



# SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Development cooperation fact sheet: October 2019

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2019-20	\$119 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$1,507 (2018)
POPULATION	1.1 BILLION (2018) *

Australian development cooperation assists African people to achieve more equitable access to the benefits of economic growth and saves lives through appropriate and effective humanitarian action.

## Strategic direction

The bulk of Australia’s development cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa is directed to countries where we have strong national interests and are able to leverage results.

**Australia Awards** is our flagship program offering scholarships in support of good **governance** and capacity building in the **agriculture, extractives** and **public policy** sectors, where Australia has expertise and the greatest potential to make a difference. This work contributes towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Four objectives underpin Australia’s development cooperation program to Sub-Saharan Africa:

- contribute to African leadership and **human capacity development** in areas of critical skills shortages;
- enhance **agriculture’s** contribution to sustainable and inclusive economic growth and food security;
- respond appropriately to **humanitarian crises** through effective humanitarian partners and support advocacy for effective international humanitarian action; and
- empower women and girls and improve **gender** equality outcomes.

## Program highlights

- **Australia Awards–Africa** in 2019 supported 336 awards including 162 Masters scholarships and 174 short course awards.
- Women received 50 per cent of the Australia Awards-Africa Scholarships in 2019.
- Australia improved **agricultural productivity** by conducting research into food security and farming techniques that increased crop yields and benefited the livelihoods of African farmers (SDG2).
- In 2018, Australia’s **humanitarian assistance** to Africa reached over 634,000 vulnerable people

### For more details:

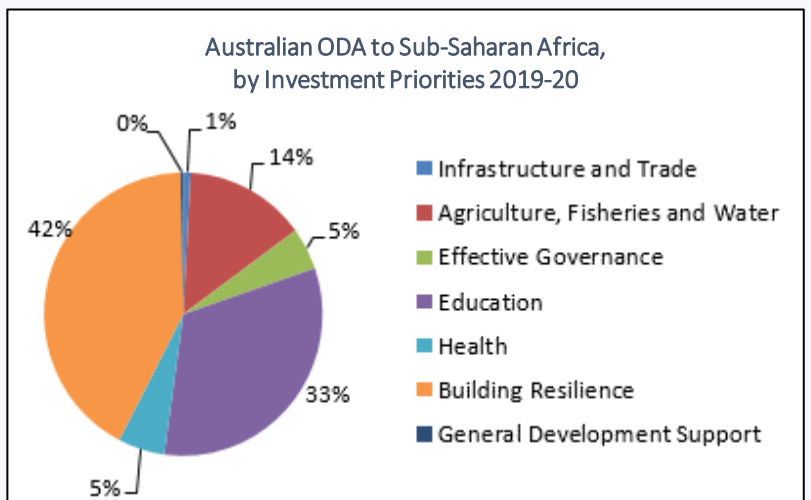
[Australia’s Aid Investment Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa 2015-19](#)

Australian ODA	2017-18 Actual (\$m)	2018-19 Estimated Outcome (\$m)	2019-20 Budget Estimated (\$m)
Country Programs	31.9	32.8	31.8
Regional	13.1	16.7	7.1
Global	90.9	66.6	72.4
DFAT & Other Government Departments	38.6	9.1	7.6
<b>Total ODA to Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>174.5</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>119.0</b>
<b>% of Total Australian ODA</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

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

In 2019-20, the **Australian NGO Cooperation Program** will fund Australian NGOs to work with local partners to deliver 77 projects in 22 African countries.

In 2018-19, Australia supported 98 **volunteer placements** in South Africa, Tanzania, Eswatini (Swaziland) and Lesotho.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

