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**AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2010-11: NEPAL**

The Australian Government has announced an estimated AUD18.44 million of Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) to Nepal for the financial year 2010-2011. This includes an indicative country allocation of AUD13.0 million and an additional AUD5.4 million in other ODA for Australian Leadership Awards, Volunteers Program and support to non-government organisations.

Australia's assistance in 2010-2011 will continue to focus on ongoing programs in health and education. The Australian Development Scholarships Program will be reintroduced for commencement of study in 2011. A water and sanitation activity will be supported. Australia will also provide support for voter education in Nepal.