



# PARTNERSHIPS FOR RECOVERY

## AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

### \$4 BILLION

Through the *Partnerships for Recovery* strategy, Australia has pivoted its development program to support a regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Strategy underpins our vision of a stable, prosperous and resilient Indo-Pacific in the wake of COVID-19.

COVID-19 poses profound challenges to the Indo-Pacific region, with direct impacts on Australian interests. An additional 533 million people worldwide risk falling into poverty in 2020.

Our efforts are focused particularly on the Pacific, Timor-Leste and Southeast Asia. We are also contributing to global response and recovery efforts. Our priority action areas are health security, stability and economic recovery and protecting the most vulnerable, including women and girls.

*Partnerships for Recovery* draws on all aspects of Australia's global contribution, including diplomatic, economic and security capabilities, as well as the strengths of Australia's private sector and the deep people-to-people links we have with the countries of our region.

Priorities for Australian assistance will be detailed in forthcoming COVID-19 Development Response Plans. These Plans will span two years, in alignment with *Partnerships for Recovery*.

#### AREAS OF FOCUS

##### HEALTH SECURITY



COVID-19 has revealed critical gaps in global health security. These need to be addressed in order to respond to COVID-19 and ensure the world is better able to manage future disease outbreaks. Australia's health security is directly linked to that of our region. Key elements of Australia's response include efforts to secure quick and equitable access to an effective vaccine, the provision of personal protective equipment and other critical health supplies to partner governments, and broader health system strengthening.

##### GAVI-COVAX FACILITY ADVANCE MARKET COMMITMENT

**\$80m**

to improve access to safe, effective and affordable COVID-19 vaccines for the Pacific, Timor-Leste and Southeast Asia.

##### STABILITY



A prolonged downturn could lead to regional instability, with serious impacts on Australia.

We will assist governments to maintain the delivery of basic services, while also designing and implementing effective economic and social policy responses to the pandemic. We are supporting countries to maintain healthy and educated populations and responding to humanitarian needs, including those resulting from natural disasters.

##### HUMANITARIAN REFUGEES AND COVID-19 RESPONSE

**\$475.7m**

2020–21

to respond to natural disasters in the Pacific, emerging COVID-19 priorities and protracted crises such as the displaced Rohingya and other conflict-affected people in Bangladesh and Myanmar.

##### ECONOMIC RECOVERY



A shared regional and global recovery to COVID-19 will be critical to Australia's future prosperity.

Australia will support countries with their economic response and recovery efforts, including investing in critical job creating infrastructure and providing advice on economic stimulus and support measures. We will assist countries to build back better, including in climate resilient ways. We will maintain our strong support for free and open trade, which will be critical to a shared recovery.

##### AUSTRALIA PACIFIC TRAINING COALITION

**\$38.8m**

2020–21

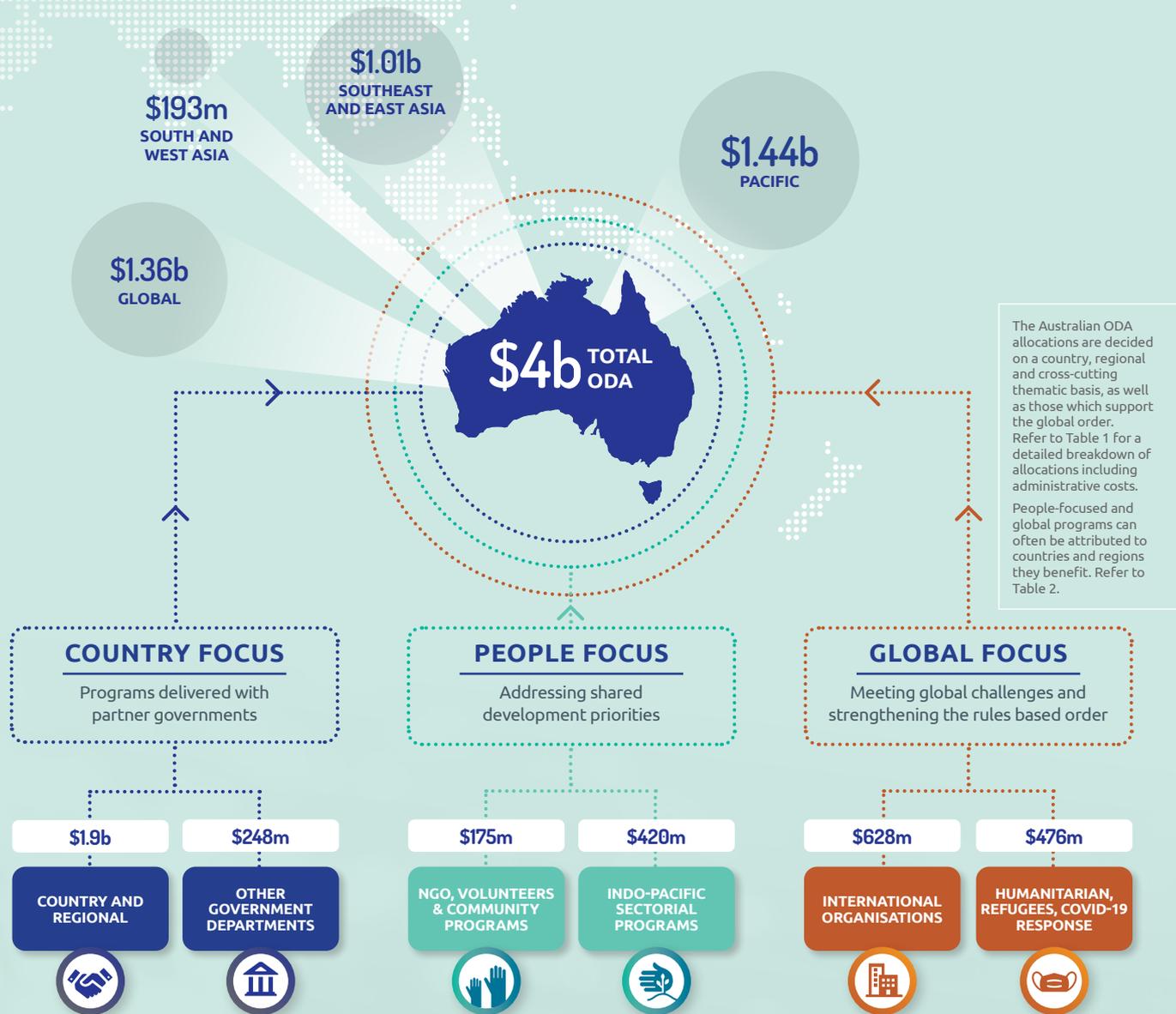
will support skills development and work readiness of Pacific Islanders to meet the emerging needs of Pacific and Australian employers, with a new focus on workers that have lost jobs due to the pandemic.

#### We maintain our focus on protecting the most vulnerable, including women and girls, through every program.

A dedicated \$65 million will catalyse gender equality initiatives in 2020–21, and will complement an estimated \$1.3 billion, including country specific support, contributing to gender equality.

This will include continued support for first responders assisting Pacific women and their children who are experiencing violence; and for women's small and medium enterprises in Southeast Asia to manage the impact of the pandemic and contribute to the resilience of local economies.

# 2020–21 AT A GLANCE



## PACIFIC

Australia's COVID-19 response is building on our Pacific Step-up, which is helping to support economies, build resilience and enhance regional stability. We will support the delivery of critical health and education services, budget support and job creation, including through skills training and the delivery of transformational and climate resilient infrastructure.

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

Southeast Asia is vital to Australia. We have common interests in building a region that is stable, prosperous and resilient. We will assist to fill gaps in health systems, support governments to design economic response measures and contribute to efforts to maintain stability.

## GLOBAL RESPONSE

Australia will contribute to global response and recovery efforts, including an effective global health response through partners such as the World Health Organization and GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance. Our global investments support our interests in a rules-based order.

### COVID-19

A **\$304.7m COVID-19 Response Package**—support to the Pacific and Timor-Leste will deliver critical, temporary, economic support, targeting the Pacific and Timor-Leste to address the costs of the pandemic. This **COVID-19 supplementary funding** is for two years and separate from Australia's \$4 billion ODA program.

A **\$60m ASEAN package of initiatives** covering health security with a contribution to ASEAN's COVID-19 response fund, economic integration and digital connectivity and support for the most vulnerable.

Up to **\$300m to the World Bank and Asian Development Bank** which are playing a major role in assisting countries to manage the impacts of COVID-19. For every dollar we contribute the Pacific can receive up to seven times that amount.

**Table 1: Australian ODA allocations by country, regional and global programs**  
2019–20 and 2020–21 Budget Estimate

	2019–20 Budget Estimate \$m	2020–21 Budget Estimate \$m		2019–20 Budget Estimate \$m	2020–21 Budget Estimate \$m
Papua New Guinea <sup>1</sup>	512.3	491.1	Global Humanitarian Partnerships total	133.5	106.0
Solomon Islands <sup>1</sup>	122.3	103.1	<i>International Committee of the Red Cross</i>	27.5	20.0
Vanuatu	41.9	46.0	<i>United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund</i>	11.0	11.0
Fiji	35.0	40.0	<i>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i>	25.0	25.0
Samoa	23.6	27.0	<i>United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs</i>	10.0	10.0
Nauru	21.2	25.5	<i>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East</i>	20.0	10.0
Kiribati	20.2	24.2	<i>World Food Programme</i>	40.0	30.0
Tonga	17.6	20.1	Humanitarian Emergency and COVID-19 Response Fund	150.0	200.0
Tuvalu	6.6	8.4	Protracted Crises and Strengthening Humanitarian Action	115.5	117.7
Cook Islands <sup>2</sup>	1.9	0.0	Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness and Response	51.0	52.0
Niue and Tokelau	1.8	1.8	<b>Humanitarian, Refugees and COVID-19 Response</b>	<b>450.0</b>	<b>475.7</b>
North Pacific	5.0	5.0	United Nations Children's Fund	21.0	21.0
Pacific Regional	231.5	274.7	United Nations Development Programme	12.7	12.7
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>1,041.0</b>	<b>1,066.9</b>	World Health Organisation	12.4	12.4
Indonesia	255.7	255.7	United Nations Population Fund	9.2	9.2
Timor-Leste	73.0	73.0	UN Women	7.8	7.8
The Philippines	63.7	63.4	United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS	4.5	4.5
Vietnam	58.4	57.2	Commonwealth Organisations	7.2	6.4
Cambodia	43.4	43.4	Contributions to Global Health Programs <sup>6</sup>	128.4	91.2
Myanmar	42.1	42.1	Contributions to Global Education Partnerships	30.0	35.0
Laos	20.6	20.6	Other ODA eligible contributions	54.9	65.3
Mongolia	5.9	5.6	<b>UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organisations</b>	<b>288.1</b>	<b>265.5</b>
ASEAN and Mekong	33.7	38.4	Global NGO Programs	138.6	138.6
Southeast and East Asia Regional	14.6	26.4	Australian Volunteers Program	40.0	26.0
<b>Southeast and East Asia</b>	<b>611.1</b>	<b>625.7</b>	Community Engagement and International Research	13.4	10.5
Afghanistan <sup>3</sup>	80.0	52.5	<b>NGO, Volunteer and Community Programs</b>	<b>191.9</b>	<b>175.1</b>
Bangladesh	38.5	30.8	<b>Cash Payments to Multilaterals</b>	<b>234.6</b>	<b>362.6</b>
Sri Lanka	19.9	16.0	<b>Global Programs</b>	<b>1,164.7</b>	<b>1,278.9</b>
Pakistan <sup>4</sup>	19.0	0.0	<b>Departmental (ODA)</b>	<b>259.0</b>	<b>262.9</b>
Nepal	9.1	9.1	<b>Other Government Departments<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>444.1</b>	<b>247.9</b>
Bhutan	2.1	2.1	Adjustments	-100.3	-60.0
Maldives	1.8	1.8	<b>Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>4,044.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>
South and West Asia Regional	14.8	13.8			
<b>South and West Asia</b>	<b>185.2</b>	<b>126.1</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa	31.8	15.0			
The Middle East and North Africa	20.5	17.1			
<b>The Middle East and Africa</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>32.1</b>			
<b>Gender Equality Initiatives</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>65.0</b>			
Health, Water and Sanitation	102.4	168.2			
Regional Scholarships and Education	84.8	66.6			
Infrastructure and Rural Development	46.0	26.0			
Innovation Fund	11.1	6.0			
Climate partnerships <sup>5</sup>	25.7	20.0			
Other Sectoral Programs	62.1	67.8			
<b>Indo-Pacific Sectoral Programs</b>	<b>332.0</b>	<b>354.5</b>			
<b>Country and Regional Programs</b>	<b>2,276.5</b>	<b>2,270.3</b>			

Due to rounding, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

- In 2019–20, the Coral Sea Cable System to PNG and Solomon Islands was complete, and Australia's funding to support its construction ended.
- The OECD graduated the Cook Islands to the category of High Income Country, ending eligibility for Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) from 1 January 2020. Australia will continue to provide non-ODA funding to Cook Islands of \$2 million in 2020–21.
- Australia's \$80 million per annum pledge at the 2016 Brussels Conference on Afghanistan ceased in 2020.
- Australia will continue to assist Pakistan through a consolidated and targeted assistance program, delivered through its regional and humanitarian programs.
- In 2019–20, funding for Climate Partnerships was included in Other Sectoral Programs.
- In 2019–20, the global health allocations included a larger than usual payment to the Global Fund, aligning with its multi-year replenishment schedule. Australia is increasing its overall support for global and regional health programs, including through a substantial increase in Health, Water and Sanitation sectoral programs in 2020–21.
- Australia's contribution to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, delivered through Treasury, was completed in 2019–20.

**Table 2: Australian ODA by country and region of benefit**  
2019–20 and 2020–21 Budget Estimate

	2019–20 Budget Estimate \$m	2020–21 Budget Estimate \$m
Papua New Guinea	607.5	596.0
Solomon Islands	174.4	156.8
Vanuatu	66.2	75.6
Fiji	58.8	65.6
Samoa	32.0	37.2
Tonga	26.6	35.1
Kiribati	27.3	30.5
Nauru	25.8	31.6
Tuvalu	9.3	13.4
Niue and Tokelau	4.8	3.7
Cook Islands <sup>1</sup>	3.7	0.0
North Pacific	8.4	10.6
Pacific Regional	336.4	384.5
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>1,381.4</b>	<b>1,440.6</b>
Indonesia	298.5	299.0
Timor-Leste	100.7	105.2
The Philippines	79.7	80.0
Vietnam	78.2	78.9
Cambodia	66.0	66.1
Myanmar	84.0	91.0
Laos	37.9	40.1
Mongolia	9.8	11.3
Southeast and East Asia Regional	251.0	238.3
<b>Southeast and East Asia<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,005.8</b>	<b>1,009.9</b>
Afghanistan	82.1	53.6
Bangladesh	70.1	55.7
Sri Lanka	27.1	25.0
Pakistan	32.2	11.0
Nepal	22.5	21.4
Bhutan	6.4	5.7
Maldives	2.6	2.5
South and West Asia Regional	23.4	18.6
<b>South and West Asia</b>	<b>266.2</b>	<b>193.4</b>
Sub-Saharan Africa	119.0	61.4
The Middle East and North Africa	80.9	31.6
<b>The Middle East and Africa</b>	<b>199.8</b>	<b>93.0</b>
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Core contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributable to particular countries or regions</b>	<b>1,187.4</b>	<b>1,260.6</b>
<b>Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>4,044.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>

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**Table 3: Australian ODA delivered by other government departments**  
2020–21 Budget Estimate

	Aid delivered directly from budget measure \$m	Aid delivered in partnership with DFAT \$m	Total ODA \$m
Agriculture, Water and the Environment	7.5	0.9	8.4
Attorney-General's Department	1.6	1.6	3.2
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	98.0	9.1	107.1
Australian Federal Police	54.2	7.6	61.9
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	0.0	5.7	5.7
Department of Home Affairs	2.5	8.1	10.5
Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business	11.0	0.0	11.0
Finance	0.6	0.2	0.7
Health	11.5	2.2	13.7
Treasury	59.7	1.3	61.0
Other	1.0	39.7	40.7
States and territories	0.4	1.6	1.9
<b>Total ODA delivered by other government departments</b>	<b>247.9</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>326.0</b>

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## Other information

Priorities for Australian assistance will be set out in forthcoming whole of government COVID-19 Development Response Plans. These plans will span two years and address agreed priorities through the relief and recovery phases to COVID-19.

Further information on program priorities can be found on the DFAT website.