

Myanmar

Australia's aid partnership with Myanmar

Australia will provide [A\\$123.6 million in total ODA to Myanmar in 2026-27](#). As a longstanding partner in Southeast Asia, Australia has pivoted its assistance following the 2021 military takeover to meet the needs of Myanmar's most vulnerable people. The relationship focused in 2025 on humanitarian response, with Australia providing initial [earthquake assistance of A\\$2 million](#) through the International Committee of the Red Cross to support those affected by the devastating March 2025 earthquake. Myanmar has a population of approximately 54.5 million and a [Gross National Income Per Capita of US\\$1,210 \(2024\)](#).

Development challenges

Myanmar ranks [150 out of 193 on the Human Development Index](#), with some of its most significant development challenges including:

- An internally displaced population in the millions
- Widespread destruction of infrastructure
- Conflict-related sexual violence and human rights abuses
- Extreme vulnerability to disasters
- Restricted access to healthcare, education and employment

Priority sectors

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

- Humanitarian (56%)
- Education (14%)
- Governance (13%)
- Health (8%)
- Agriculture, Trade and other Production Sectors (6%)
- Multisector and General Development Support (2%)
- Economic Infrastructure and Services (1%)

Project spotlights

1. [Healthy Minds Healthy Futures](#)

Delivered by: Burnet Institute Australia

Objective: to improve mental health and wellbeing of young people in Myanmar.

2. [Child Education and Empowerment](#)

Delivered by: ChildFund Australia

Objective: to improve community health and reduce inequality by providing children with critical life skills.

Sources

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