



# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Development Cooperation fact sheet:  
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ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$607.5 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US2,530 (2018)
POPULATION	8.6 MILLION* (2018)

As our nearest neighbour, close regional partner and with strong people-to-people links, Australia has an enduring interest in a stable and prosperous PNG.

### Strategic direction

Australia is PNG's largest development partner, although our assistance only provides eight per cent of PNG's national budget. Australia's partnership has three strategic objectives: promoting **effective governance** (SDG16 and SDG17); enabling **economic growth** (SDG8); and enhancing **human development** (SDG3 and SDG4). **Gender equality** (SDG5) is a cross-cutting issue for all programs.

Our program draws on expertise from across the Australian Government and the private sector to achieve development outcomes for PNG. Our work contributes to PNG's progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

### Program highlights

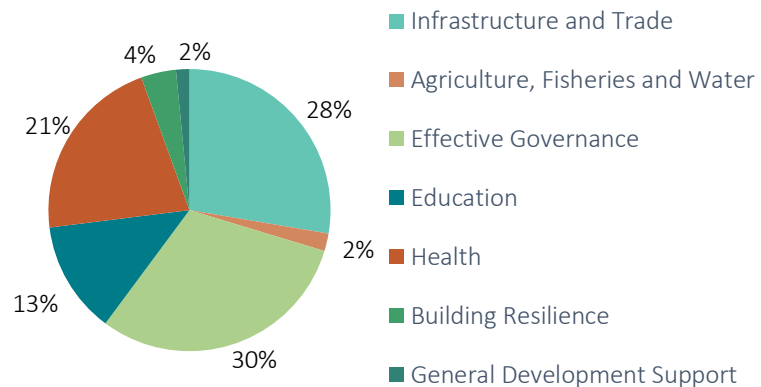
- Supported the maintenance and reconstruction of over 1,700 kilometres of roads in 2018.
- Continued construction of the Coral Sea Cable to dramatically boost internet speeds in PNG to enhance economic growth. The project is on track for completion early in 2020.
- Helped vaccinate over 3.3 million children for polio, interrupting the spread of the disease.
- Helped build 23 fully equipped community health posts in rural and remote areas.



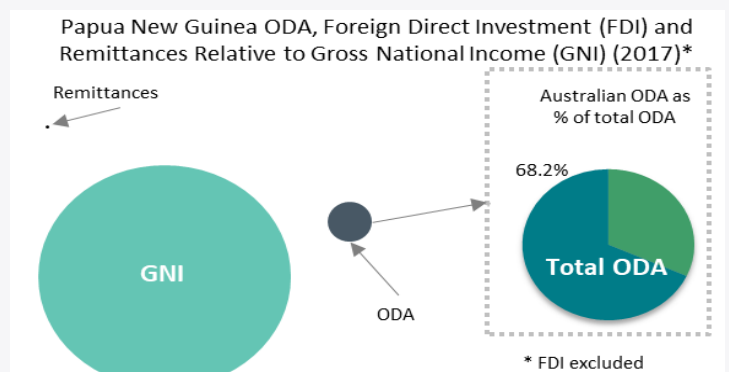
Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)*	2018-19 Actual (\$m)*	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Country Programs	470.0	504.9	512.3
Regional	25.9	47.7	49.7
Global	12.4	16.4	12.8
Other Government Departments	30.2	47.5	32.7
<b>Total Australian ODA to PNG</b>	<b>538.6</b>	<b>616.5</b>	<b>607.5</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>

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

### Australian ODA to Papua New Guinea, by Investment Priorities 2019-20



*\*'Health' and 'Effective governance' allocations include investments in infrastructure*



### For more details

- [Aid Investment Plan Papua New Guinea: 2015-16 to 2017-18 \(extended to 2018-19\)](#)
- [PNG-Australia Aid Partnership Arrangement 2016-17 \(extended to the Ministerial Forum in 2019\)](#)