

## Australian Volunteers Program at a glance July 2020 – June 2021

# Australian Volunteers

The Australian Volunteers Program has continued to support the locally-led development of hundreds of partner organisations across the Indo-Pacific region. Due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, the program has introduced new ways to provide this support.

In 2020-21, the Australian Volunteers Program made significant progress, including strengthening partnerships, adapting delivery, and exploring new ways to support local volunteering capacity and future program resilience.

This period has been characterised by the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19, which required the program to navigate high levels of uncertainty in all countries it operates in while also adapting program delivery.

The program supported 224 partner organisations through 343 volunteer assignments.

The program funded 102 small grants to contribute to the capacity development objectives of partner organisations, as well as facilitating a range of networking and mutual learning events.

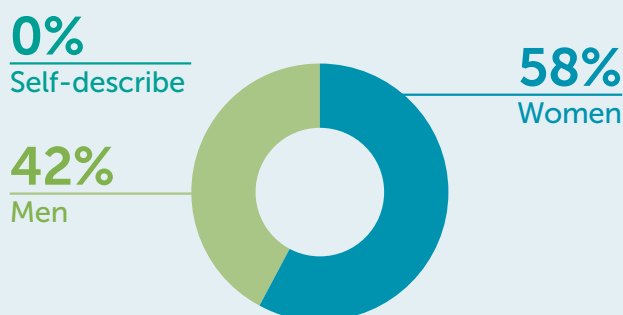
During the year, DFAT commissioned an independent evaluation which found that the program was highly relevant to the development needs of overseas partner organisations and has been very effective in supporting partners to achieve their capacity development goals.

**287** Australian volunteers completed **311** remote and **32** in-country assignments.  
**266** assignments started this year and **77** continued from the previous year.  
**4** family members accompanied volunteers on in-country assignments.

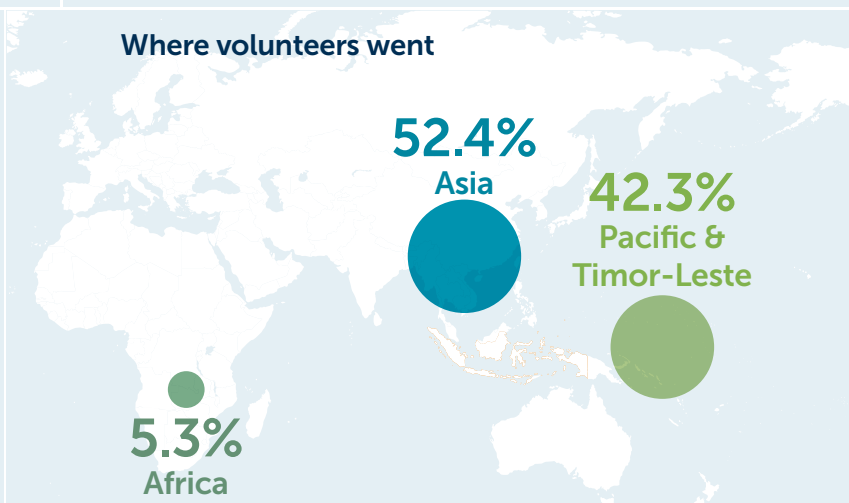
**2%** of volunteers identified as having a disability

**1%** of volunteers identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

### Gender of volunteers



### Where volunteers went



74% of volunteers thought they made good or excellent progress achieving their assignment objectives



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



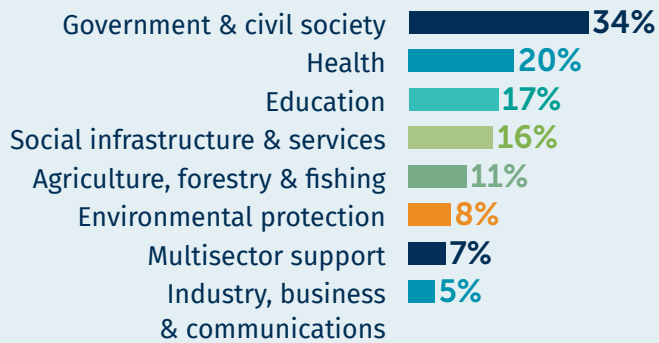
Partner organisations supported with assignments

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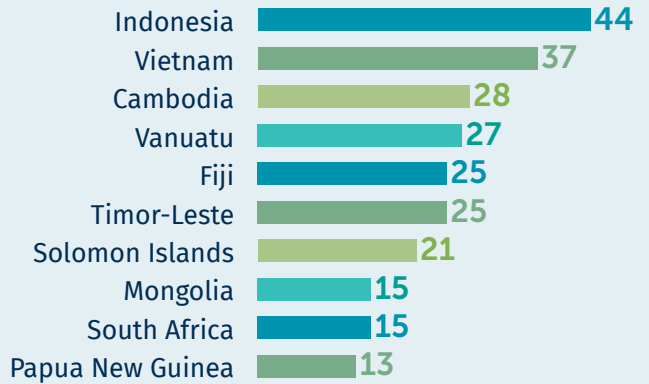
Small grants awarded to partner organisations

102

### Most common sectors partner organisations work in



### Top ten countries by assignment (out of 26 countries)



81% of partner organisations reported good or excellent progress against assignment objectives



87% of partners were satisfied or very satisfied with the program



### Partner organisations contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals



The size of each SDG logo is a visual representation of the proportion of partner organisations contributing to that goal.

Total expenditure

\$16.5M