



Sport for development

Development cooperation fact sheet: February 2020

KEY FIGURES	2018-19	2019-20
ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA	\$6 million	\$6 million
COUNTRIES	9	6
PARTNERSHIPS WITH AUSTRALIAN/REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS	16	13
PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PARTICIPANTS	48%	TBC

Key program outputs - participation	2016-17 totals	2017-18 totals	2018-19 totals*
Pacific islanders engaged	641,920	812,320	490,777
% of female participants	46%	47%	48%
% of primary school-aged participants	81%	82%	84%
Number of participants with a disability	6,004	5,053	2,929
Number of PSP volunteers and staff	8,508	7,237	2,675

Australia's **sport for development** programs are expanding in 2020, building on more than a decade of investment in using sport to bring together communities and address social issues.

Strategic direction

Following the conclusion of the flagship **Pacific Sports Partnerships (PSP)** program at the end of June 2020, Australia will launch the **Australian Sports Partnerships Program (ASPP)**, a new Indo-Pacific sport for development program. In line with one of the four strategic priorities of *Sports Diplomacy 2030* - strengthening communities in the Indo-Pacific and beyond – the program's goal is for Australia Indo-Pacific sports partnerships to support all people to realise their full potential through sport. The program will focus on achieving the following development outcomes:

1. Sport programs attract and retain women and girls and people with a disability as well as boys and men;
2. Sport organisations are safe, inclusive and accessible;
3. Australia and its partners in the Indo-Pacific use sport to strengthen relationships and build closer collaborations.

Pacific Sports Partnerships program highlight:

The involvement of people with disabilities increased during 2018-19 in badminton, football, gymnastics, hockey, rugby league, swimming, table tennis and volleyball with participants reporting improved fitness and motor skills, contributing to a better quality of life.

*In line with recommendations made in the 2017 Independent Evaluation of PSP, DFAT undertook to rationalise the PSP portfolio in terms of countries and sports, in order to maximise program impact.

Sports 2019-20:

- AFL
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Pacific Countries 2018-22:

- Fiji
- Nauru
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Tonga
- Vanuatu

Asian Countries 2020-22:

- India
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



For more detail:

- [Sports Diplomacy 2030](#)
- [Australian sport for development independent evaluation 2017](#)