



## Australian Volunteers Program at a glance July 2019 – June 2020

The Australian Volunteers Program matches skilled Australians with organisations across 26 countries to help those organisations to deliver on their own objectives.

In 2019-20 the Australian Volunteers Program made significant progress towards all three program outcomes: supporting our partner organisations to achieve their development objectives; promoting the value of international volunteering; and supporting the personal and professional development of our volunteers.

The program recruited, mobilised and supported 802 volunteers to deliver 933 assignments in 26 countries. The program also developed stronger relationships with a more diverse cohort of partners, supporting 572 partner organisations in this period.

Forty-five partner workshops were held, 187 partnership plans were developed, and 85 Australian organisations supported in-country partners.

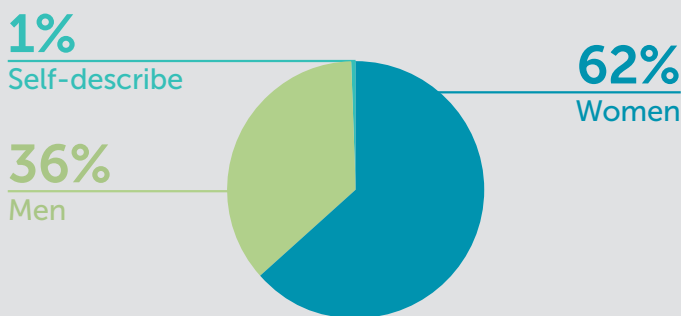
The program demonstrated strong crisis management in response to the impacts of COVID-19, including the repatriation of 464 volunteers and dependents. The program also quickly adjusted in response to the new context. The design and roll out of a remote volunteering model was fast tracked, and a volunteer Talent Pool was established, with over 700 candidates by 30 June 2020.

The program supported **802** Australians to volunteer, completing **933** assignments. **131** family members accompanied volunteers on overseas assignments. **418** assignments started this year and **515** continued assignments from previous years.

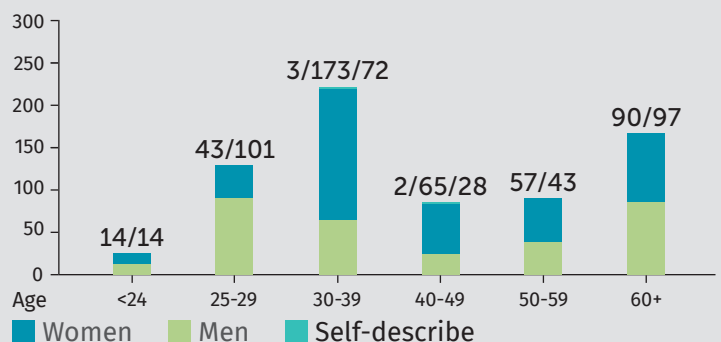
**1.4%** of volunteers identify as having a disability

**1.4%** of volunteers identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

### Gender of volunteers



### Age range by gender



**73%** of volunteers thought they made good or excellent progress achieving their assignment objectives.<sup>1</sup>

**86%** of volunteers were satisfied or very satisfied with the program.<sup>2</sup>

1. Volunteers reported their progress on a scale of '5 – excellent progress' to '1 – minimal progress'. Of those who responded 26% reported level 5, 41% reported level 4, 23% reported level 3, 5% reported level 2, and 5% reported level 1.

2. Volunteers reported their satisfied on a scale of '5 – very satisfied' to '1 – very dissatisfied'. Of those who responded, 39% reported level 5, 48% reported level 4, 10% reported level 3, 2% reported level 2, and 1% reported level 1.

Total expenditure

\$36.7M

Our partner organisations



Most common sectors partner organisations work in



84% of partner organisations reported good or excellent progress against assignment objectives



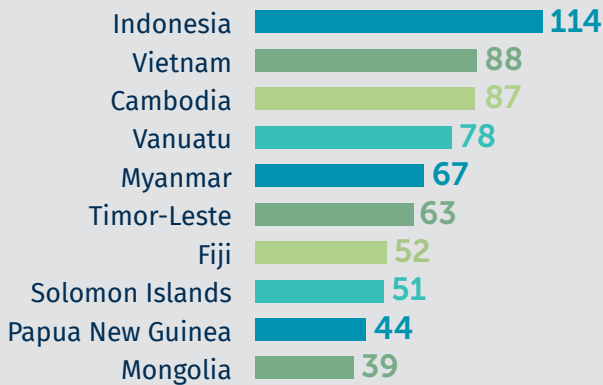
82% of partners were satisfied or very satisfied with the program



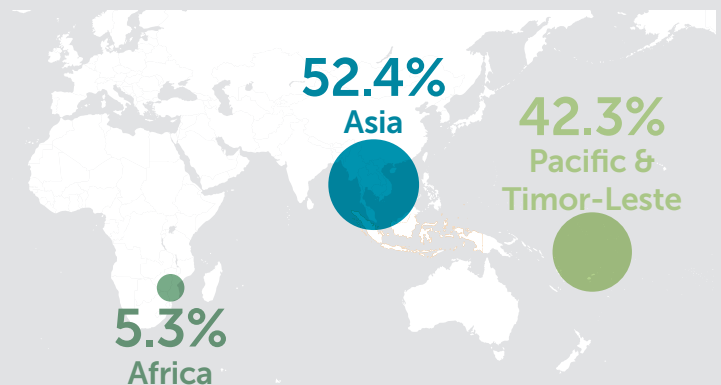
Number of partner organisations supported

572

Top ten countries by assignment (out of 26 countries)



Where volunteers went



464

program participants repatriated due to COVID-19

6

COVID-19 specialist roles continuing in-country

69

remote assignments started since the repatriation

50

volunteers and partner organisations supported with Impact Fund grants

Eight most common SDGs the program contributes to

