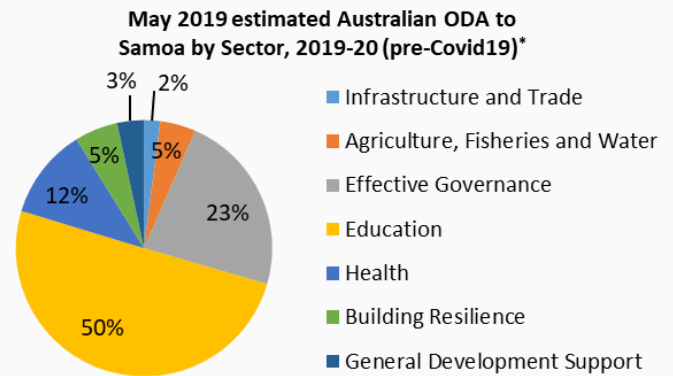




2019-20 SAMOA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Program Budget	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Bilateral	23.6
Regional	5.1
Global	1.6
Other Government Departments	1.7
Total Australian ODA to Samoa	32.0

*Actual expenditure is expected to be available in December 2020



* Due to rounding the total percentage may not add up to 100 per cent

COVID-19 Development Response

- The Australian Government’s \$10.5 million COVID-19 Support Package has contributed to health security and economic stability in Samoa.
- Australia supported Samoa to strengthen health security through providing personal protective equipment and training, establishing a testing capability with a GeneXpert machine and 440 cartridges, strengthening disease surveillance and contact tracing with in-line advisers, and maintaining essential health services with funding to Ministry of Health.
- Australia supported Samoa to maintain delivery of essential services, including remote teaching and learning, sign language translation for the Prime Minister’s regular updates on COVID-19, and support to vulnerable people.
- Australia has supported Samoa to cushion the economic impacts of COVID-19 through budget support to enhance Samoa’s fiscal resilience and stimulate economic recovery, and technical assistance and advice to support national policy makers to mitigate broader economic impacts.

Other program highlights

- Between October 2019 and January 2020, Samoa experienced the worst measles outbreak in its history. Australia supported Samoa’s response, including deploying an Australian Medical Assistance Team (AUSMAT) to work

alongside Samoan health personnel. AUSMAT supported the mass immunisation campaign and recovery planning. A public health physician and paediatrician helped Samoa manage follow-up care for children with ongoing health needs.

- Samoa implemented a number of major reforms through the Joint Policy Action Matrix budget support program, including in fiscal planning, financial management and the introduction of a system to improve compliance with Value Added Goods and Services Tax obligations.
- Australia supported the construction of critical infrastructure, including the Lotosamasoni and Maliolio bridges, providing access to markets and essential services.
- Australian-supported partners provided almost 22,500 instances of sexual and reproductive health services.
- Australia helped the National Pharmaceutical Warehouse improve efficiencies in tracking and managing stocks of medicines and supplies.
- Australia worked with Samoa to prepare teacher development and school management policies and strengthen partnerships for inclusive education.
- 35 Samoan students, including 23 women, successfully completed programs from tertiary institutions in Australia through the Australia Awards program.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2019-20 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

TITLE OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK INDICATOR/BENCHMARK	BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AGAINST INDICATOR/BENCHMARK
Objective 1 ENABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH	1.1 Improved economic infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mali'oli'o Bridge constructed (expected December 2019), plus modular bridge(s) installed at sites vulnerable to flooding. 	Maliolio Bridge completed in May 2020 and Lotosamasoni Modular Bridge completed November 2019. Two other modular bridges underway through World Bank Enhanced Roads Access Project.
	1.2 Economic reform for growth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). • Disaster Risk Finance strategy approved. 	DFAT has engaged a cyber-security firm to help Samoa establish a CERT by end 2020. Disaster Risk Financing Strategy deferred to December 2021 due to other priorities.
	1.3 Economic opportunities for women and people with disabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50 people with disabilities supported to establish businesses. • Minimum 20 women trained/mentored for public/private management roles. 	12 persons with disabilities received business training and start-up support. 16 men/ 9 women provided business internships (only 2 completed due to COVID-19). 143 women completed training program for directors delivered by the Samoa Institute of Directors.
Objective 2 PROGRESS HEALTH AND EDUCATION OUTCOMES	2.1 Improved quality of the health system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 per cent increase in Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services provided through Samoa Family Health Association (SFHA) static clinics. • 2 per cent increase in Sexual and Reproductive Health Services provided through SFHA quality assured outreach. • Procure Inventory Logistics Management System for the Pharmacy Warehouse. 	Target of 5 per cent increase in SRH services through static clinics not achieved due to measles and COVID-19 emergencies. 57 per cent increase in SRH Services through outreach, achieved through partnership with Ministry of Health to provide SRH services during mass measles immunisation outreach. Commenced implementation of Pharmaceutical Inventory Management System (mSupply), including installation and training for Ministry of Health.
	2.2 Improved quality of the education system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete design of Education Sector Support Program (jointly with NZ). • Pilot vocational secondary school model commenced. 	Investment design approved 30 April 2020. Joint Funding Arrangement (Samoa, New Zealand, Australia) signed 16 June 2020. The vocational secondary school pilot was delayed to 2020-21 due to the measles outbreak and COVID-19 pandemic.
	2.3 Reduce violence against women/girls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender design finalised in consultation with relevant agencies. 	Consultations in November 2019 to identify potential areas of support. We expect the design will be finalised before end of 2020-21.
Objective 3 STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE	3.1 Strengthened public sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on Procurement manual. • Mutually agreed JPAM triggers achieved for 2019 -20. 	More than 20 public procurement trainers trained in Sep 2019. DFAT funding disbursement on 29 May 2020 triggered by progress on policy reforms.
	3.2 Increasing leadership opportunities for women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership training provided to women in village councils and private sector. 	132 women/7 men trained as trainers for the Village Leadership Development Initiative, covering 12 districts (or 40 villages) across Upolu and Savaii.

ANNEX A: PROGRAM QUALITY

Investment Monitoring Report ratings

Investment name	Approved budget and duration	Year on year	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Gender equality
Samoa Education Sector Support Program	\$17.3m 2011-21	2019 AQC	4	4	3
		2020 AQC	4	3	5
Samoa Parliament Complex Redevelopment	\$13.2m 2012-22	2019 AQC	5	4	4
		2020 AQC	5	4	3
Samoa Economic Infrastructure Program	\$18.7m 2012-21	2019 AQC	4	4	4
		2020 AQC	4	4	3
Samoa Health Program	\$9.3m 2013-22	2019 AQC	3	4	5
		2020 AQC	3	4	4
Women in Leadership in Samoa	\$3.0m 2018-22	2019 AQC	4	4	5
		2020 AQC	4	3	4
Samoa Fiscal Resilience Program	\$6.0m 2018-21	2019 AQC	n/a	n/a	n/a
		2020 AQC	5	5	3
Samoa Governance Support Program	\$9.5m 2018-22	2019 AQC	4	5	5
		2020 AQC	4	4	3
Samoa Disability Support Program	\$4.3m 2019-23	2019 AQC	n/a	n/a	n/a
		2020 AQC	4	4	3

Final Investment Monitoring Report ratings

Investment name	Approved budget and duration	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Gender equality	Relevance	Monitoring and Evaluation	Sustainability
Samoa Women Shaping Development	\$3.1m 2013-2021	2	2	2	4	2	3

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.