

Cambodia

Australia's aid partnership with Cambodia

Australia will provide [A\\$94.4 million in ODA to Cambodia in 2026-27](#). As close neighbours and longstanding partners, Australia has supported Cambodia's development since assisting with the peace process in the early 1990s, providing over [A\\$2 billion in aid to date](#). The partnership aims to support Cambodia's goal of becoming a more prosperous, resilient, and inclusive middle-income nation, aligning with its [Pentagonal Strategy](#) and vision to achieve upper middle-income status by 2030. Cambodia has a population of approximately 17.4 million and a [Gross National Income Per Capita of US\\$2,550 \(2024\)](#).

Development challenges

Cambodia, [ranking 151 out of 193 on the Human Development Index](#), faces several key development challenges that Australian aid seeks to address:

- Lack of economic diversification
- Gender equality, disability and social inclusion
- High vulnerability to climate disasters
- Childhood malnutrition
- Limited high-quality training for teachers

Priority sectors

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

- Agriculture, Trade and other Production Sectors (28%)
- Governance (22%)
- Education (20%)
- Economic Infrastructure and Services (17%)
- Health (6%)
- Multisector and General Development Support (6%)
- Humanitarian (2%)

Project spotlights

1. [Upholding Community with Dignity Together](#)

Delivered by: Caritas Australia

Objective: to improve the well-being and resilience of people most vulnerable to poverty through sustainable access to food, income and basic services including WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene).

2. [Transform Education Program](#)

Delivered by: SeeBeyondBorders

Objective: to improve the quality of teaching and the use of educational technology in schools within Battambang and Siem Reap provinces, enhancing education outcomes for students

Sources

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- [Australia – Cambodia Development Partnership Plan 2025–2029 \(DFAT 2025\)](#)
- [Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2024 Edition Cambodia](#)
- [Gross National Income per Capita, Atlas Method \(Asian Development Bank 2024\)](#)
- [Human Development Insights \(United Nations Development Programme 2025\)](#)
- [Celebrating 50 years of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program \(Australian Embassy Cambodia 2024\)](#)
- [Caritas Australia's Upholding Community with Dignity Together](#)
- [SeeBeyondBorders' Transform Education Program](#)