

OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Promoting economic and social development in non-member countries has been a principal objective of the OECD since its foundation. The share of national income devoted to official development assistance (ODA) is a test of a country's commitment to international development. A long-standing United Nations target is that developed countries should devote 0.7% of their gross national income (GNI) to ODA.

Definition

This section shows total net ODA as shares of GNI as well as the distribution by geographical region and income group of ODA.

ODA is defined as government aid designed to promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries. Loans and credits for military purposes are excluded. Aid may be provided bilaterally, from donor to recipient, or channelled through a multilateral development agency such as the United Nations or the World Bank. Aid includes grants, "soft" loans and the provision of technical assistance. Soft loans are those where the grant element is at least 25% of the total.

The OECD maintains a list of developing countries and territories; only aid to these countries counts as ODA. The list is periodically updated and currently contains over 150 countries or territories with per capita incomes below USD 11 456 in 2007. Data on ODA flows are provided by the 24 OECD members of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

Comparability

Statistics on ODA are compiled according to directives drawn up by the DAC. Each country's statistics are subject to regular peer reviews by other DAC members.

Overview

In 2010, total net ODA from DAC members reached the highest value ever recorded (USD 128.7 billion), representing an increase of 6.5% in real terms compared to 2009. The weighted average of total ODA as a percentage of their combined GNI, was 0.32% in 2010; the unweighted average, measuring "average country effort", was 0.49%. The decline in both the weighted and unweighted averages recorded since 1990 was halted in 1999 and then reversed as DAC members took steps to meet the commitments they made at the Monterrey 2002 Financing for Development Conference and at the Gleneagles G8 and UN Millennium +5 summits in 2005.

The volume of bilateral ODA development projects and programmes has been on a rising trend in recent years and increased significantly between 2007 and 2009, indicating that donors are considerably scaling up their core aid programmes.

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Net official development assistance

As a percentage of gross national income

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Australia	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.32
Austria	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.23	0.34	0.26	0.20	0.23	0.52	0.47	0.50	0.43	0.30	0.32
Belgium	0.31	0.35	0.30	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.60	0.41	0.53	0.50	0.43	0.48	0.55	0.64
Canada	0.34	0.30	0.28	0.25	0.22	0.28	0.24	0.27	0.34	0.29	0.29	0.33	0.30	0.33
Denmark	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.06	1.03	0.96	0.84	0.85	0.81	0.80	0.81	0.82	0.88	0.90
Finland	0.32	0.31	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.35	0.35	0.37	0.46	0.40	0.39	0.44	0.54	0.55
France	0.44	0.38	0.38	0.30	0.31	0.37	0.40	0.41	0.47	0.47	0.38	0.39	0.47	0.50
Germany	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.36	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.35	0.38
Greece	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.21	0.19	0.17
Ireland	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.33	0.40	0.39	0.39	0.42	0.54	0.55	0.59	0.54	0.53
Italy	0.11	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.15	0.29	0.20	0.19	0.22	0.16	0.15
Japan	0.21	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.28	0.25	0.17	0.19	0.18	0.20
Korea	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.12
Luxembourg	0.55	0.65	0.66	0.70	0.77	0.78	0.86	0.79	0.79	0.89	0.92	0.97	1.04	1.09
Netherlands	0.81	0.80	0.79	0.84	0.82	0.81	0.80	0.73	0.82	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.82	0.81
New Zealand	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.25	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.30	0.28	0.26
Norway	0.84	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.80	0.89	0.92	0.87	0.94	0.89	0.95	0.89	1.06	1.10
Portugal	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.27	0.22	0.63	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.27	0.23	0.29
Spain	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.30	0.26	0.23	0.24	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.45	0.46	0.43
Sweden	0.79	0.72	0.70	0.80	0.77	0.84	0.79	0.78	0.94	1.02	0.93	0.98	1.12	0.97
Switzerland	0.34	0.32	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.37	0.40	0.43	0.39	0.38	0.44	0.45	0.41
United Kingdom	0.26	0.27	0.24	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.47	0.51	0.36	0.43	0.51	0.56
United States	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.17	0.23	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.21	0.21
DAC total	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.32	0.30	0.27	0.30	0.31	0.32
of which: EU members	0.33	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.44	0.43	0.39	0.43	0.44	0.46

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Net official development assistance


2010



Distribution of net bilateral ODA from all sources by income group and by region

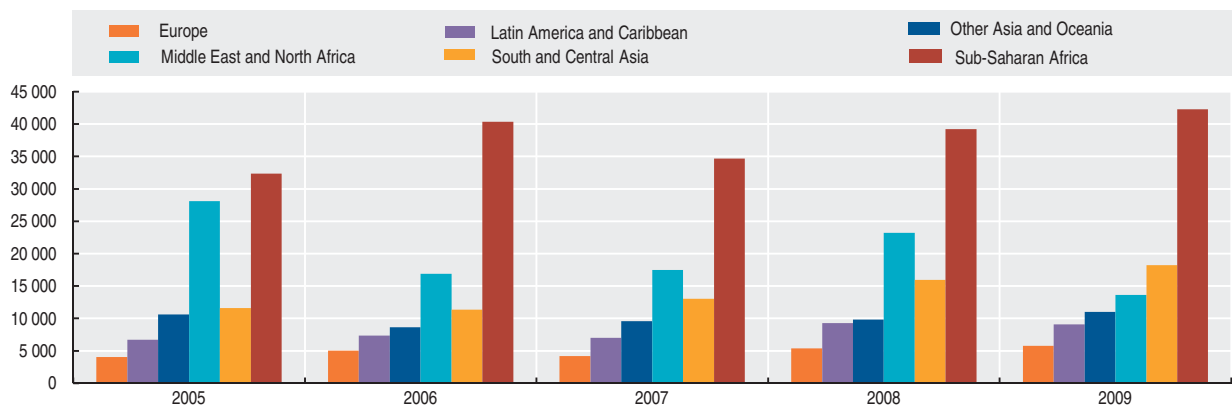
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	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<i>Distribution of bilateral ODA by income group</i>					
Least Developed Countries	25 967	28 476	32 973	38 627	39 940
Other Low-Income Countries	13 338	19 128	10 937	10 645	16 042
Lower Middle-Income Countries	43 411	28 916	29 023	31 769	26 452
Upper Middle-Income Countries	4 457	6 136	6 125	8 490	7 682
More Advanced Developing Countries and Territories	30	23	-116	-	-
Unallocated	21 238	23 869	27 832	37 125	37 410
<i>Distribution of bilateral ODA by region</i>					
Sub-Saharan Africa	32 368	40 379	34 661	39 229	42 266
Middle East and North Africa	28 129	16 886	17 459	23 193	13 639
South and Central Asia	11 611	11 360	13 059	15 945	18 213
Other Asia and Oceania	10 597	8 638	9 574	9 808	10 999
Europe	4 044	5 035	4 186	5 371	5 788
Latin America and Caribbean	6 708	7 340	6 987	9 288	9 089
Unspecified	14 985	16 910	20 849	23 821	27 532
Developing countries total	108 441	106 549	106 775	126 656	127 527

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Distribution of net bilateral ODA from all sources by region

Million US dollars




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Distribution of net bilateral country ODA from all sources by income group

Million US dollars



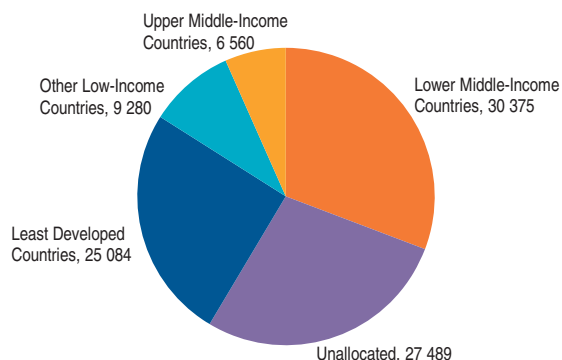
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Distribution of gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by income group

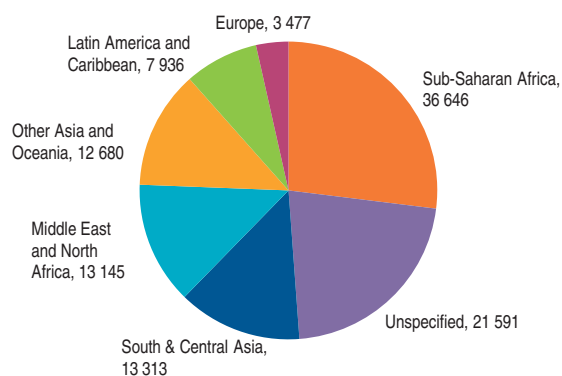
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Distribution of gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by region

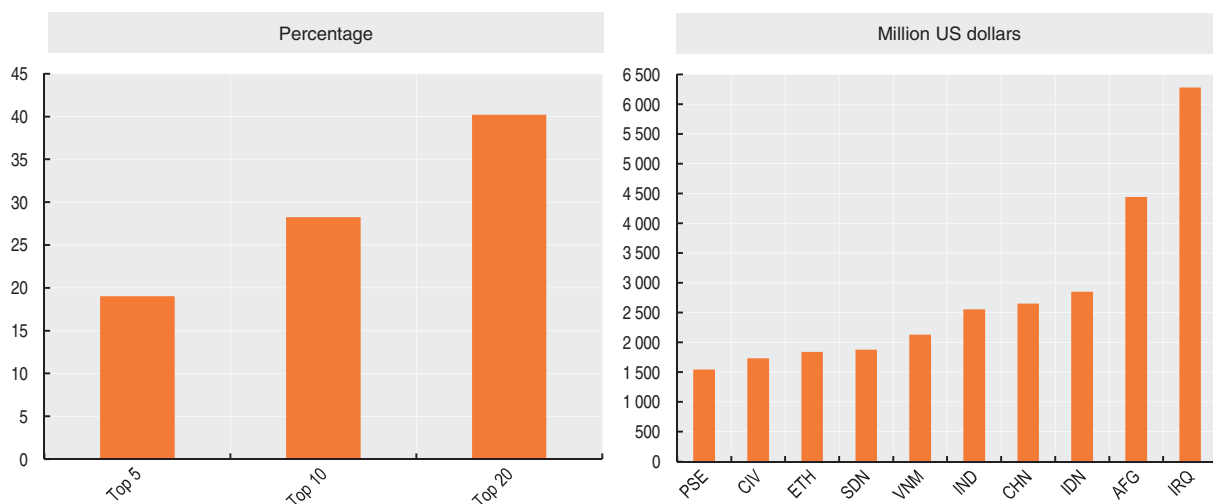
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Top recipients of gross bilateral ODA

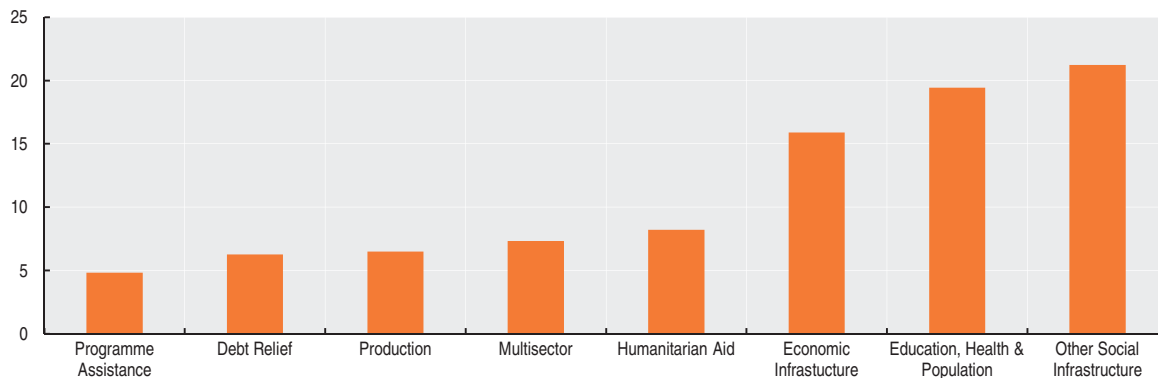
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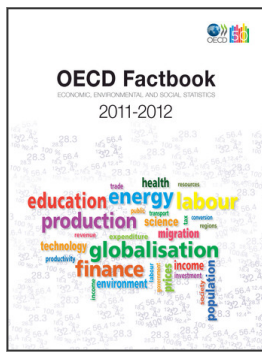
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Distribution of gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by sector

As a percentage of gross bilateral ODA, 2008-09 average



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