

Kenya

Australia's aid partnership with Kenya

Australia has budgeted [A\\$91.6 million in ODA to countries in Sub-Saharan Africa for 2026-27](#). A trusted regional hub for trade, peace-keeping and humanitarian logistics, Kenya is central to Australia's Africa engagement on food security, health and climate resilience. Kenya has a population of approximately [57.5 million](#) and a [Gross Domestic Product per capita of about US\\$2,362](#) (2025).

Development challenges

Kenya ranks [143 out of 193 on the Human Development Index](#), with compounding challenges including:

- Recurrent droughts, floods and food insecurity
- High rates of malnutrition and preventable disease
- Gender inequality and widespread youth unemployment
- Low private sector investment
- Digital divide exacerbating inequality
- Increasing anti-government protests and deepening political crisis

Priority sectors

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

- Agriculture, Trade and other Production Sectors (18%)
- Humanitarian (18%)
- Governance (13%)
- Education (17%)
- Health (19%)
- Multisector and General Development Support (14%)
- Economic Infrastructure and Services (2%)

Project spotlights

1. [Eliminating avoidable blindness in Kenya](#)

Delivered by: Fred Hollows Foundation

Objective: integrating eye health into the national and county health systems to build an entire system that can operate sustainably.

2. [Inclusion of children with disability in Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration \(FMNR\) Implementation](#)

Delivered by: World Vision

Objective: to improve the independence, education and health of children with disability in Kenya.

Sources

- [Australia's Official Development Assistance Budget Summary 2026-27 \(DFAT 2026\)](#)
- [Sub-Saharan Africa Development Cooperation Factsheet \(DFAT 2026\)](#)
- [Kenya overview \(World Bank 2026\)](#)
- [Human Development Insights \(UNDP 2026\)](#)
- [Eliminating avoidable blindness in Kenya \(Fred Hollows Foundation 2025\)](#)
- [Inclusion of children with disability in Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration \(FMNR\) Implementation \(World Vision 2024\)](#)