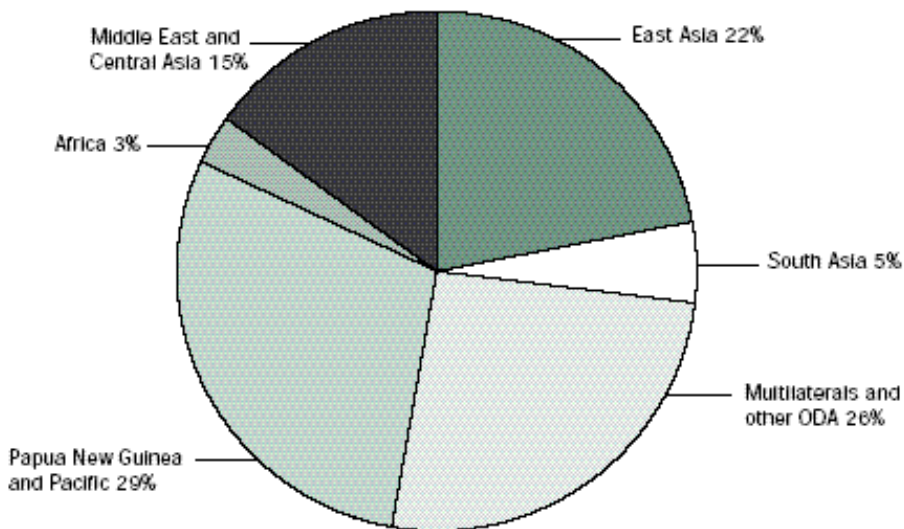


AID: Where does Australian government aid go?

The Australian Government's overseas aid program is administered by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). In 2005-06, Australian Government aid distributed funds to developing nations in the following regions:

Aid by Region

FIGURE 4: ESTIMATED TOTAL AUSTRALIAN ODA 2005-06



Source: AusAID 2005-6 Annual Report

For you to do

1. What region of the world receives the largest percentage of Australian government aid? Suggest a reason why this is the case.

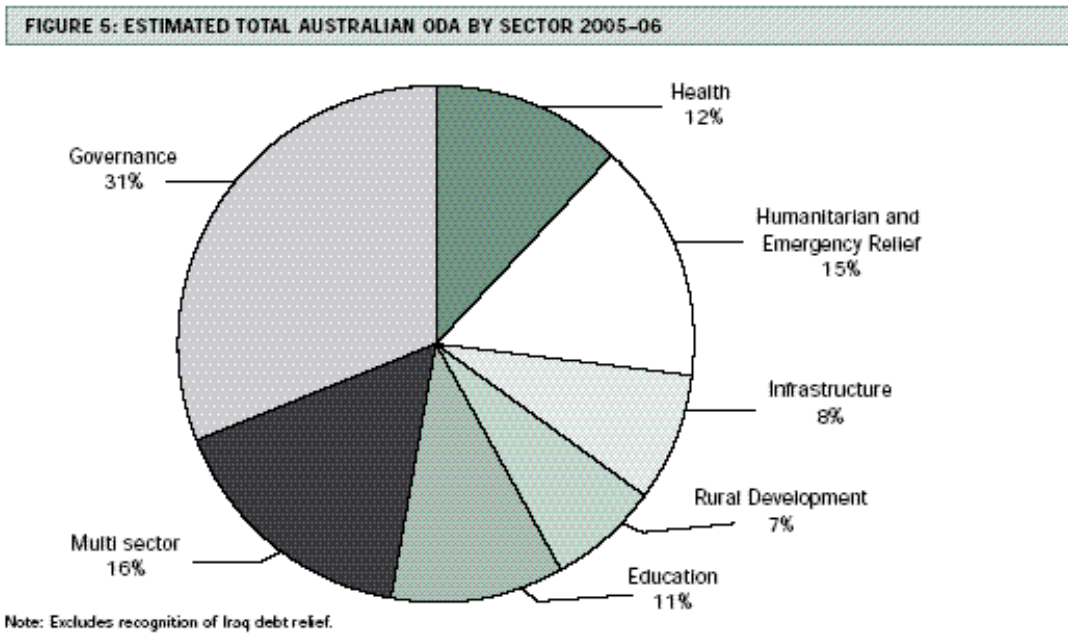
2. What region receives the smallest percentage of Australian government aid? Suggest a reason.

Aid by Sector

Overseas aid is often directed to particular sectors or types of projects within countries. These include:

- **education** (training teachers, building schools, developing curriculum);
- **health** (training health workers, educating communities about hygiene and disease prevention, immunization programs);
- **humanitarian and emergency relief** (responding to crises like the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami or the 2005 Pakistan earthquake; helping communities be prepared for disasters);
- **infrastructure** (the basic facilities that are necessary for the development of communities. These include transport, communication networks, power, water and sewage systems, schools and hospitals); and
- **governance** (promoting democratic and accountable government and effective public administration).

In 2005-06, the Australian Government distributed funds to developing nations in the following sectors:



Source: AusAID 2005-6 Annual Report

For you to do

3. What sector receives the largest percentage of Australian government aid? Suggest a reason.

4. Draw one of these graphs as a bar graph. What are the benefits of each type of graph?

5. In small groups, take on the role of an AusAID committee. Discuss how you would distribute the Australian Government's aid budget. What percentage would you give to different sectors? Draw a graph or produce a table showing the distribution.