

Solomon Islands

Australia's aid partnership with Solomon Islands

Australia will provide [A\\$170.9 million in ODA to Solomon Islands in 2026–27](#), representing the country's largest bilateral development partner. This assistance aligns with Solomon Islands' development priorities, emphasising infrastructure, governance, health, and economic resilience in a nation of approximately 819,000 people scattered across 900 islands. Solomon Islands has a [Gross National Income Per Capita of US\\$1,910 \(2024\)](#).

Development challenges

Solomon Islands faces interconnected development challenges, [ranking 156 out of 193 on the Human Development Index](#):

- High vulnerability to climate hazards
- [A “precarious” economy](#) with high unemployment
- Limited regional infrastructure and access to critical services
- One of the highest rates of gender-based violence in the world
- High rates of non-communicable diseases

Priority sectors

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

- Economic Infrastructure and Services (35%)
- Governance (27%)
- Agriculture, Trade and other Production Sectors (8%)
- Education (13%)
- Multisector and General Development Support (7%)
- Health (6%)
- Humanitarian (5%)

Project spotlights

1. [School Safety and Water Access](#)

Delivered by: Save the Children Australia

Objective: to install water tanks, facilitate disaster drills, and provide teacher training across 12 schools.

2. [Disaster READY Solomon Islands](#)

Delivered by: Live and Learn Environmental Education (via Australian Humanitarian Partnership)

Objective: to strengthen disability-inclusive disaster preparedness by integrating human rights education with environmental resilience.

Sources

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- [Disaster READY Solomon Islands](#)