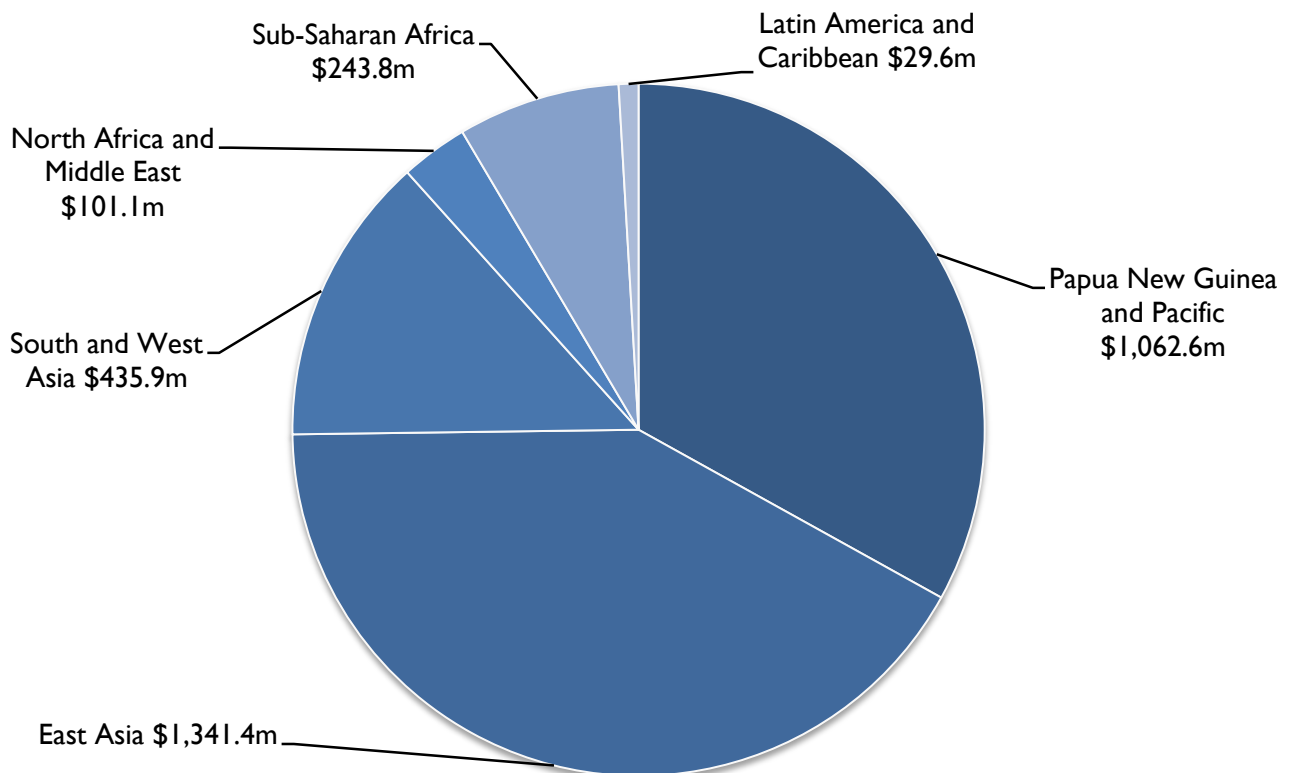


Where does Australian Government aid go?

The Australian Government's aid program, Australian Aid, is part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In 2013-2014, the Australian Government provided \$5.031 billion in overseas development assistance (ODA). The stated "purpose of the Australian Government's aid program is to promote Australia's national interests through contributing to economic growth and poverty reduction."¹

The Australian Government's regional aid funding in 2013-14 was spent in the following areas:

Aid by Region



Source: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual Report 2013-14, pg 263-64

For you to do

1. Which regions received the largest percentage of Australian Government aid? Suggest a reason for this.
2. Which regions received the smallest percentage of Australian Government aid? Suggest a reason for this.
3. The countries that received the greatest amount of Australian Government aid were Indonesia (\$601.6 million) and Papua New Guinea (\$519.4 million)². Suggest reasons why.

¹ DFAT, About Australia's aid program, <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/makediff/Pages/default.aspx> [accessed December 2014]

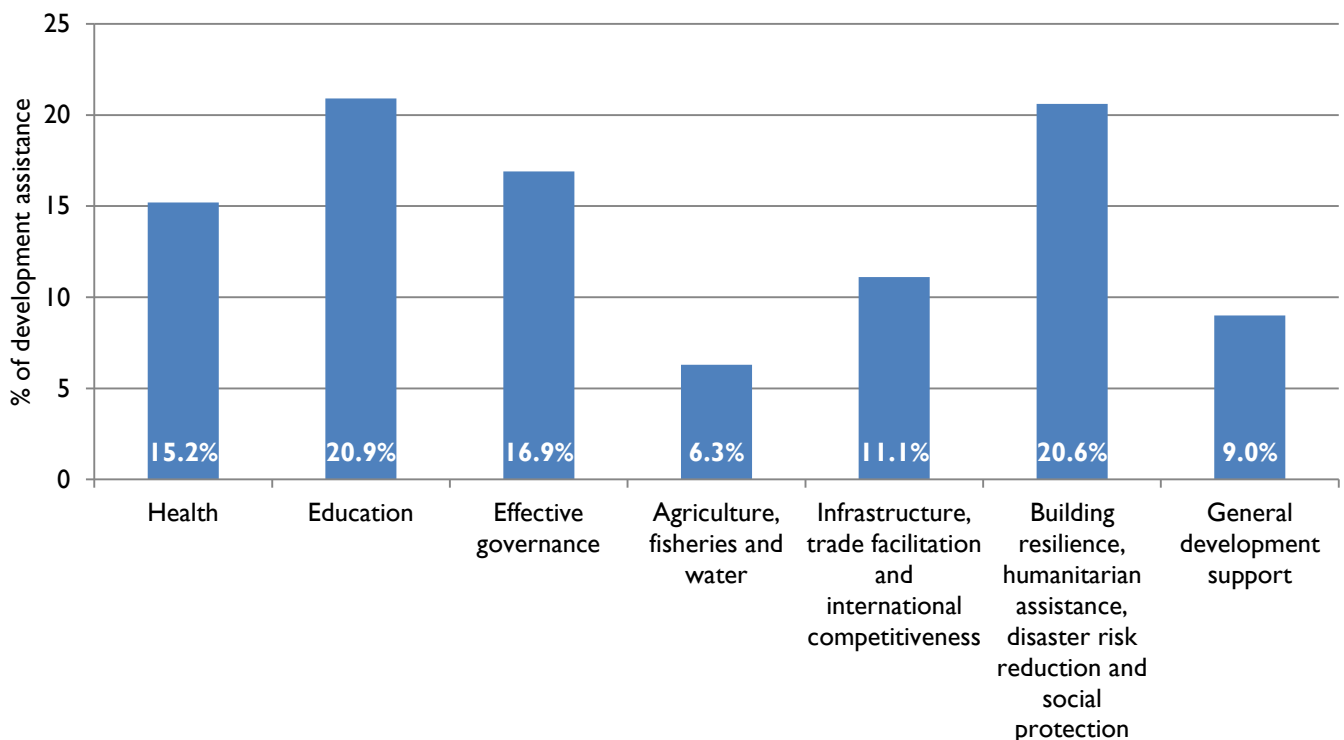
² Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual Report 2013-14, pg 263

Aid by Sector

Aid is often directed to particular sectors or types of projects within countries. The development priorities of Australian Government aid include³:

- **health** (eg: training health workers, disease prevention and treatment, immunisation programs)
- **education** (eg: training teachers, building schools, improving access to schooling)
- **governance** (eg: promoting government efficiency, effectiveness and accountability, improving security, and enhanced justice and human rights)
- **economic development** (eg: improving incomes, employment and enterprise opportunities for poor people, addressing basic infrastructure needs, reliable energy services, and communication networks)
- **humanitarian** (eg: helping communities prepare for and reduce the risk of disasters, responding to humanitarian emergencies)

Estimated Australian aid by sector in 2013-14



Source: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual Report 2013-14, pg 139

For you to do

4. What sectors received the largest percentage of Australian Government aid? Suggest reasons why.

5. In small groups, take on the role of an Australian Aid committee. Discuss how you would distribute the Australian Government's aid budget. What percentage would you give to each sector? Draw a graph or produce a table showing the distribution and write a one page report explaining your distribution.

³ DFAT, <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/aidissues/Pages/home.aspx> [accessed November 2013]