



SOUTH AND WEST ASIA REGIONAL

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ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20 \$23.4 MILLION

Australia has a growing trade and economic partnership with South and West Asia. Our objective in the region is to promote stability and prosperity through sustainable resource management and economic growth.

The program takes a long-term approach with two inter-related objectives that support this goal:

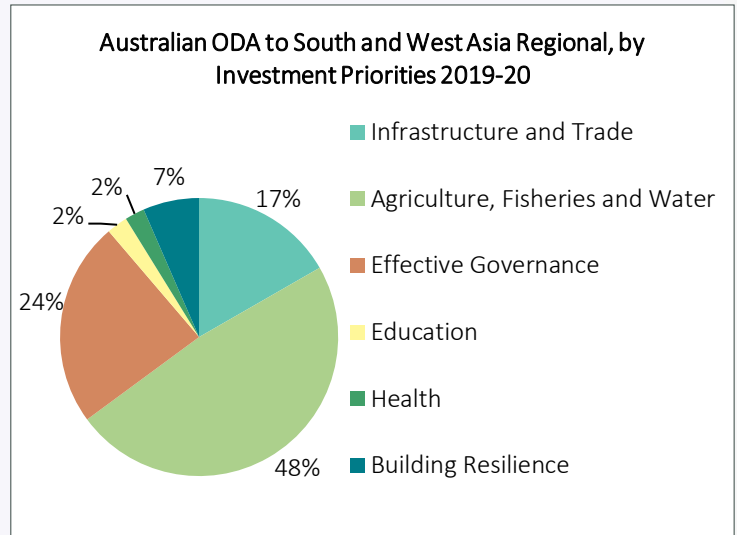
- increased water, food and energy security in South Asia to facilitate economic growth and improve the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable (particularly women and girls); and
- increased regional connectivity through trade facilitation and sustainable infrastructure.

Under these two objectives the program supports technical assistance, project preparation, analysis and research, advocacy and policy reform. Gender equality is a focus of all investments under the regional aid program.

Australia is also building the capability of regional institutions, including the Indian Ocean Rim Association, and promoting greater cooperation on maritime safety and security, women's economic empowerment and the "blue economy" of the Indian Ocean region.

Program highlights

- Women's Enterprises for Economic Impact (BEES Network) is helping to build the capacity of poor, small-scale producers, particularly women, to compete in selected value chains in local and regional markets in several South Asian countries.
- The Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio is supporting energy and water efficiency across South Asia in the textiles, cement, packaging and glass industries.



AUSTRALIAN ODA TO SOUTH AND WEST ASIA REGIONAL 2017-18 to 2019-20

	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Estimated Outcome	2019-20 Budget Estimate
<i>Program</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m
Country	-	-	-
Regional	24.4	16.3	14.6
Global	3.3	6.3	7.9
Other Government Departments	2.0	1.7	0.8
Total ODA to South and West Asia Regional	29.7	24.3	23.4
% of Total Australian ODA	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS