

# AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HELP THROUGH ALWS

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**The Australian Government provides support for people in developing countries through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).**



One of the ways DFAT works is through non-government organisations (NGOs) like ALWS, because they recognise that NGOs are experts in development, with local knowledge of and long term relationships with the communities where they work.

The ALWS programs you support in Burundi, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal and Somalia are supported by DFAT through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

In order to receive this Government support, ALWS must raise a certain amount of funds from our supporters - currently, the match is 5:1. That is, for every \$1 our ALWS family donate, the Government will provide \$5 (to a maximum amount).

You can see why it's vital people like you donate to help others! **ALWS gratefully acknowledges the Australian Government's support for these programs.**



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## **PARTNERS. PLANS. PROJECTS. AND YOU!**

**Through ALWS and the Australian Government, you work in partnership with developing communities.** Your support begins with the community coming together and discussing their vision. They look at the challenges, their greatest needs, the resources and skills they have, and what they most want for their children's futures.

Next, the community is supported to develop these discussions into a plan. Actions are specified, costs worked out, a timetable planned, and the work undertaken. After the project is complete, the community reflect on what went well and what lessons they can learn for next time.

This approach to development seeks to give people the necessary training and support to make their own decisions about the development which happens in their community. This means that they then have ownership of and responsibility for everything that happens, which is vital for on-going independence.

**They maintain their dignity as they develop the confidence and skills to work their way out of poverty and can feel excited about creating their own future!**



**ALWS are in partnership with the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP). This is a five-year partnership between the Australian Government and Australian NGOs.**

Through the AHP, partners aim to save lives, alleviate suffering and bring dignity in the face of conflict, disasters and other humanitarian crises. The AHP focusses efforts in disaster response as well as disaster preparedness.

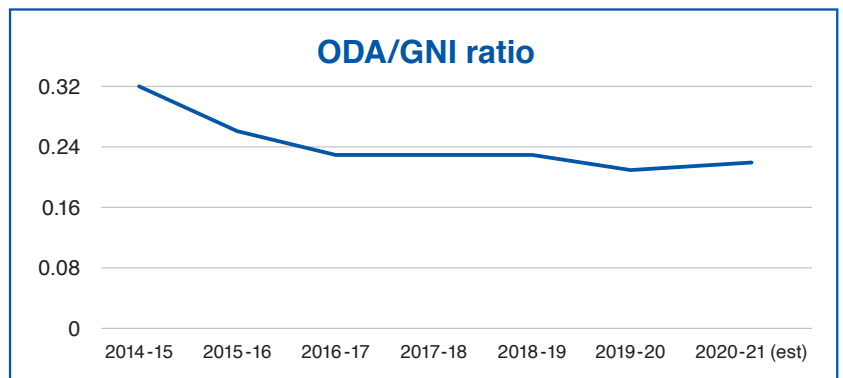
**But it doesn't stop there!** ALWS also works alongside many other faith-based organisations, working in Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh and Myanmar. Together we provide humanitarian response to disasters, and work towards long-term community development outcomes and capacity building with our partner agencies.

**What wonderful reasons to be working together.**

## How much does the government give?

Financial Year	\$ given (millions)	% aid (ODA) of Australia's wealth (GNI)
2014-15	\$5,028	0.32
2015-16	\$4,210	0.26
2016-17	\$4,034	0.23
2017-18	\$4,082	0.23
2018-19	\$4,379	0.23
2019-20	\$4,044	0.21
2020-21	\$4,211*	0.22*

(Source: Development Policy Centre, ANU) \*estimate at time of writing



This table and graph show the support from the Australian Government to overseas aid over the past 7 years. This is called Official Development Assistance (ODA) and includes support for UN organisations, such as UNICEF, WHO, scholarships, and direct help to other governments (as well as support through NGOs like ALWS).

If you look at just the dollar amount (in column 2 of the table), it looks like the amount the Government gives hasn't changed much.

**BUT** look now at the third column and the graph: this shows the amount the Australian Government gives overseas (ODA) as a percentage of all we have in this country (GNI = Gross National Income).

**You can see:**

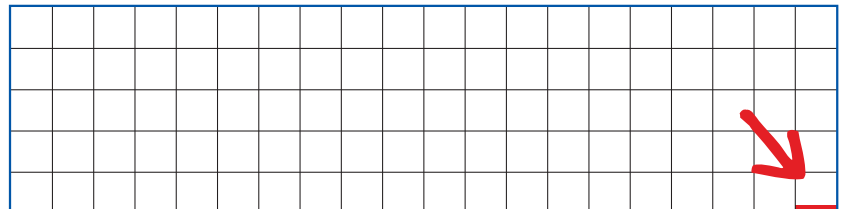
1. How this percentage has dropped
2. How little we give of all we have.

Here's another way of looking at it.

Imagine the 100 squares (shown right) represent all of Australia's wealth.

The amount the Australian Government

gives to overseas aid? **The part shaded in red, so TINY you almost can't see it ...**



**... only 0.22% of all of Australia's wealth!** (The best-known target in international aid suggests countries should aim for 0.7%).

That's why it's really important that caring and compassionate people continue to tell politicians that aid matters to us, and that we want to keep helping people in poverty overseas. It helps those politicians fighting to increase overseas aid if they know we support them! **Plus, helping others is a critical part of who Australia is as a nation.**

## ACTION IDEA

Find out who your federal member of government is. **Write a letter to let them know you're passionate about increasing the amount Australia gives to help people in need.**



Through the PNGAusPartnership, the Australian Government also supports the Church Partnership Program in PNG. ALWS is grateful to the Australian Government for their support.