

# COOK ISLANDS

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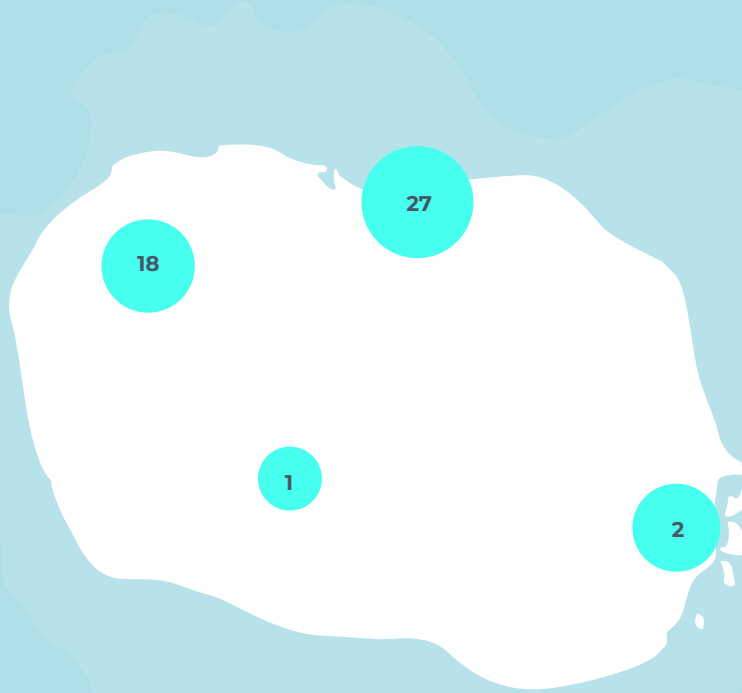
## TOTAL AID 2011-2016:

**\$178M** SPENT    **\$104M** COMMITTED    **347** PROJECTS

The Lowy Institute Pacific Aid Map is an analytical tool designed to enhance aid effectiveness in the Pacific by improving coordination, alignment and accountability of foreign aid through enhanced transparency of aid flows.

The Pacific Aid Map team has collected data on close to 13,000 projects in 14 countries from 63 donors from 2011 onwards.

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**POPULATION**  
17,379  
SOURCE: UNITED NATIONS DESA / POPULATION DIVISION

**GNI PER CAPITA**  
CURRENT PRICES - US \$  
16,697.98  
SOURCE: UNITED NATIONS DATA

**SHARE OF PACIFIC GDP**  
1%  
SOURCE: UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS

**GOVERNANCE**  
15.92  
(PERCENTILE RANK (0-100) - INDICATES RANK OF COUNTRY AMONG ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. 0 CORRESPONDS TO LOWEST RANK AND 100 CORRESPONDS TO HIGHEST RANK.)  
SOURCE: WORLDWIDE GOVERNANCE INDICATORS \*EXCEPT COOK ISLANDS AND NIUE; LOWY INSTITUTE ANALYSIS

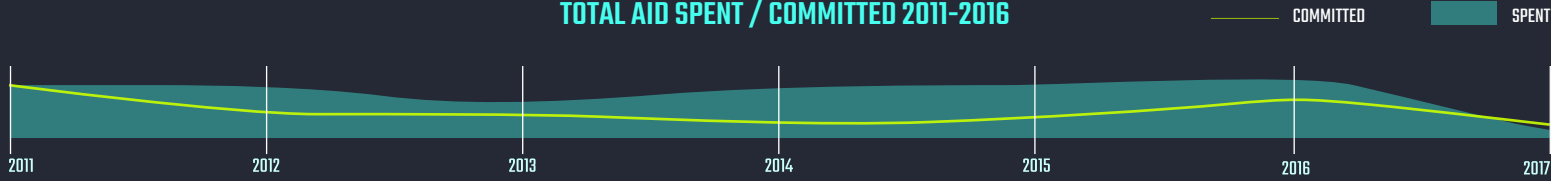
**ODA % OF GNI**  
12.27%  
SOURCE: LOWY INSTITUTE

\*ALL DEMOGRAPHIC FIGURES 2016.

## TOP DONORS



## TOTAL AID SPENT / COMMITTED 2011-2016



## KEY DATES

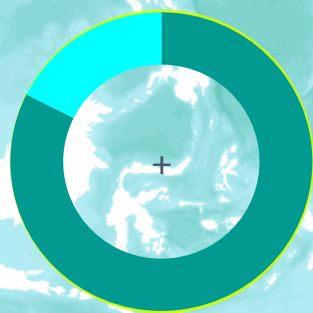
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| <b>2011</b> ADB \$3.5m project: Avatiu Port Development Project | <b>2013</b> China \$3m project: Te Mato Vai - Water Ring Main Upgrade | <b>2015</b> MFAT \$3.4m project: Performance Based Budget Support |
| <b>2012</b> MFAT \$4.8m project: Tourism Sector Investment      | <b>2014</b> Dengue fever rises in Cook Islands                        | <b>2016</b> China \$10m project: Apii Nikao rebuild               |

## TOP 10 AID PROJECTS SPENT (2011-2016)

DONOR	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT	IMPLMENTING PARTNER	SECTOR	LOCATION
New Zealand	Renewable Energy (Northern Group)	\$15,952,971.34	Unknown/ Unspecified	Energy	Nationwide
China	Apii Nikao rebuild	\$10,431,423.05	Cook Islands Investment Corporation/ Ministry of Education/ Apii Nikao School/ Chinese Embassy/ China Urban Construction Design	Education	Rarotonga
New Zealand	Education Budget Support	\$7,669,838.63	Unknown/ Unspecified	Education	Nationwide
Australia	Cook Islands Harmonised Aid Program 2012-16 - Delegated Cooperation Arrangement	\$6,774,581.18	New Zealand's International Aid & Development Agency (NZAID)	Government & Civil Society	New Zealand High Commission
Asian Development Bank	Avatiu Port Development Project	\$6,771,405.75	Cook Islands Ports Authority (CIPA)	Transport	Avatiu
New Zealand	Performance Based Budget Support	\$5,906,991.78	Unknown/ Unspecified	Government & Civil Society	Cook Islands Statistics Office
New Zealand	Water Partnership	\$5,825,242.81	Unknown/ Unspecified	Water & Sanitation	Nationwide
New Zealand	Tourism Sector Support 2013 - 2016	\$5,341,104.33	Unknown/ Unspecified	Industry, Mining & Construction	Cook Islands Statistics Office
Adaptation Fund	Strengthening the Resilience of our Islands and our Communities to Climate Change	\$3,740,060.00	UNDP	Humanitarian aid	Cook Islands Statistics Office
United Nations Development Programme	Enhancing Resilience to CC	\$3,685,655.00	Unknown/ Unspecified	Government & Civil Society	Nationwide

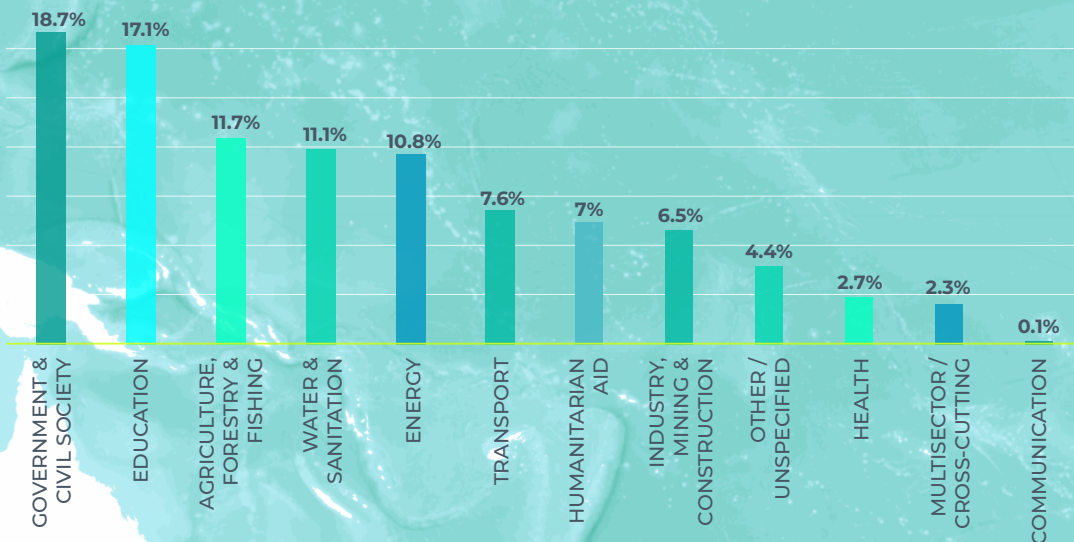


TYPE OF FLOW



ODA (82%)  
OOF (18%)

SECTOR % OF TOTAL AID SPENT



KEY FINDINGS

- Australia remains the Pacific's most important provider of aid. Despite cuts to the broader aid budget, the Pacific has been insulated and now makes up one third of Australia's aid program. Together, Australia and New Zealand are responsible for more than half (55%) of all aid to the Pacific region.
- The narrative of Chinese aid dominance in the Pacific Islands is overstated. China has only invested 8% of all aid to the Pacific over this period, though it has committed a lot more. China does operate distinctly, focusing on status projects and infrastructure lending that inflate its presence in the region. The average project size from Australia and New Zealand is one tenth that of China.
- Competition between China and Taiwan remains heated. China has invested \$108 per capita in the seven countries that support it. Taiwan has invested \$237 per capita in the six countries that support it. The average project size of Taiwan is 7% that of China.
- Aid to the Pacific is in decline, having shrunk by 20% between 2011 and 2016. The US, EU, and France, all valuable donors to the region, have significantly reduced their assistance.
- The Asian Development Bank and World Bank are honouring their commitments to scale-up their investment in the Pacific, with more to come as they aim to triple investments over the next five years.

TOTAL ODA RECEIVED 2011-2016 (USD CURRENT, MILLIONS)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
COOK ISLANDS	\$30.22	\$28.51	\$21.77	\$30.45	\$31.41	\$35.61	\$177.96
FIJI	\$141.05	\$101.67	\$289.05	\$113.96	\$116.94	\$177.32	\$939.99
KIRIBATI	\$75.29	\$81.41	\$83.47	\$88.56	\$67.30	\$55.71	\$451.74
MARSHALL ISLANDS	\$86.98	\$93.15	\$121.06	\$65.43	\$69.17	\$29.75	\$465.53
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	\$165.50	\$145.06	\$123.78	\$129.13	\$83.51	\$77.45	\$724.45
NAURU	\$39.06	\$32.64	\$27.29	\$22.36	\$34.92	\$24.10	\$180.37
NIUE	\$22.49	\$21.74	\$18.12	\$14.24	\$19.30	\$14.15	\$110.05
OCEANIA, REGIONAL	\$338.25	\$298.35	\$327.64	\$291.30	\$268.71	\$239.22	\$1,763.48
PALAU	\$33.10	\$16.42	\$44.42	\$23.96	\$14.10	\$18.34	\$150.34
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	\$688.40	\$754.78	\$849.82	\$722.33	\$711.37	\$646.05	\$4,372.75
SAMOA	\$138.02	\$134.93	\$160.36	\$133.21	\$151.79	\$116.35	\$834.66
SOLOMON ISLANDS	\$347.38	\$325.72	\$323.40	\$229.84	\$219.86	\$189.23	\$1,635.44
TONGA	\$116.05	\$92.57	\$93.41	\$85.61	\$76.11	\$101.36	\$565.12
TUVALU	\$37.23	\$27.46	\$29.68	\$36.53	\$51.77	\$25.16	\$207.84
VANUATU	\$99.18	\$107.42	\$105.17	\$110.00	\$244.61	\$153.59	\$819.97
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,358.21	\$2,261.85	\$2,618.43	\$2,096.92	\$2,160.87	\$1,903.40	\$13,399.70