

# Australia



## Country

Australia, Canberra (capital)

## Location

continent between the Indian Ocean and the South Pacific Ocean

## Population

around 28 million; one of the world's most diverse countries with nearly 25 in every 100 people born in other countries

## Geography

mainland and islands including the state of Tasmania; **climate** is mainly dry to semi-dry and mild in the south and east, tropical in the north; natural **resources** include iron ore, coal, natural gas, gold and minerals; natural **hazards** are floods, droughts and fires

## Learning years

11 years

## Common jobs and industries

construction; healthcare; retail (working in shops); working in science; mining

## Life expectancy

83 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 100/100 people; safe water for washing 100/100 people

## Cultural facts

people live across six states and two territories; most people live in cities along the coast and in family groups or alone; Australian football and rugby are the most popular sports

## An example partnership goal

Australia is working with Indonesia, Laos and the Philippines to protect bananas from disease.

## Other

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# Cambodia



## Country

Cambodia, Phnom Penh (capital)

## Location

between Thailand, Vietnam and Laos; has a coastline along the Gulf of Thailand

## Population

around 17 million; most people live in the southeast in or near the capital

## Geography

mainly flat lands with some mountains; big rivers with wetlands; sandy soils that are not very good for crops except rice; **climate** is hot and tropical, with a wet and dry season; daily temperatures around 30°C; natural **resources** include oil, gas, timber and iron ore; natural **hazards** are flooding and some typhoons (cyclones)

## Learning years

7 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism; selling clothes and shoes

## Life expectancy

71 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 78/100 people; safe water for washing 79/100 people

## Cultural facts

many people live in villages; soccer and chess are popular games; Ancestors Day is important

## An example partnership goal

Cambodia and Australia are working together to make new Cambodian leaders through education.

## Other

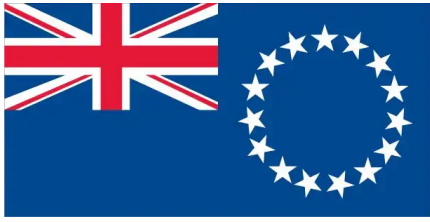
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# Cook Islands



## Country

Cook Islands, Avarua (capital)

## Location

east of Australia; northeast of New Zealand – Aotearoa; halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii

## Population

around 14,000; most live on the main island of Rarotonga

## Geography

15 small islands; no rivers, a few streams and small lakes; **climate** is tropical with a dry and a humid season, high rainfall, daily temperatures around 25°C; natural **resources** include coconuts and yams; natural **hazards** are tsunamis and typhoons (cyclones); part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

9 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism

## Life expectancy

78 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people

## Cultural facts

family and (Christian) church are very important; rugby league is the national sport; woodcarving and weaving are ways to pass down culture

## An example partnership goal

The Cook Islands and Australia are working together to keep the Pacific region safe.

## Other

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# Federated States of Micronesia



## Country

Federated States of Micronesia, Palikir (capital)

## Location

north of Papua New Guinea; about one-quarter of the way from Indonesia to Hawaii

## Population

around 100,000; most people live on the coast of the high islands; more than half live in rural areas (not in a city)

## Geography

around 607 islands; people live on 65 of the islands; some islands have mountains, others are flat and low; tropical **climate**, heavy rainfall year round (one of the wettest places on earth), daily temperatures of around 32 °C; natural **resources** include timber and minerals; natural **hazards** are typhoons, tsunamis and rising sea levels

## Learning years

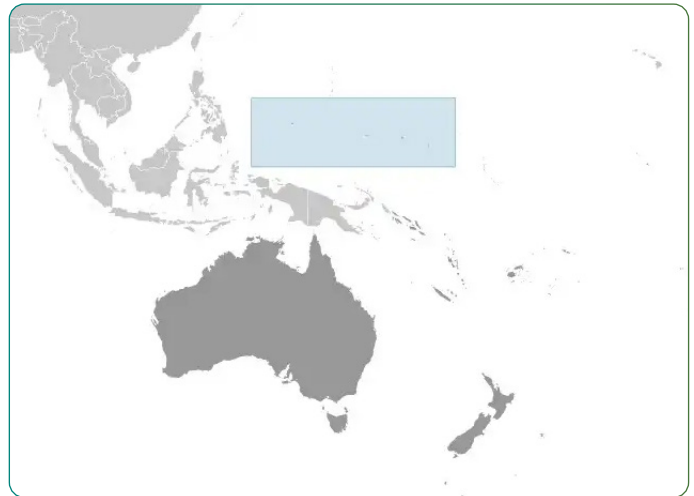
8 years

## Common jobs and industries

fishing; farming (for example, coconuts and bananas)

## Life expectancy

66 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 39/100 people

## Cultural facts

family groups (kinship) are important; baseball is popular

## An example partnership goal

Micronesia and Australia are building stronger internet and phone networks in the Pacific.

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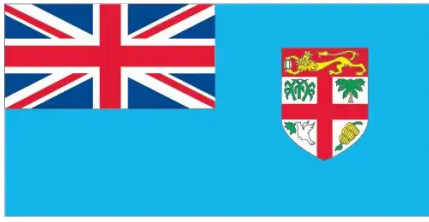
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# Fiji



## Country

Fiji, Suva (capital)

## Location

east of Australia; north of New Zealand – Aotearoa

## Population

around 1 million; mix of Fijian and Indo-Fijian people; half of the people live in cities, half in rural areas (not in a city)

## Geography

chain of 322 islands; Viti Levu is the largest and most populated island; mostly mountains with some dry grasslands; **climate** is tropical, hot and humid with a rainy and dry season; daily temperatures between 20°C and 29°C; natural **resources** include timber, fish, gold, copper, oil; natural **hazards** are cyclones and rising sea levels; Fiji is part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

7 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism; fishing; farming (for example, sugarcane)



## Life expectancy

75 years

## Water facts

safe drinking water 95/100 people; safe water for washing 94/100 people

## Cultural facts

mix of native Fijian, Indian, European and Chinese cultures and traditions; family groups are important (kinship); rugby is a popular sport

## An example partnership goal

Fiji and Australia are working to build schools that encourage everyone to come to school.

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# Indonesia



## Country

Indonesia, Jakarta (capital)

## Location

country in Southeast Asia; between the Indian and Pacific Oceans; west of Papua New Guinea

## Population

around 280 million; most people live on the island of Java, which is one of the most densely populated places on earth

## Geography

chain of around 15,000 islands; mostly coastal lowlands, some highlands (mountains), lots of forests; **climate** is tropical, hot, humid and cooler in the highlands; daily temperatures are around 30°C; natural **resources** include petroleum, tin, copper and good soil; natural **hazards** are floods, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt (more volcanoes than any other country in the world)

## Learning years

8 years

## Common jobs and industries

making textiles and cars; farming (for example, palm oil, rice and cocoa)



## Life expectancy

74 years

## Water facts

safe drinking water 94/100 people; safe water for washing 79/100 people

## Cultural facts

more than 300 ethnic groups; motto is *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika*, which means 'many, yet one'; popular sports are soccer, futsal, volleyball, basketball, badminton and pencak silat (an Indonesian martial art)

## An example partnership goal

Indonesia and Australia are helping each other create clean, sustainable and secure energy.

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# Kiribati



## Country

Kiribati, Tarawa (capital)

## Location

northeast of Australia; about halfway between Australia and Hawaii

## Population

around 133,000; people live on Kiritimati (Christmas Island), Teraina (Washington Island) and Tabuaeran (Fanning Island)

## Geography

32 atolls (ring-shaped islands); **climate** is tropical rainforest (hot and humid), rainy all year, daily temperatures around 31°C; natural **resources** are coconuts and fish; natural **hazards** include cyclones, rising sea levels and plastic pollution

## Learning years

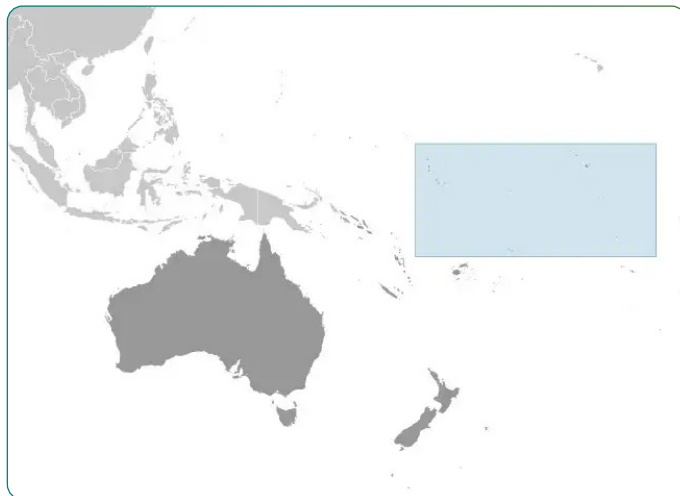
7 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism; fishing

## Life expectancy

61 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 76/100 people; safe water for washing 56/100 people

## Cultural facts

dancing is an important way to tell stories and pass on culture; soccer and netball are popular sports

## An example partnership goal

Kiribati and Australia are working together to train teachers and build better classrooms for all children.

## Other

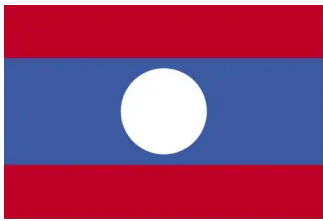
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# Laos



## Country

Laos, Vientiane (capital)

## Location

in between Myanmar, China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand

## Population

around 7 million

## Geography

no sea borders; mostly mountains and forests, some plains (flat areas); **climate** is tropical, with a rainy and a dry season; daily temperatures between 20°C and 42°C (cooler in mountains); natural **resources** include timber, tin and gold; natural **hazards** are floods, droughts and cyclones

## Learning years

6 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism; farming (for example, rice and sugarcane)

## Life expectancy

69 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 85/100 people

## Cultural facts

at least 49 ethnic groups; the national sport is sepak takraw (a combination of soccer and volleyball)

## An example partnership goal

Laos and Australia are working together to create stronger farms.

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# Malaysia



## Country

Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur (capital)

## Location

south of Thailand; north of Indonesia and Brunei

## Population

around 35 million; most people live on the Malay Peninsula

## Geography

two separate areas; over half of the country is rainforest, some coastal plains and mountains, many large rivers and lakes; **climate** is tropical (warm and humid all year), daily temperatures around 25°C; natural **resources** include petroleum, timber, copper and iron ore; natural **hazards** are flooding and landslides

## Learning years

9 years

## Common jobs and industries

making electronics and rubber; palm oil production

## Life expectancy

73 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 97/100 people

## Cultural facts

lots of ethnic groups, cultures and languages; soccer is the most popular sport, badminton is also popular

## An example partnership goal

Malaysia and Australia are working to protect against internet crime.

## Other

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# Myanmar



## Country

Myanmar, Naypyidaw (capital)

## Location

country in Asia; between Bangladesh and Thailand

## Population

around 58 million; most people live along the coast

## Geography

a mix of lowlands and steep highlands (mountains); **climate** is mostly tropical but the highlands are mild to cold, lots of rain along the coast, dry away from coast; natural **resources** include petrol, timber, tin and good farming land; natural **hazards** are earthquakes and cyclones

## Learning years

7 years

## Common jobs and industries

farming (for example, rice and sugarcane)

## Life expectancy

70 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 82/100 people; safe water for washing 75/100 people

## Cultural facts

many different ethnic groups; Myanmar is called the 'Land of the Pagodas'; soccer is the most popular sport

## An example partnership goal

Australia helps Myanmar when natural disasters hit.

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# Nauru



## Country

Nauru, Yaren District (capital)

## Location

northeast of Australia; northeast of Solomon Islands

## Population

around 10,000; third-smallest country in the world; most people live in the coastal areas

## Geography

tiny island created from a volcano; no rivers or creeks but a freshwater lagoon; **climate** is tropical, with a rainy season and a dry season, daily temperatures around 31°C; natural **resource** is fish; natural **hazards** are droughts

## Learning years

7 years

## Common jobs and industries

tuna fishing; mining phosphate

## Life expectancy

62 years



## Water facts

safe clean water must be brought in from other countries

## Cultural facts

music and dance are popular art forms; Australian rules football is the most popular sport

## An example partnership goal

Nauru and Australia are working to reduce poverty and improve Nauruan health.

## Other

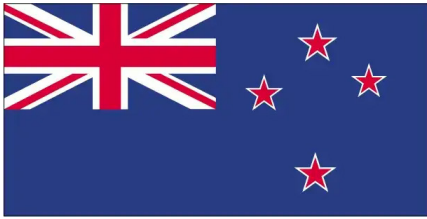
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# New Zealand – Aotearoa



## Country

New Zealand – Aotearoa, Wellington (capital)

## Location

southeast of Australia

## Population

around 5 million; population is growing with migrants from Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and Asia, as well as United Kingdom and Australia

## Geography

two narrow main islands; lots of mountains; mild **climate** in the north, cool in the south; daily temperatures between 8°C in the south and 16°C in the north; natural **resources** include forests, freshwater and farming land; natural **hazards** are flooding, volcanoes and earthquakes; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

11 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism; making things (manufacturing) and farming (for example, lamb, butter, kiwifruit and grapes)



## Life expectancy

83 years

## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people

## Cultural facts

most people live in cities; Māori culture and tribal groups are important; national sport is rugby union

## An example partnership goal

New Zealand – Aotearoa and Australia are finding ways to trade more with each other.

## Other

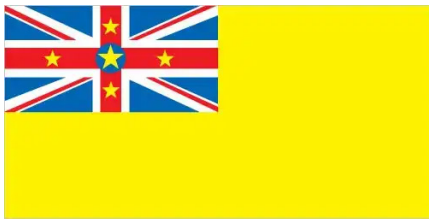
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# Niue



## Country

Niue, Alofi (capital)

## Location

Pacific Island country; inside a triangle drawn between Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands

## Population

around 2,000

## Geography

one of world's largest coral islands; called 'The Rock' because of the steep cliffs along the coast and flat ground in the middle; **climate** is tropical; daily temperatures are around 28°C; natural **resources** are farming and fish; natural **hazards** are cyclones

## Learning years

8 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism; farming (for example, passionfruit, lime oil and honey)

## Life expectancy

70 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 97/100 people

## Cultural facts

rugby union is the most popular sport and is played by men and women; Niue was the first country in the world to give free wi-fi to its people

## An example partnership goal

Australia is helping Niue build a skilled workforce through education.

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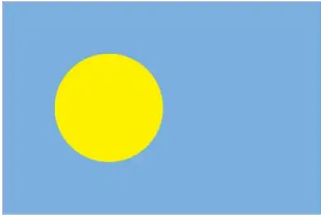
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# Palau



## Country

Palau, Ngerulmud (capital)

## Location

Pacific Island country; southeast of the Philippines

## Population

around 22,000

## Geography

chain of 340 islands; **climate** is tropical, hot and humid; daily temperature is around 28°C; natural **resources** are forests and minerals (especially gold); natural **hazards** are typhoons and rising sea levels

## Learning years

9 years

## Common jobs and industries

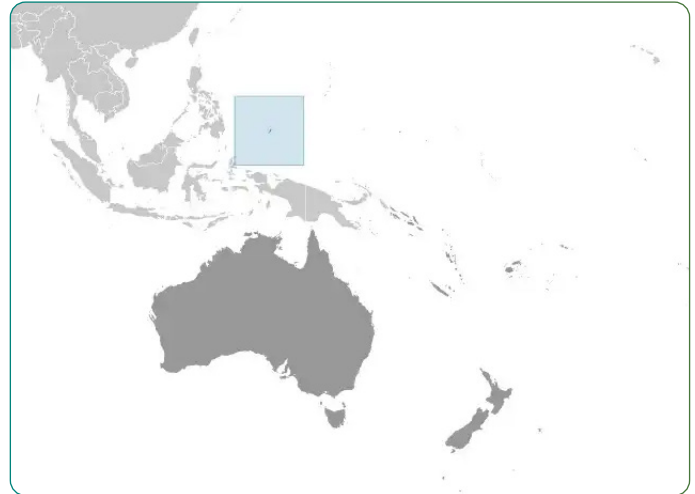
working in tourism; construction; farming (for example, coconuts and bananas)

## Life expectancy

69 years

## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people



## Cultural facts

land and goods are passed down on the mother's side; baseball is popular

## An example partnership goal

Palau and Australia are working together to build Palau's first solar and battery energy-storage facility.

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# Papua New Guinea



## Country

Papua New Guinea (PNG), Port Moresby (capital)

## Location

Australia's closest neighbour; 150 km north of Queensland

## Population

around 10 million; most people live in rural areas (not in a city)

## Geography

eastern half of the island of New Guinea plus small islands; lots of rainforests and highlands (mountains), lowlands along the coasts; tropical **climate**, cooler in the highlands with some snow; natural **resources** include gold, silver, natural gas, timber and oil; natural **hazards** are earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

6 years

## Common jobs and industries

farming (for example, palm oil, coffee and yams); fishing; processing timber; construction

## Life expectancy

66 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 50/100 people; safe water for washing 30/100 people

## Cultural facts

people belong to kinship clans or 'wantok', which share the same families, traditions, language and culture; land and goods are passed down on the mother's side; rugby league is the most popular sport

## An example partnership goal

PNG and Australia are building stronger police and legal services in PNG.

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# Philippines



## Country

Philippines, Manila (capital)

## Location

between the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea; east of Vietnam

## Population

around 120 million

## Geography

chain of 7,641 islands; mostly mountains with narrow lowlands along the coast; **climate** is tropical; natural **resources** include timber, petroleum, silver, gold and salt; natural **hazards** are cyclones, volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

7 years

## Common jobs and industries

assembling electronics; making food and drinks; working in tourism; working in call centres; construction

## Life expectancy

66 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 95/100 people; safe water for washing 82/100 people

## Cultural facts

many different ethnic groups; kinship is very important; arnis, a type of martial arts, is the national sport; many people go to Christian church

## An example partnership goal

The Philippines and Australia are working together on a transition (move) to clean energy.

## Other

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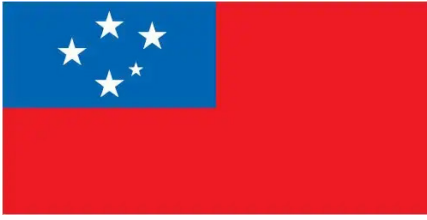
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# Samoa



## Country

Samoa, Apia (capital)

## Location

Pacific Island country; northeast of Tonga and Fiji; halfway between New Zealand – Aotearoa and Hawaii

## Population

around 200,000

## Geography

16 islands; narrow coastal plains with rocky, rugged mountains in the middle; **climate** is tropical with rainy and dry seasons, daily temperatures around 30°C; natural **resources** include forests, fish and hydropower; natural **hazards** are volcanoes and cyclones; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

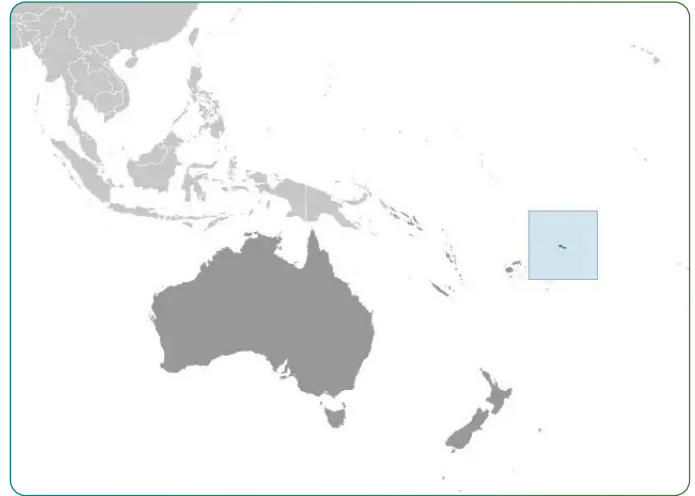
7 years; many people go on to get higher university degrees like PhDs

## Common jobs and industries

fishing; farming (mainly bananas, coconuts and sweet potatoes)

## Life expectancy

70 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people; safe water for washing 72/100 people

## Cultural facts

Fa'a Sāmoa, or the traditional Samoan way, is very important; many people go to (Christian) church; people live in extended family groups; main sports are rugby union, Samoan cricket and netball; hip hop is popular

## An example partnership goal

Samoa and Australia are developing health programs so all Samoans can be healthy.

## Other

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# Singapore



## Country

Singapore, Singapore (capital)

## Location

Asian country; between Malaysia and Indonesia

## Population

around 6 million

## Geography

one main island, 62 small islands; mostly urban (city); gentle hills; no lakes; **climate** is tropical, warm to hot, humid, rainy; daily temperatures between 25°C and 33°C; natural **resources** are fish and deepwater ports; natural **hazards** are flash floods

## Learning years

13 years

## Common jobs and industries

making electronics, oil-drilling equipment and pharmaceuticals; working in banking

## Life expectancy

84 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people

## Cultural facts

mix of cultures such as Malay and Chinese; most people speak more than one language; gardens are important; popular sports include soccer, swimming and other water sports

## An example partnership goal

Singapore and Australia are working together to trade more often.

## Other

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# Solomon Islands



## Country

Solomon Islands, Honiara (capital)

## Location

Pacific Island country; east of Papua New Guinea

## Population

around 730,000; most people live on the coast

## Geography

chain of ex-volcanic islands; mostly mountains with forests; **climate** is tropical with cool winds and rainfall all year; natural **resources** include fish, forests and gold; natural **hazards** are earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and cyclones; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

5 years

## Common jobs and industries

fishing; farming (mainly cocoa, palm oil, and fruit and vegetables); mining

## Life expectancy

65 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 67/100 people

## Cultural facts

many cultural groups; extended family (kinship) is important; many people go to (Christian) church; soccer is the national sport

## An example partnership goal

The Solomon Islands and Australia are building infrastructure (buildings and roads).

## Other

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# Thailand



## Country

Thailand, Bangkok (capital)

## Location

Asian country; borders the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand; southeast of Myanmar

## Population

around 70 million

## Geography

mix of lowlands and highlands (mountains); large river systems and wetlands; **climate** is hot, tropical with dry and rainy seasons; natural **resources** include tin, rubber and farming land; natural **hazards** are droughts and rising sea levels

## Learning years

9 years

## Common jobs and industries

making electronics, food and car parts

## Life expectancy

75 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people; safe water for washing 85/100 people

## Cultural facts

soccer and futsal are the most popular sports; muay Thai (boxing to traditional music) is the national sport; Songkran (Thai New Year) marks the end of the dry season

## An example partnership goal

Thailand and Australia are working together to build trade between the countries.

## Other

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# Timor-Leste



## Country

Timor-Leste, Dili (capital)

## Location

country in Southeast Asia; northwest of Australia

## Population

around 1.5 million; most people live in or around Dili

## Geography

the country takes up the eastern half of the island of Timor; lots of mountains; **climate** is tropical, hot, humid, with rainy and dry seasons; temperatures between 22°C and 31°C; natural **resources** include gold, petroleum and natural gas; natural **hazards** are floods, landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis and tropical cyclones; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

6 years

## Common jobs and industries

making handicrafts and soap; printing and weaving

## Life expectancy

68 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 87/100 people

## Cultural facts

mix of cultures; many people go to (Christian) church; popular sports include horseracing, cycling and weightlifting

## An example partnership goal

Timor-Leste and Australia are working together to create better access to water and sanitation for more people.

## Other

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# Tokelau



## Country

Tokelau, Atafu (largest city; no official capital city)

## Location

Pacific Island country; halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii

## Population

around 2,500

## Geography

very small country made up of three low-lying atolls (ring-shaped islands); **climate** is tropical; natural **resources** are coconuts; **hazards** are cyclones and rising sea levels

## Learning years

there are three schools in Tokelau; many students go to New Zealand for later schooling

## Common jobs and industries

farming (for example, coconuts, papayas and figs); many people work in New Zealand or Australia and send money home

## Life expectancy

78 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people

## Cultural facts

extended family groups (kinship) are important; many people go to (Christian) church; table tennis and netball are popular

## An example partnership goal

Australia is helping Tokelau build a skilled workforce by providing opportunities for education.

## Other

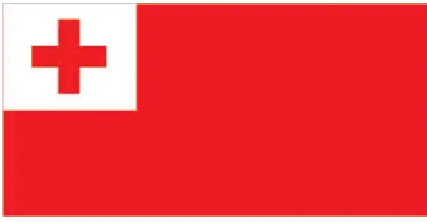
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# Tonga



## Country

Tonga, Nuku'alofa (capital)

## Location

Pacific Island country; east of Australia, southeast of Fiji, northeast of New Zealand – Aotearoa

## Population

around 100,000; most live on the main island of Tongatapu

## Geography

chain of 170 mostly flat islands; **climate** is tropical with a warm season and a cool season; natural **resources** include bananas, coconuts and coffee beans; natural **hazards** are volcanoes and cyclones; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

7 years; many people go on to get higher university degrees like PhDs

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism, fishing and farming (for example, coconuts, pumpkin and sweet potatoes); some people work in New Zealand or Australia and send money home

## Life expectancy

73 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people; safe water for washing 79/100 people

## Cultural facts

many people go to (Christian) church; *anga fakatonga* (the traditional Tongan way) is important; rugby is the national sport

## An example partnership goal

Tonga and Australia are working together to rebuild buildings that were damaged in a volcano eruption and a tsunami.

## Other

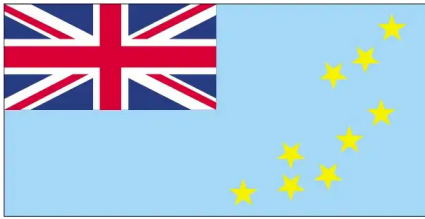
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# Tuvalu



## Country

Tuvalu, Funafuti (capital)

## Location

about halfway between Australia and Hawaii

## Population

around 12,000; over half live on Funafuti

## Geography

nine coral islands in a chain over 676 km long; islands are low, flat and narrow; no rivers; **climate** is tropical, hot and humid with high rainfall; windy; daily temperatures around 32°C; natural **resources** include fish, bananas and coconut; natural **hazards** are rising sea levels and cyclones

## Learning years

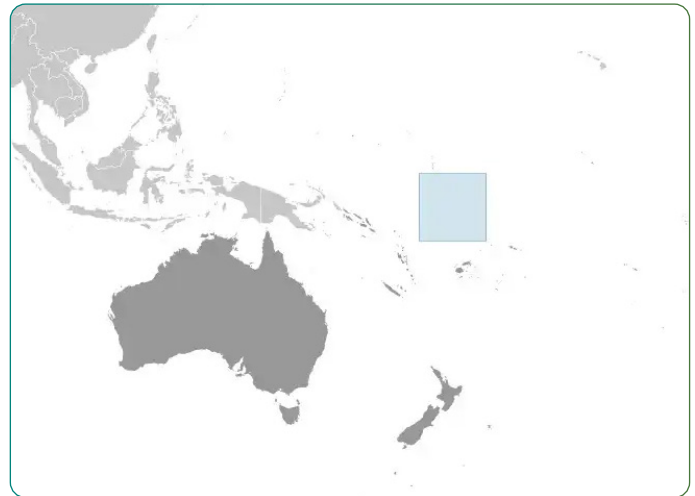
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## Common jobs and industries

fishing; many people work in New Zealand or Australia and send money home

## Life expectancy

67 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 99/100 people; safe water for washing 70/100 people

## Cultural facts

traditional community system is still in place; each family has its own task (*salanga*) to perform for the community, such as fishing, house building or defence; traditional sport played is *kilikiti*, which is like cricket; soccer and volleyball are also popular

## An example partnership goal

Tuvalu and Australia are working together to make sure Tuvaluans can stay and thrive in their homeland.

## Other

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# Vanuatu



## Country

Vanuatu, Port Vila (capital)

## Location

Pacific Island country; northeast of Australia; one-quarter of the way to Hawaii

## Population

around 320,000; most people live in rural areas (not in a city)

## Geography

chain of 83 small islands, people live on 65 of them; mostly steep mountains and flat land near the coast; **climate** is tropical; daily temperatures between 20°C and 32°C; natural **resources** include forests and fish; natural **hazards** are cyclones, earthquakes and volcanoes; part of the Ring of Fire volcano belt

## Learning years

6 years

## Common jobs and industries

mainly farming (for example, copra and beef); fishing; working in tourism

## Life expectancy

66 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 91/100 people; safe water for washing 76/100 people

## Cultural facts

three major cultural regions (north, middle and south); *kastom singsing* (traditional music) is important; cricket is the most popular sport; many people go to (Christian) church

## An example partnership goal

Vanuatu and Australia are working together to rebuild climate-safe health and education facilities.

## Other

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# Vietnam



## Country

Vietnam, Hanoi (capital)

## Location

Asian country; borders the Gulf of Thailand, Gulf of Tonkin and South China Sea, as well as China, Laos and Cambodia

## Population

around 105 million

## Geography

low and flat in south; highlands (mountains) in far north; **climate** is tropical with rainy and dry seasons; natural **resources** are minerals, timber and good farming land; natural **hazards** are typhoons and flooding

## Learning years

11 years

## Common jobs and industries

working in tourism; making things (manufacturing) such as clothing

## Life expectancy

76 years



## Water facts

safe drinking water 98/100; safe water for washing 89/100 people

## Cultural facts

many traditions and customs are from the Kinh groups of people; family belonging (kinship) is important; soccer is the most popular sport; martial arts are also popular

## An example partnership goal

Vietnam and Australia are working together to produce rice in environmentally smart ways.

## Other

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