

THE MODERN CASE FOR AUSTRALIAN AID

Just **\$1 in every \$100** can stop **today's risks** from becoming **tomorrow's catastrophes**.

WHO WE ARE

We are **Australians from every walk of life** - community leaders, diaspora groups, security experts, business voices, and people of faith - **united in a call for a safer world for all**.

We believe **every person deserves peace, dignity, and opportunity**: a chance to live free from hunger, conflict, and fear, and to build a better future for their families and communities.

Through the **Safer World for All campaign** - a joint initiative of Micah Australia, ACFID, RESULTS, and Global Citizen - we are **meeting with our political leaders, hosting community forums, sharing stories in the media, and mobilising thousands online**.

Together, we are building **broad public and political support** so Australia can play its part in creating a safer, more secure, and more just world.

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GLOBAL CITIZEN



WE ARE LIVING THROUGH **DANGEROUS** TIMES

GLOBAL CONTEXT



CONFLICT IS RISING – FROM UKRAINE, TO SUDAN, GAZA AND MYANMAR



59 active conflicts in **35 countries** – highest since WWII



1 in 6 children live in **conflict zones**



Twice as many people now need **humanitarian assistance** than before COVID-19

PEOPLE IN HUMANITARIAN NEED (MILLIONS)

132

2019

274

2022

305

2025

US AID CUTS ARE HAVING A DEVASTATING EFFECT



Up to 14 million preventable deaths by 2030 if cuts continue

HEIGHTENED RISKS IN OUR OWN REGION



- ▶ **Trade tensions** and **tariff wars** threatening SE Asian economies
- ▶ Intensifying **strategic competition** in the Indo-Pacific
- ▶ Escalating **extreme weather** events
- ▶ Conflict & climate-driven **displacement**
- ▶ Greater risk of future **pandemics**

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR AUSTRALIA



- ▶ Inflation & market **volatility**
- ▶ Fragile or **failing states** on our doorstep
- ▶ Unplanned **migration** pressures

INDO-PACIFIC WATCHLIST

HIV IN THE PACIFIC

AN **ESCALATING HEALTH CRISIS FOR OUR PACIFIC FAMILY.**

 **Fiji:** New HIV diagnoses **tripled in just one year.**

 **PNG:** **Seven babies a day** are infected through mother-to-child transmission.

 **Cuts to UNAIDS and U.S. programs** - both direct and via multilateral channels - threaten vital prevention, testing, and outreach.



TIMOR-LESTE TEETERING

A FRAGILE STATE FACING A FISCAL CLIFF AND CHILDREN WILL FEEL IT FIRST.

 **Petroleum Fund**, covers 85% of spending but will run dry by decade's end.

 **40%** live in poverty; **half of children under 5** are stunted.

 **US \$400M US aid package** for WASH and education is at risk.

 **US-funded school feeding program** for **70,000 children** is being shut down.

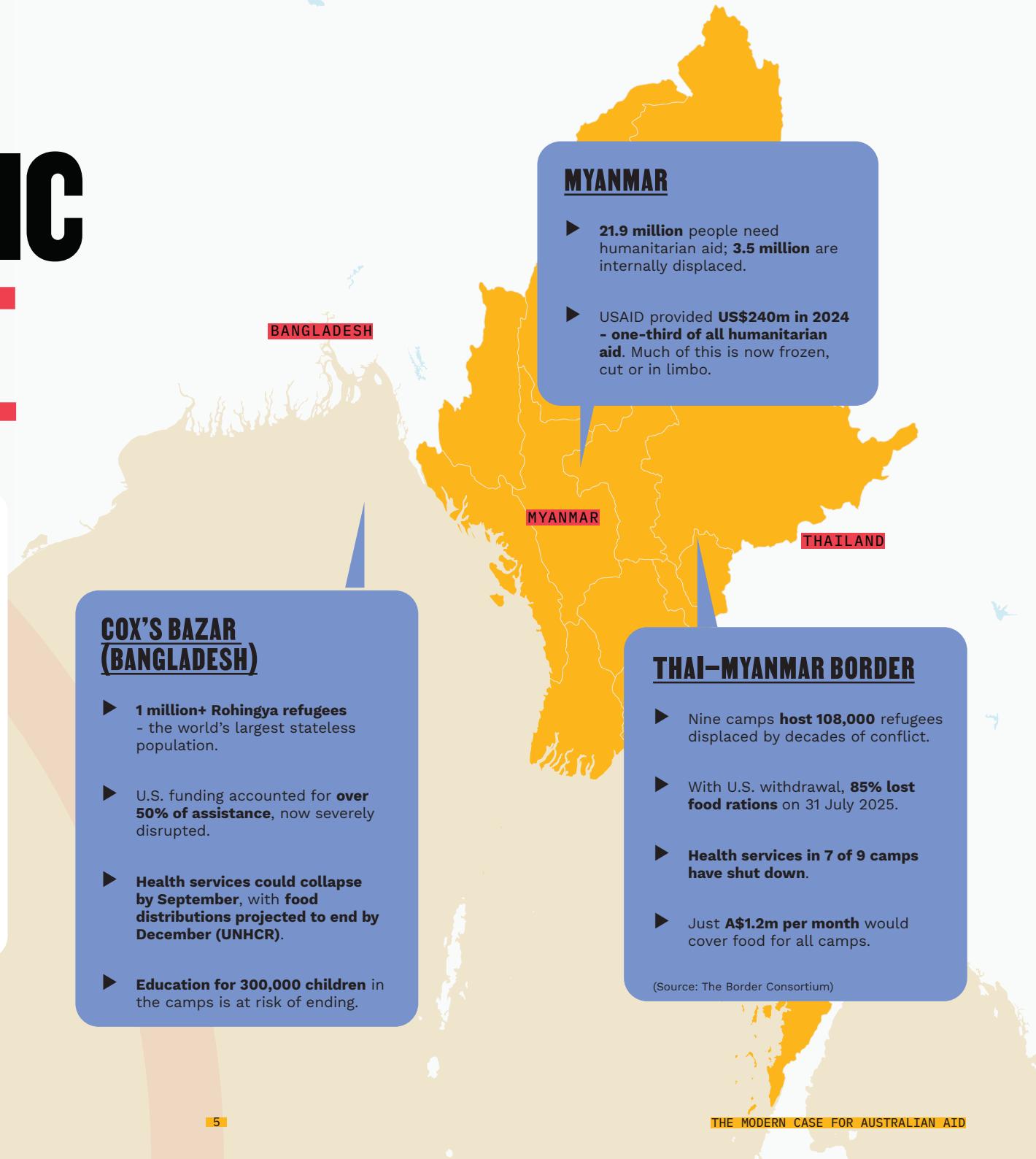


INDO-PACIFIC WATCHLIST

MYANMAR'S CRISIS - A REGION'S CHAOS

THE REGION'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY IS RAPIDLY ESCALATING

A shocking “domino effect” is underway. Severe existing needs are being compounded by the **collapse of U.S. Government aid** - long the single largest donor - alongside a **7.7 earthquake** (April 2025) and **widespread flooding** (July 2025).



INDO-PACIFIC WATCHLIST

A REGIONAL STABILITY RISK WITH DIRECT IMPACTS ON AUSTRALIA

- ▶ Collapse of services is driving **trafficking, exploitation, and transnational crime** - including scam centres on the Thai–Myanmar border that are targeting Australians.
- ▶ **UNHCR warns** more Rohingya are fleeing by boat as camp conditions worsen.
- ▶ **Irregular maritime routes are re-emerging:** 7,800 people attempted sea journeys in 2024 (an 80% increase), raising risks of renewed flows toward Malaysia, Indonesia, and potentially Australia.



WHY AUSTRALIA SHOULD ACT ON MYANMAR

This spiralling crisis poses both urgent risks and a critical opportunity for Australian leadership.

See 'Our Asks' section to learn how Australia can respond.

GLOBAL WATCHLIST

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out our FAQ: "How bad are the US cuts to aid really, or are they being overdone?"

FAMINE IS BACK – MILLIONS AT RISK



**ACUTE HUNGER HAS WORSENED SIX YEARS IN A ROW –
RISING FROM 135M IN 2019 TO 319M IN 2025**

- ▶ **1.9M people** face catastrophic hunger (IPC Phase 5), with famine-like conditions confirmed in **Gaza and Sudan**.
- ▶ **70%** of those facing acute hunger live in fragile or conflict-affected countries, including many across our region.
- ▶ **WFP warns of a 40% funding shortfall in 2025** compared to last year, putting life-saving assistance for **58 million people** at risk.

PREVENTABLE DEATHS RISING

**CUTS TO U.S. AID RISK REVERSING DECADES
OF PROGRESS.**

- ▶ USAID programs prevented **91 million deaths** between 2001–2021.
- ▶ Without them, there could be **14M more deaths by 2030 – including 5M children** (The Lancet).
- ▶ Boston University's tracker models **deaths rising daily** from malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other diseases. (Snapshot: 18 Aug 2025)



aid **IS** PREVENTION

If we want a safer world for all - one that is **better for our neighbours and Australians** - we must address risks before they become crises, and stop crises becoming catastrophes.

We need a modern conversation on aid that recognises **effective development is prevention.**

Aid complements - not competes with - hard power.

It strengthens communities, stabilises fragile contexts, and tackles risks before they escalate.

It reflects the **best of who we are**: engaged partners with clear values, ready to step up when it counts.

Effective aid isn't charity - it's a smart, strategic investment.



aid makes us **ALL** safer



ASK YOURSELF, WHICH IS SAFER:

- ▶ **Funding pandemic prevention** - or fighting an outbreak at our borders?
- ▶ **Supporting strong, stable neighbours** - or watching fragile states collapse into conflict?
- ▶ **Ensuring children grow up healthy and educated** - or facing instability fuelled by hunger and disease?
- ▶ **Being a trusted, influential partner in our region** - or leaving a vacuum for others to fill?
- ▶ **Helping Pacific communities withstand climate shocks** - or dealing with mass displacement after disasters?

AID ENHANCES **TRUE SECURITY**

TRUE SECURITY COMES FROM PAIRING EFFECTIVE DEFENCE WITH STRONG AID – TO BUILD STABILITY, TRUST, AND LASTING PARTNERSHIPS.



“Investing in aid is one of the smartest security strategies we have. It builds resilience before crises escalate into conflict.”

— ADMIRAL CHRIS BARRIE (RET'D),
FORMER CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE

AUSTRALIAN AID DOES MORE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK.

Aid is still the critical foundations of **health, education** and **humanitarian relief**.

But it's also **so much more**, advancing regional partnerships & security by:

- ▶ Securing **regional trade** routes and infrastructure
- ▶ Boosting **cyber security**
- ▶ Combating **human trafficking**
- ▶ Combating **extremism** and **disinformation**
- ▶ Supporting **labour mobility** in agriculture and aged care
- ▶ Building resilience to **extreme weather** and **climate shocks** in our region

**YET FOR EVERY \$100 OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET,
WE INVEST:**



Australia already has **one of the widest defence to aid ratios** in the world

THE GLOBAL PICTURE

In 2024 **before** massive cuts to USAID and reductions to UK aid:



aid works.

and Australia
knows how to
deliver it.

For just **\$116 per Australian per year**, our aid program is delivering real impact across our region and in the world's most fragile contexts.

That's less than **\$10 a month**, or **32 cents a day** — to save lives, prevent crises, and strengthen our region.

In the last year alone (DFAT Performance Report 2023–24):

 **1.5M+**

people gained improved **food security**

 **3.6M+**

women entrepreneurs
supported

 **8.6M+**

people received emergency **humanitarian assistance**

 **316K+**

services provided for **survivors of gender-based violence**

AID PAYS OFF. IN EVERY WAY.



IT'S CHEAPER TO ACT BEFORE CRISIS HITS

Every \$1 invested in disaster prevention saves **\$14** in emergency response costs.



IT'S BETTER FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

Each extra year of education can increase a child's lifetime earnings by **10%** - building **stable, self-reliant communities**.



IT BOOSTS OUR ECONOMY

10 of Australia's top 15 export markets today are countries where we once gave aid.

Australia's \$2.6bn RAMSI mission in the Solomon Islands shows what it can cost when crisis hits.

Strengthening health systems can grow national economies by up to **24%** in low- and middle-income countries.

Trade with Southeast Asia is projected to reach **A\$465 billion** by 2040 - if development stays on track.

VIETNAM

FROM BATTLEFIELD OPPONENT TO TOP TIER STRATEGIC PARTNER

AUSTRALIA'S AID INVESTMENT SINCE 1973

- ▶ **1970s–1990s:** Early building-block investments in **education, governance, agriculture & health**
- ▶ **2000:** Helped build the **first bridge across the Mekong** – still known as “the Australian bridge”
- ▶ **2020–21:** Stood by Vietnam during **COVID-19**, providing **26.4 million vaccine doses** (making us Vietnam’s second-largest donor)
- ▶ **Today:** Programs like **Aus4Skills** and the **Vietnam Australia Centre** continue to share Australian technical expertise



THE RESULTS TODAY

- ▶ Two-way trade now exceeds **\$28 billion annually**
- ▶ Vietnamese tourism expenditure in Australia totalled **\$837 million in 2023–24 alone.**
- ▶ Elevated ties to a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2024** giving us deep cooperation across **climate, energy, digital, education, trade, and security**
- ▶ Vietnam is on track to be among the world’s top **20 economies by 2036**
- ▶ Averaging **5.1% annual GDP growth** through to 2050

Once one of the world’s **poorest, war-torn nations**, Vietnam is now a **thriving lower-middle income economy** — and one of Australia’s **fastest-growing trading partners**.

\$28BN

\$3BN

In total development assistance since 1973

Annual two way trade

THIS IS WHAT LONG-TERM, STRATEGIC AID DELIVERS.

THIS IS AID AT ITS BEST.

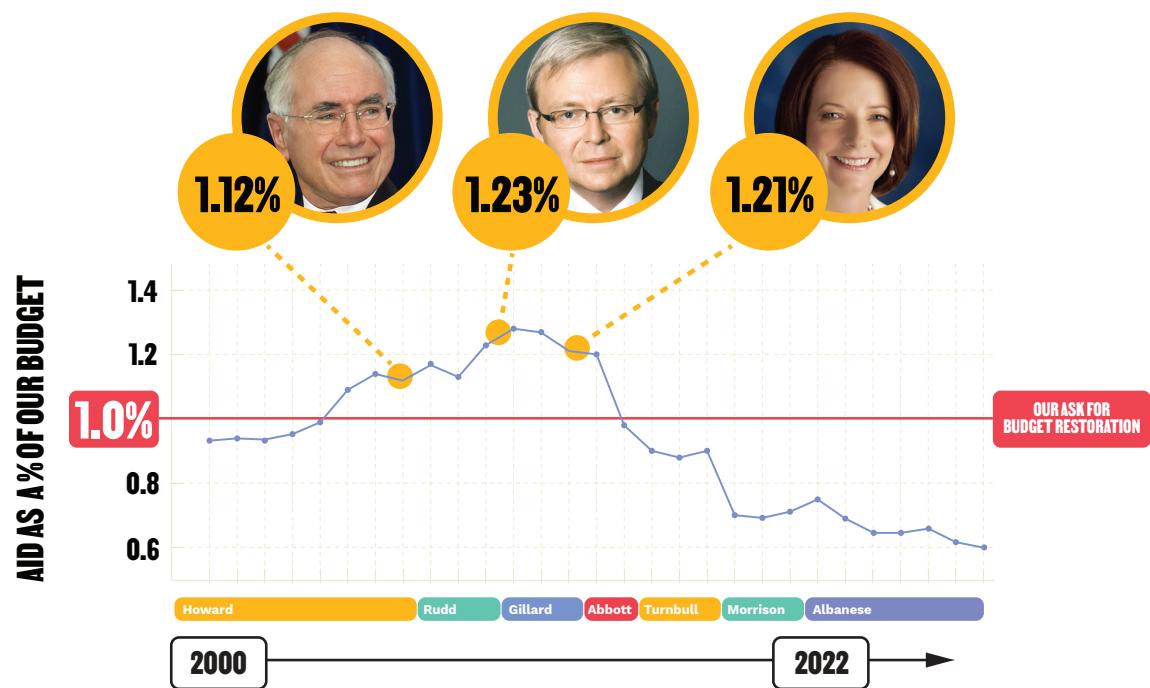
OUR ASKS

#1 RESTORE AID TO 1% OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Just **\$1 in every \$100** can stop today's risks from becoming tomorrow's catastrophes

- Good for our neighbours:** Protects health, education, and food security across the Indo-Pacific.
- Vital for Australia:** Strengthens security, stabilises fragile states, and protects trade.
- Bipartisan & achievable:** Howard left aid at 1.12% of the Budget. Today it is just 0.65%.
- Still modest:** At 1% we'd only reach 0.28% of GNI - well below the OECD average (0.33%)

AUSTRALIAN AID AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET (2000-2024) WITH PRIME MINISTERS



WITH 1% WE CAN:

 **ADDRESS NEW AREAS OF REGIONAL FRAGILITY AND RISK**

 **PROTECT THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT IN OUR REGION**

 **RESPOND TO INCREASING HUMANITARIAN NEED AND PREVENT FUTURE CRISES**

 **PROJECT STRONG, VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP IN OUR REGION & GLOBALLY**

HOW

Scale proven programs in health, education, economic development and inclusion.

Grow the Humanitarian Emergency Fund - frozen at just \$150m for six years - and scale support for protracted crises and prevention.

Leverage the NGO Cooperation Program - delivering 10% of aid outcomes for < 3% of the spend.

Sustain strategic investment in effective multilaterals that strengthen global health, manage migration, and bolster food security.

Step up to fill critical gaps left by USAID's withdrawal in the Indo-Pacific, protecting essential food, health, and social services.

Support our neighbours to harness new technology - to advance productivity, secure digital governance, and resist coercion.

WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU

Our campaign can **connect you** with Australia's leading **development policy experts** - spanning the **NGO sector, think tanks, business, academia, and civil society**.

We can provide **targeted briefings** on the solutions that matter most to you, or **collaborate with you** to explore your own ideas and questions.

Bottom line:
Restoring aid to 1% is a **modest step** that **secures Australia's interests** while keeping **99% of the Budget at home**.

AID IS NOT CHARITY - IT'S PREVENTATIVE STATECRAFT. A CORE TOOL OF STABILITY AND SECURITY IN A FAST-CHANGING WORLD.

OUR ASKS

#2 DELIVER A \$110M EMERGENCY PACKAGE FOR MYANMAR



Thai–Myanmar border: \$25M

Fully restore rations and re-open clinics for 108,000 displaced people.

Just A\$1.2M per month would cover food for every refugee
- an achievable first step!



Inside Myanmar: \$40M

Stabilise services hit by **U.S. cuts, April's earthquake, and July floods**



Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh): \$45M

Avert collapse of food and health services supporting **1M Rohingya refugees**

WHY NOW?

- ▶ **Proven Australian partners** already in place
- ▶ **Stabilising now is cheaper** than far costlier interventions later
- ▶ **Prevents renewed boat arrivals, trafficking networks, and scam centres** already targeting Australians
- ▶ **Strengthens ASEAN security** and **Australia's diplomatic influence**
- ▶ **Bipartisan interest in Parliament** with MPs engaged through diaspora and direct visits

Bottom line: A low-risk, high-return investment – saving lives now, protecting Australia's security, and **bridging a looming “humanitarian cliff”** until Australia's next three-year Myanmar–Bangladesh package (2026–28, now in design) comes online.

APPENDIX

FAQ: HAVEN'T RECENT AID BUDGETS INCREASED AID?

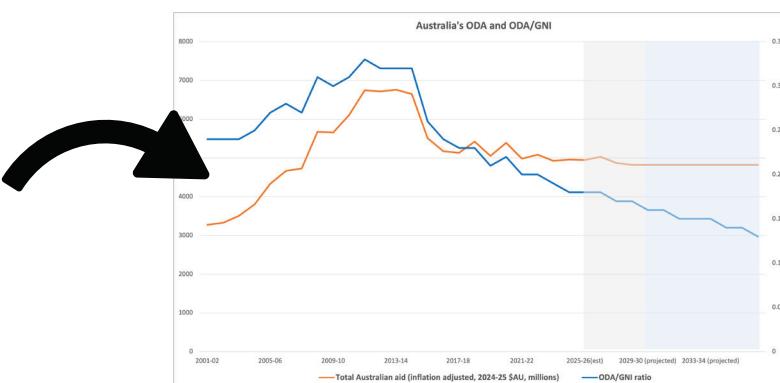
After a decade of decline, aid has been stabilised, but real growth is still needed.

Recent History

- ▶ In **2014**, Australia's aid program was **significantly reduced** following the folding of AusAID into DFAT
- ▶ The **Morrison Government** announced **temporary increases during COVID-19**, ensuring critical support at a time of crisis.
- ▶ In coming to office in **2022**, **Labor invested a significant package of \$1.4 billion over four years** to stop the aid budget from falling sharply as temporary COVID-19 measures expired.
- ▶ Each Labor budget since has **marginally improved the long-term trajectory**, with a commitment to grow ODA by **2.5% annually in nominal terms from 2026-27 onwards**.
- ▶ Yet without further real increases, aid risks **losing ground in real terms** against inflation and rising global needs
- ▶ On current projections, **our aid budget in 2036-37** will, in real terms, be virtually the same as it was in the last year of the Howard government (2006-07) and will fall to **just 0.13% of GNI**.

2025-2026 Budget

- ▶ Australia's total estimated expenditure is **A\$785.7 billion**.
- ▶ With **ODA at A\$5.097 billion**, this equates to just **0.65% of the federal budget**, down from **0.68% last year**.
- ▶ While this is a **nominal increase of \$135.8m (2.7%)**, with **inflation projected at 3%** it actually represents **a small decline in real aid**.
- ▶ **Aid as a share of Gross National Income (GNI) is falling further**, now at a **historic low of 0.18%** – far below **past bipartisan levels of over 0.3%**, and below **Labor's own target of 0.5% GNI** in its National Platform.



The Bottom Line

Rebuilding Australian aid through sustained **real growth (above inflation)** is the key to maximising **stability and security** across our region.

FAQ: IF OTHER NATIONS ARE PULLING BACK ON AID, SHOULDN'T WE?

Australia's aid program has already undergone major reform.

We merged AusAid into DFAT

- ▶ In 2013, the Abbott Government **folded AusAID into DFAT** and made the **largest aid cuts in Australia's history**.
- ▶ Since then, the program has been restructured to focus significantly on the **Indo-Pacific** and Australia's national interest objectives.
- ▶ What's left is already a **very lean, highly targeted program**.

Where our aid goes (FY 2025–26)

- ▶ **Pacific: A\$2.16 billion** – a record investment, affirming Australia as the region's largest development partner.
- ▶ **Southeast Asia: A\$1.28 billion** – strengthening trade, economic development, and governance.
- ▶ **Indo-Pacific share:** now **74.4% of all ODA**, showing how sharply focused our program is on regional priorities.

The Bottom Line

Australia's aid is already lean and focused. Asking for **1% of the Budget** is a modest step – still **below global benchmarks**, but clearly justified to protect **regional stability** and align with Australia's **national interests**.

Australia's standing internationally

- ▶ We rank **28th out of 32 OECD nations** for aid generosity (aid as % of GNI).
- ▶ **We give just 0.18% of GNI — well below the OECD average of 0.33%.**
- ▶ Even the **UK**, after reducing aid to boost defence, **still gives 0.3% of GNI**.
- ▶ Other nations investing more: **Germany 0.67%, Canada 0.34%, New Zealand 0.32%, Korea 0.21%**.

Why our call for 1% of the Budget is modest

- ▶ Right now, aid is just **0.65% of the Federal Budget** (65¢ in every \$100).
- ▶ **1% of the Budget** would still only equate to around **0.28–0.30% of GNI** — below both:
 - ▶ the **OECD average (0.33%)**, and
 - ▶ **Labor's own platform aspiration (0.5% of GNI)**.
- ▶ When John Howard left office, aid stood at **1.12% of the Budget** and 0.27% of GNI.
- ▶ This is a **modest, concrete step** — reasonable, achievable, and supported by public opinion.

FAQ: HOW DO WE KNOW AID IS TRANSPARENT, EFFECTIVE, AND GETS WHERE IT'S INTENDED?

Australia's aid program is more transparent and accountable than ever - thanks to major reforms since 2022.

New tools, reporting, and reforms:

- ▶ The **AusDevPortal**, launched in 2024, provides public access to detailed information on every Australian aid investment - including partners, locations, and outcomes.
- ▶ Australia has resumed regular reporting to the **International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)**.
- ▶ The annual **Performance of Australian Development Cooperation Report**, tracks how our aid is performing against measurable targets set out in the **International Development Performance and Delivery Framework**.
- ▶ Together, these changes have brought **unprecedented transparency** to the aid program - helping ensure **greater accountability, better outcomes, and stronger public trust**.

Rigorous planning and monitoring are built in.

- ▶ Every country and regional program is guided by a **Development Partnership Plan**, aligned with local needs and Australia's strategic objectives.
- ▶ Aid projects are regularly assessed for **impact, efficiency, and outcome alignment**.
- ▶ **In rare cases, aid can fall into the wrong hands** - particularly in conflict zones or complex humanitarian emergencies. When that happens, **breaches are reported, and aid is suspended until it can safely and responsibly resume**.

Australia's NGOs are among the most trusted and transparent in the world.

- ▶ **NGOs** like World Vision, Caritas, and Save the Children receiving government aid funding are **fully audited, publish detailed annual reports**, and are **regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)**.
- ▶ They deliver **locally led, tailored programs** that strengthen community capacity and build long-term resilience.
- ▶ In the world's most insecure environments, they operate with **neutrality, independence, and professionalism**, often at great personal risk.
- ▶ Their trusted presence on the ground also helps ensure Australia's aid is **visible, effective, and deeply grounded in local context**.

The Bottom Line

Australian aid is **transparent, well-managed, and effective** — driven by evidence, accountability, and a deep commitment to reaching people in need.

FAQ: HOW BAD ARE THE US CUTS TO AID REALLY – OR ARE THEY BEING OVERDONE?

The cuts are real, deep, and already disrupting life-saving programs. The world will feel it — including our region and Australia.

What's happened?

- ▶ In early 2025, **Trump paused over US\$60 billion** in foreign assistance.
- ▶ While “**life-saving aid**” **exemptions were promised**, in practice they were **confusing, delayed, and difficult to access** — many programs shut down before exemptions were granted.
- ▶ Within six weeks, **83% of USAID programs were permanently cancelled** — only around 1,000 of 6,200 were retained and shifted to the State Department.
- ▶ In June, a **US\$9 billion rescission** clawed back already-approved funding from the FY25 budget.
- ▶ **Trump's FY26 budget proposes a 47% cut**, reducing aid to US\$28.5 billion.
- ▶ Some **House Republicans are seeking to soften these cuts** – especially to global health and humanitarian aid – but the future remains **highly uncertain**.

What's the human cost?

- ▶ The Lancet projects up to **14 million preventable deaths by 2030** if U.S. aid cuts continue — driven by lost access to vaccines, clean water, and food.
- ▶ Boston University's School of Public Health has launched a real-time tracker modelling deaths from the U.S. aid freeze (malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, and other diseases).
- ▶ As of 23 August 2025, the dashboard reported:
- ▶ **144K+ adult deaths / 299K+ child deaths / 88 deaths every hour**

The Bottom Line

The situation is still evolving — but major damage has already been done. The full impact of merging USAID into State is unclear, but one thing is certain: **the loss of U.S. soft power is real, and others are moving quickly to fill the space**.

It's not just less money – it's a system totally dismantled

- ▶ USAID's shutdown dismantled key delivery systems – staffing, contracts, partnerships.
- ▶ The State Dept **can't replace USAID's development capacity** overnight.
- ▶ Even critics agree: this was a “**move fast and break aid**” moment – not reform.

Didn't the system need fixing?

- ▶ Yes – aid must be effective and empower local leadership, not create dependency. But this isn't considered and deliberate reform – it's retreat and abandonment.

What's been lost:

- ▶ Proven programs (vaccines, famine prevention, HIV care)
- ▶ Long-standing partnerships and delivery capacity
- ▶ Predictability in global crisis response

What does this mean for Australia?

- ▶ U.S. withdrawal is already being felt in the **Indo-Pacific**.
- ▶ **China is stepping into gaps** left by the U.S. retreat – from influence in Myanmar to infrastructure in Cambodia.
- ▶ Australia will be expected to **step up**, especially in **PNG, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands**.
- ▶ We can lead with **targeted, principled, effective aid** — not follow the U.S. into retreat.

FAQ: IS THERE REALLY SUPPORT FOR AID AMONG AUSTRALIANS?

Yes — polling shows support is strengthening.

And when Australians hear about **U.S. aid cuts**, they actually want us to **give more**.

New evidence (Devpol/Ipsos Aid Attitudes Survey, 2025)

- ▶ **58%** of Australians say aid is either about right or should be increased
- ▶ When told about **U.S. aid cuts**, support jumps a further **+8 points** — and for the **first time in a decade**, more say we give **too little** than **too much**.
- ▶ Public hostility is falling: “**Too much aid**” dropped from **40% (2024)** to **29% (2025)**.

Why Calling for 1% Works

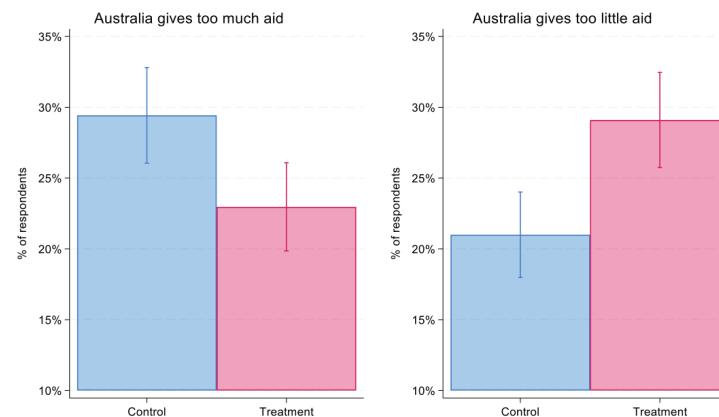
- ▶ Focus group research by **RedBridge (July 2024)** showed Australians **consistently overestimate** the share of the Federal Budget spent on aid.
- ▶ When told it's **less than 1%**, the common response is **surprise or embarrassment, followed by support** for an increase.
- ▶ Even when challenged with counter-arguments, framing aid as “just 1% of the Budget” reassured voters (99% remains domestic) and **net support stayed positive**.
- ▶ Strongest support among **voters under 40** and **diaspora communities**.

The Bottom Line: Australians back aid when they know the facts. Support for a modest increase is safe politically and resonant with key voter groups.

Figure 1: Results from Devpol surveys on Australian attitudes to aid



Figure 2: the impact of telling people about the potential consequences of US aid cuts on Australian views on aid volume



FAQ: WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BUILD PUBLIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN AID?

The Safer World for All campaign is delivering impact and expanding this new parliamentary term.

- ▶ A joint initiative of **Micah Australia, ACFID, Global Citizen and RESULTS**, the campaign has already built visible cross-partisan support for restoring aid to 1% of the Federal Budget.

In the 2024–25 election period, we:

- ▶ Met directly with **63 MPs & Senators** across all major parties.
- ▶ Mobilised **875 women** through the **Micah Women's Network Tour** across 8 capital cities.
- ▶ Held **7 candidate forums** reaching 12 key seats with diaspora and community leaders.
- ▶ Drove over **3,300 constituent emails to MPs**.
- ▶ Secured **widespread national media coverage** and a **joint letter from Australia's church leaders**.
- ▶ Helped ensure aid was **protected in the 2025 Budget** by the **Labor Government**, with a number of **Coalition backbenchers** and **Teal Independents** also publicly backing aid.

What's next?

This parliamentary term we are expanding:

- ▶ **Constituency engagement** in key electorates, amplifying community, diaspora and church voices.
- ▶ **Digital mobilisation** to reach and activate younger Australians.
- ▶ **Consistent media presence** by elevating unexpected voices from defence, business, health and more, all making the modern case for aid.
- ▶ **High-visibility delegations** to Canberra, keeping aid firmly on the political agenda.

The Bottom Line

You can **count on us to inspire Australians** about our aid's impact and to **help keep political support strong across party lines**.

[See our impact photos](#)





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