



ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN ODA 2021-22*	\$51.0 MILLION
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA	US\$540 (2019) *
POPULATION	38.0M (2019) *

Australia has provided more than \$1.5 billion in ODA to Afghanistan since 2001. Important gains have been made, but decades of war mean Afghanistan faces ongoing development, security and financial challenges. It remains one of the most complex environments in which we undertake development cooperation.

Strategic direction

Australia’s development cooperation in Afghanistan is highly targeted and based on Australia’s interests and expertise. Noting that we are a relatively small development partner in Afghanistan’s multi-donor landscape we support global and multilateral relief and recovery efforts in response to the pandemic. Our contribution builds on Australia’s commitment to Afghanistan, alongside NATO and our allies, over the past 20 years. This approach aligns with the priorities set out in Partnerships for Recovery through:

- Pillar 1 – health security: supporting the international effort to reduce the effects of COVID-19 amongst Afghanistan’s most vulnerable.
- Pillar 2 – stability: contribute to peace and stability in Afghanistan focussing on participation of women.
- Pillar 3 – economic recovery: support recovery from COVID-19 through Afghanistan’s strategy for self-reliance.

Program highlights

- Australian support has helped improve the lives of 13.4 million Afghans, including over 150,000 women who accessed financial services, through community health and school facilities (SDG5).
- Since 2011, Australia has supported basic education for over 50,000 students (80 per cent girls) in some of the country’s most remote regions (SDG4). Including continued access to remote education throughout COVID-19 school shutdowns.
- Under our Regional Humanitarian Strategy 2018-2020, Australian support to the World Food Program distributed more than 12,000 metric tonnes of food and provided almost USD 1.5 million in cash or vouchers to Afghanistan’s most vulnerable communities (SDG2).

For more details:

[Afghanistan COVID-19 Development Response Plan](#)

ODA = Official Development Assistance
SDG = Sustainable Development Goals
*Data sourced from the World Bank

AFGHANISTAN

Development Cooperation Factsheet:
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AUSTRALIAN ODA TO AFGHANISTAN	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget Estimate	2021-22 Budget Estimate
Program	\$m	\$m	\$m
Country	74.3	52.5	50.0
Regional	0.9	0.1	1.0
Global	0.1	1.0	-
Other Government Departments	-	-	-
Total ODA to Afghanistan	75.3	53.6	51.0
% of Total Australian ODA	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%

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

