

# Fiji

## Australia's aid partnership with Fiji

In FY2026–27, [Australia will provide A\\$124.2 million in ODA to Fiji](#). Fiji is a central player in the Pacific, hosting key regional organisations like the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and serving as a transport and communications hub. Its stability and prosperity have direct implications for regional security, development, and Australia's broader Pacific engagement. Bilateral ties are strong, formalised through the [Vuvale Partnership](#) (vuvale means "family" in iTaukei), which underpins cooperation on economic, security, climate, and people-to-people links. Fiji has a population of approximately 900,000 and a [Gross National Income Per Capita of US\\$5,820 \(2024\)](#).

## Development challenges

Despite its upper middle-income status and relatively high [human development ranking \(111/193\)](#), [Fiji faces persistent development challenges](#):

- High poverty rates in rural and outer island communities
- Significant non-communicable disease (NCD) burden (such as diabetes and heart disease)
- Ongoing gender inequality and high rates of gender-based violence
- Climate change impacts: cyclones, sea-level rise, water security, coastal erosion
- Education quality and alignment with labour market needs

## Priority sectors

[Australian ODA to Fiji by Sector Group, 2026-27 budget estimate](#):

- Governance (25%)
- Humanitarian (8%)
- Multisector and General Development Support (8%)
- Education (19%)
- Health (26%)
- Agriculture, Trade and other Production Sectors (9%)
- Economic Infrastructure and Services (5%)

## Project Spotlights

### 1. [Mobile Eye Clinic](#)

**Delivered by:** [Fred Hollows Foundation](#)

**Objective:** to address avoidable blindness and train local specialists.

### 2. [Disaster READY Fiji](#)

**Delivered by:** Plan International Australia, Caritas Australia/CAN DO, Oxfam Australia and CARE Australia in partnership with Live and Learn

**Objective:** to support local partners in Fiji to increase their capacity for disaster preparedness and response.

## Sources

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- [Development Cooperation Factsheet with Fiji \(DFAT 2026\)](#)
- [Human Development Insights \(United Nations Development Programme 2025\)](#)
- [Lowy Institute Pacific Aid Map Fiji](#)
- [Fred Hollows Foundation in Fiji](#)
- [Disaster READY Fiji](#)