In 2022–23, **248,879 services** were provided to women and girl survivors of sexual and gender-based violence through bilateral and regional programs

Highlights



Preventing gender-based violence

We are increasing support to prevent gender-based violence through a new five-year \$20 million Southeast Asia Gender-based Violence Prevention Platform (2024–29). Bringing together partner governments, civil society, and regional and international organisations, the collaborative Platform is preventing gender-based violence by building gender-based evidence and supporting transformative programs, policy and action.



Innovative financing

Australia is enhancing women's economic empowerment by enabling them to contribute to and benefit from economic development and emerging green job opportunities. In 2024–25 DFAT is providing \$2.5 million (total \$10 million over 4 years) to scale the 'Orange Bond Initiative'. This aims to mobilise USD10 billion of certified high-quality gender bonds by 2030. Orange Bonds channel funds to support sustainable livelihoods for women by improving their access to finance, goods and income generating assets that create inclusive, resilient and green outcomes.



Assistive technology

Improving disability equity and rights is a core commitment in Australia's International Development Policy. In 2024–25 Australia is addressing critical gaps in access to more appropriate, affordable, and quality assistive technology in the Asia-Pacific. We are increasing funding to a partnership with Pacific countries to screen school-aged children and provide eyeglasses, hearing aids, and mobility aids, enabling children with disabilities to take part more fully in their education and communities.



Australian NGO Cooperation Program

In 2022–23, the ANCP **provided \$142.3 million to 59 NGOs to deliver 402 projects in 53 countries, reaching approximately 5.9 million people**, to progress the SDGs

Australia Awards

In 2023, Australia Awards **funded 1,348 scholarships for study in Australia and the Pacific**

Food Security

In 2022–23, Australia **supported food security capacity building in 42 countries**



In 2022–23, Australia:

Met its commitment to **respond to all requests for humanitarian assistance** in the Indo-Pacific **within 48 hours**

Provided life-saving help to more than 23.8 million people in crisis and conflict situations

Deployed over 246 tonnes of humanitarian relief supplies through international and non-government partners

Australia in the world

In 2024–25, we remain committed to driving global development efforts through substantial multilateral investments and through Australian programs with global reach. The Australia Awards program leverages our world class tertiary sector to educate the next generation of leaders from development partner nations around the world. Now in its 50th year, the Australian Non-Government Organisation Cooperation Program (ANCP) is supporting more than 50 Australian NGOs to work with over 2,000 local partners to deliver community-based development outcomes. The Australian Volunteers Program is connecting skilled Australians with local partner organisations and supporting them to achieve their development goals. The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) facilitates and funds vital research to improve agricultural system productivity and profitability in Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

Australia is also working with partners in South and Central Asia and will provide \$342 million in 2024–25, addressing transboundary challenges, building skills, and deploying our expertise in water resources, agriculture, trade and infrastructure to support long-term stability and economic security. We also prioritise the specific needs of women and children, especially in emergency settings, through our UN humanitarian and civil society partners.

Humanitarian

Australia has a long-standing history of providing humanitarian assistance, and our support remains in high demand. The intensity and confluence of humanitarian challenges in today's interconnected world are without precedent. Entrenched conflicts, climate emergencies, natural hazards, rising levels of inequality and other threats are all driving human suffering and humanitarian need.

In response, Australia will provide a total of \$676 million in humanitarian sector funding in 2024–25. This includes more than \$120 million in flexible funding for global humanitarian partners to meet needs where they are most acute, such as in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa. We are confronting protracted crises, including supporting governments and communities hosting displaced populations. Our funding and leadership help make the multilateral humanitarian system stronger. We continue to advocate for respect for rules, norms and international humanitarian law.

Our work will be informed by a new Humanitarian Strategy, to be released in 2024. This strategy will shape our future humanitarian action in the Indo-Pacific and beyond to reduce need and build resilience.

Humanitarian partners and UN development agency funding tables

Humanitarian Partners	2024–25 Budget Estimate \$m	Support to UN development agencies	2024–25 Budget Estimate \$m
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	27.5	UN Women	7.8
UN Central Emergency Response Fund (UNCERF)	11.0	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	19.0
UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	25.0	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	13.0
UN Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)	10.0	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	9.5
UN Relief & Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	20.0	United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS)	5.0
World Food Programme (WFP)	40.0	World Health Organization (WHO)	15.0

Table 1: Australian ODA allocations by country, regional and global programs

	2023–24 Budget Estimate \$m	2024–25 Budget Estimate \$m		2023–24 Budget Estimate \$m	2024–25 Budget Estimate \$m
Federated States of Micronesia ¹	2.5	3.1	Climate Change and Environment	142.2	144.4
Fiji	44.0	54.0	Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (including LGBTQIA+)	101.2	102.3
Kiribati	26.1	26.1	Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness and Response	60.8	60.8
Nauru	25.9	25.9	Global Humanitarian Partnerships	123.5	123.5
Niue and Tokelau	1.9	1.9	Protracted Crises and Strengthening Humanitarian Action	145.2	156.2
Palau ¹	1.9	2.1	Humanitarian Emergency Fund	150.0	150.0
Papua New Guinea	500.0	500.0	Humanitarian, Emergencies and Refugees	479.4	490.5
Republic of the Marshall Islands ¹	1.9	2.1	Contributions to Global Health Programs	230.2	194.2
Samoa	29.0	29.0	Regional Health Security	118.5	118.4
Solomon Islands	103.6	103.6	Regional and Global Health	348.7	312.6
Tonga	22.1	22.1	Scholarships	68.1	68.1
Tuvalu	11.4	26.0	Education Partnerships	19.6	49.6
Vanuatu	50.0	50.0	Education and Scholarships	87.7	117.7
Pacific Regional	613.2	703.9	National and Economic Resilience Partnerships	45.1	39.2
Pacific	1,433.4	1,549.8	Cyber Cooperation	11.4	7.9
ASEAN and Mekong	102.4	97.6	Debt Relief	41.3	51.3
Cambodia	47.9	48.9	Global, Peace and Security Contributions	102.7	119.5
Indonesia	285.7	312.1	National and Economic Resilience	200.4	217.8
Laos	23.1	24.1	Australian Volunteers Program	23.0	25.0
Myanmar	42.1	42.1	Global NGO Programs	145.4	145.4
Philippines	69.4	70.4	NGOs, Volunteers and Community Programs	168.4	170.4
Timor-Leste	79.1	82.8	Asian Development Fund	122.3	113.4
Vietnam	63.2	64.2	International Development Association	169.8	180.8
Southeast Asia Regional ²	68.4	90.7	Multilateral Development Banks	292.1	294.2
Southeast Asia	781.3	832.9	Development Effectiveness and Research	15.1	15.1
Afghanistan	50.0	50.0	UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organisations	38.9	38.9
Bangladesh	30.8	30.8	Cross Regional and Global Programs	1,874.2	1,903.9
Bhutan	2.1	2.1	Other Government Departments	276.2	258.2
Maldives	1.8	3.0	Departmental (ODA)	288.5	300.8
Mongolia ²	5.6	5.6	Adjustments	-50.0	-50.0
Nepal	9.1	9.1	Grand Total	4,768.4	4,961.5
Sri Lanka	16.0	16.0			
South and Central Asia Regional	14.3	14.3			
South and Central Asia	129.7	130.9			
Middle East and North Africa	20.0	20.0			
Sub-Saharan Africa	15.0	15.0			
Middle East and Africa	35.0	35.0			
Total Country and Regional Programs	2,379.4	2,548.6			

1. North Pacific is no longer presented as a single funding line, with Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Palau captured as separate allocations.

2. East Asia is no longer presented as a separate region. The former East Asia Regional funding line has been consolidated into Southeast Asia Regional. The Mongolia funding line is captured under South and Central Asia (formerly South and West Asia).

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Table 2: Australian ODA by country and region of benefit

	2023–24 Budget Estimate \$m	2024–25 Budget Estimate \$m
Federated States of Micronesia	4.6	4.7
Fiji	88.1	123.1
Kiribati	43.4	44.0
Nauru	46.1	46.0
Niue and Tokelau	4.0	2.3
Palau	4.8	11.9
Papua New Guinea	616.2	637.4
Republic of the Marshall Islands	4.1	4.1
Samoa	53.5	51.8
Solomon Islands	171.3	171.2
Tonga	44.9	44.9
Tuvalu	17.1	86.7
Vanuatu	84.6	83.2
Pacific Regional	723.4	738.3
Pacific	1,906.1	2,049.6
Cambodia	83.6	83.7
Indonesia	326.1	353.7
Laos	47.7	53.2
Myanmar	121.0	121.4
Philippines	89.9	94.2
Timor-Leste	118.0	123.3
Vietnam	95.1	95.7
Southeast Asia Regional	346.3	330.4
Southeast Asia	1,227.7	1,255.6
Afghanistan	50.0	50.0
Bangladesh	116.2	106.9
Bhutan	4.9	4.7
Maldives	3.0	4.8
Mongolia	10.1	10.0
Nepal	27.2	26.1
Pakistan	15.1	12.6
Sri Lanka	24.1	23.9
South and Central Asia Regional	127.0	103.1
South and Central Asia	377.6	342.1
Middle East and North Africa	48.5	65.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	87.2	101.5
The Middle East and Africa	135.7	166.4
Latin America and the Caribbean	1.7	2.0
Core Contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributable to particular countries or regions	1,119.6	1,145.8
Grand Total	4,768.4	4,961.5

Table 3: Australian ODA delivered by other government departments

	ODA delivered directly from appropriations \$m	ODA delivered in partnership with DFAT \$m	Total ODA \$m
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	18.3	3.1	21.4
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	113.4	13.9	127.4
Australian Federal Police	48.1	8.6	56.6
Employment and Workplace Relations	7.1	-	7.1
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	7.6	7.6
Export Finance Australia ¹	48.4	-	48.4
Health	15.1	2.8	17.9
Treasury	-	2.2	2.2
States and Territories	0.1	3.7	3.8
Other	7.7	35.1	42.7
Total ODA delivered by other government departments	258.2	76.9	335.1

1. Represents grant equivalent of loans for the AIFFP, administered by Export Finance Australia.

Table 4: Total ODA Sector Flows

Sector	2024–25 Budget Estimate \$m
Governance	1,118.0
Health	655.9
Multisector and General Development Support	746.6
Humanitarian	675.9
Education	595.7
Economic Infrastructure and Services	774.7
Agriculture, Trade and other Production Sectors	394.7
Grand Total	4,961.5

Table 5: Australian ODA Projected Forward Estimates

Financial Year	2024–25	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28
Estimate \$m	4,961	5,071	5,188	5,354

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