

OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The promotion of 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 widely regarded as a test of a country's commitment to international development, and there is a long-standing United Nations target for developed countries to devote 0.7% of their gross national income (GNI) to ODA. The tables in this section show total ODA as shares of GNI as well as the geographical distribution of bilateral ODA.

Definition

Official development assistance is defined as government aid to developing countries designed to promote the economic development and welfare of recipient countries. Loans and credits for military purposes are excluded. The aid may be provided bilaterally, from donor to recipient, or it may be channeled 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%. ODA is usually measured on a net basis, i.e. after subtracting loan repayments from the gross aid flows. Data on the geographical distribution of aid are presented on a gross basis to show the level of new aid provided during the period.

Long-term trends

The DAC total shown in the graph is the weighted average of total ODA provided by DAC members as a percentage of their total GNI; it amounted to 0.31% in 2006. The unweighted average, measuring "average country effort", was 0.46% in 2006. The decline since 1990 in both the weighted and unweighted averages was halted in 1999 and then reversed as DAC members increased their aid following the commitments they made at the Monterrey 2002 Financing for Development Conference.

ODA shares of GNI declined to their lowest point in 1997 but since 2002 have been increasing again, reaching a peak in 2005, due to debt relief. 2006 marked the first fall in ODA in real terms since 1997, though the level is still the highest recorded with the exception of 2005. While ODA is expected to fall back slightly again in 2007 as debt relief for Nigeria and Iraq tapers off, it is expected that other types of aid should then increase as donors move to fulfill their more recent pledges.

The OECD maintains a list of developing countries and territories, and only aid to these countries counts as ODA. The list is periodically updated and currently contains over 150 countries or territories which had per capita incomes of less than USD 10 066 in 2004 (by comparison, per capita income in OECD countries averaged over USD 35 000 in that year). Note that of the 30 member countries of the OECD, only the 22 shown in the table are members of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC), along with the European Commission.

Comparability

Statistics on ODA are compiled according to a set of directives drawn up by the DAC and each country's statistics are subject to regular peer reviews by other DAC members. Data for Greece are available only since 1996 as Greece joined the DAC in 1999. From 1990 to 1992 inclusive, forgiveness of non-ODA debt was reportable as a part of a country's ODA but was excluded from the DAC total.

Source

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Net official development assistance

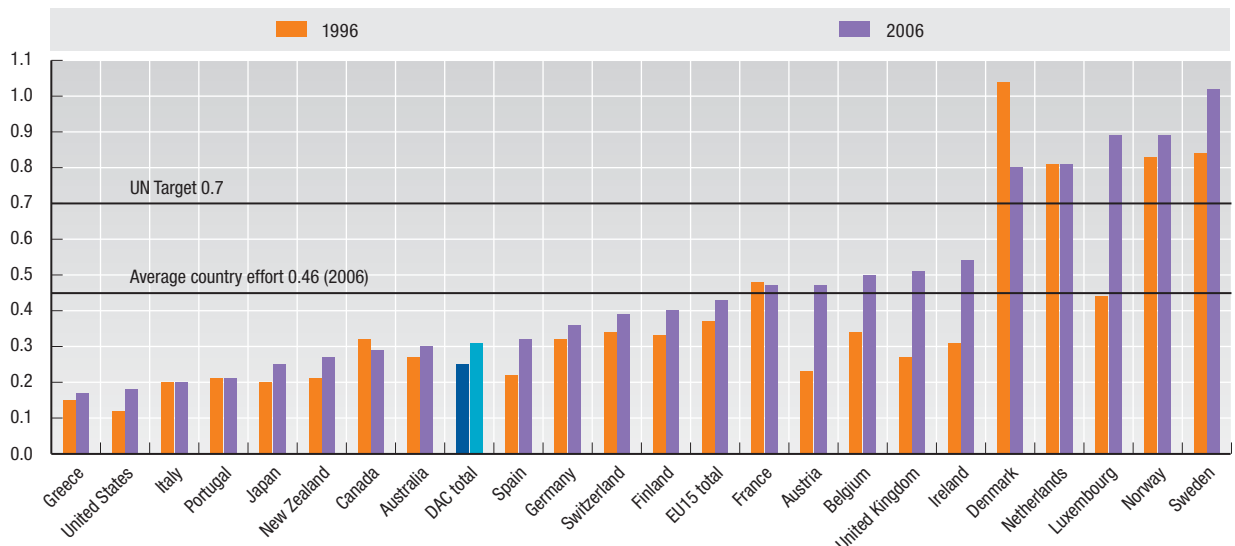
As a percentage of gross national income

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Australia	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.30
Austria	0.11	0.17	0.27	0.23	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.23	0.34	0.26	0.20	0.23	0.52	0.47
Belgium	0.39	0.32	0.38	0.34	0.31	0.35	0.30	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.60	0.41	0.53	0.50
Canada	0.45	0.43	0.38	0.32	0.34	0.30	0.28	0.25	0.22	0.28	0.24	0.27	0.34	0.29
Denmark	1.03	1.03	0.96	1.04	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.06	1.03	0.96	0.84	0.85	0.81	0.80
Finland	0.45	0.31	0.31	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.35	0.35	0.37	0.46	0.40
France	0.63	0.62	0.55	0.48	0.44	0.38	0.38	0.30	0.31	0.37	0.40	0.41	0.47	0.47
Germany	0.35	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.36	0.36
Greece	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.17	0.17
Ireland	0.20	0.25	0.29	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.33	0.40	0.39	0.39	0.42	0.54
Italy	0.31	0.27	0.15	0.20	0.11	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.15	0.29	0.20
Japan	0.27	0.29	0.27	0.20	0.21	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.28	0.25
Luxembourg	0.35	0.40	0.36	0.44	0.55	0.65	0.66	0.71	0.76	0.77	0.81	0.83	0.86	0.89
Netherlands	0.82	0.76	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.79	0.84	0.82	0.81	0.80	0.73	0.82	0.81
New Zealand	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.21	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.25	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.27	0.27
Norway	1.01	1.05	0.86	0.83	0.84	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.80	0.89	0.92	0.87	0.94	0.89
Portugal	0.28	0.34	0.25	0.21	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.27	0.22	0.63	0.21	0.21
Spain	0.28	0.28	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.30	0.26	0.23	0.24	0.27	0.32
Sweden	0.99	0.96	0.77	0.84	0.79	0.72	0.70	0.80	0.77	0.84	0.79	0.78	0.94	1.02
Switzerland	0.33	0.36	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.32	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.32	0.39	0.41	0.44	0.39
United Kingdom	0.31	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.24	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.47	0.51
United States	0.15	0.14	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.17	0.23	0.18
DAC total	0.30	0.29	0.26	0.25	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.33	0.31
of which: EU members	0.43	0.41	0.37	0.37	0.33	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.44	0.43

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As a percentage of gross national income




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Major recipients by region of total gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries

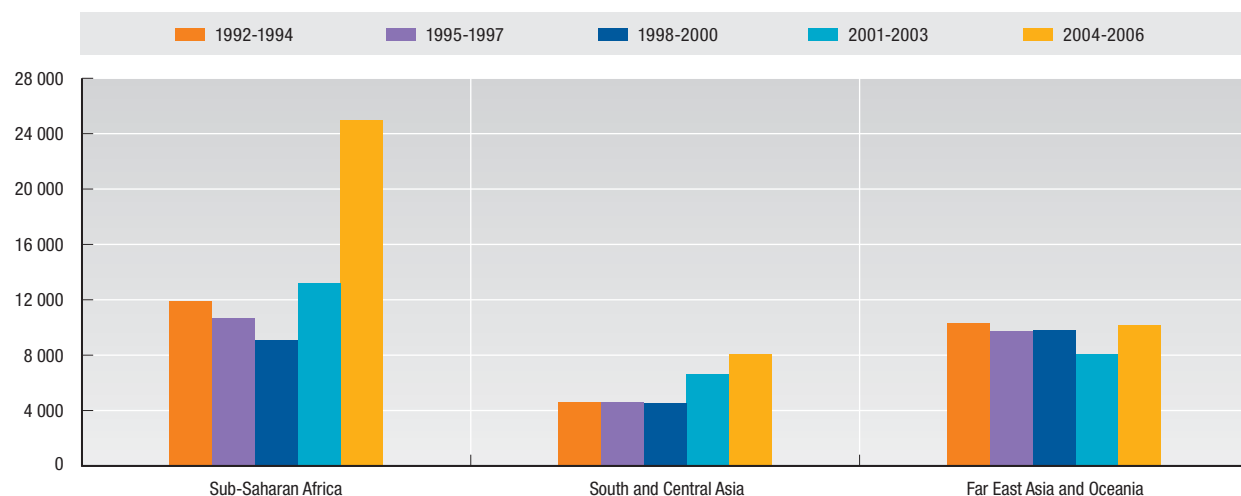

Million US dollars, 3-year averages

	1992-1994		1995-1997		1998-2000
Sub-Saharan Africa	11 918	Sub-Saharan Africa	10 623	Sub-Saharan Africa	9 100
Mozambique	908	Mozambique	706	Mozambique	748
Tanzania	788	Côte d'Ivoire	626	Tanzania	737
Côte d'Ivoire	759	Tanzania	597	Côte d'Ivoire	483
Zambia	641	Ethiopia	464	Uganda	454
Cameroon	571	Senegal	428	Ghana	408
Somalia	543	Uganda	417	Zambia	394
Ethiopia	509	Cameroon	416	South Africa	390
Kenya	482	Kenya	415	Senegal	383
Senegal	477	Zambia	411	Cameroon	365
Zimbabwe	393	Madagascar	369	Ethiopia	359
Middle East and North of Africa	7 608	Middle East and North of Africa	5 318	Middle East and North of Africa	3 877
Egypt	3 296	Egypt	1 826	Egypt	1 503
Israel	1 691	Israel	989	Morocco	489
Morocco	629	Morocco	505	Jordan	367
Algeria	381	Jordan	390	Palestinian Administered Areas	323
Jordan	329	Algeria	261	Tunisia	265
South and Central Asia	4 622	South and Central Asia	4 597	South and Central Asia	4 489
India	1 696	India	1 656	India	1 483
Bangladesh	919	Bangladesh	813	Bangladesh	813
Pakistan	800	Pakistan	661	Pakistan	586
Sri Lanka	385	Sri Lanka	403	Sri Lanka	369
Nepal	270	Nepal	254	Nepal	232
Far East Asia and Oceania	10 311	Far East Asia and Oceania	9 705	Far East Asia and Oceania	9 754
Indonesia	2 439	China	2 107	Indonesia	2 203
China	2 414	Indonesia	1 884	China	2 105
Philippines	1 606	Philippines	1 122	Thailand	1 093
Thailand	778	Thailand	970	Viet Nam	1 013
Viet Nam	487	Viet Nam	593	Philippines	957
Europe	1 793	Europe	1 564	Europe	2 264
States Ex-Yugoslavia Unspecified	962	Bosnia	618	Bosnia	584
Turkey	458	Turkey	408	Serbia	453
Albania	123	Albania	103	Turkey	305
Latin America and Caribbean	5 754	Latin America and Caribbean	5 717	Latin America and Caribbean	5 100
El Salvador	494	Bolivia	547	Peru	481
Bolivia	491	Nicaragua	530	Bolivia	404
Peru	479	Peru	415	Nicaragua	376
Mexico	415	Brazil	329	Brazil	361
Nicaragua	408	Mexico	300	Honduras	306

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Gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by region


Million US dollars

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Major recipients by region of total gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries (cont.)

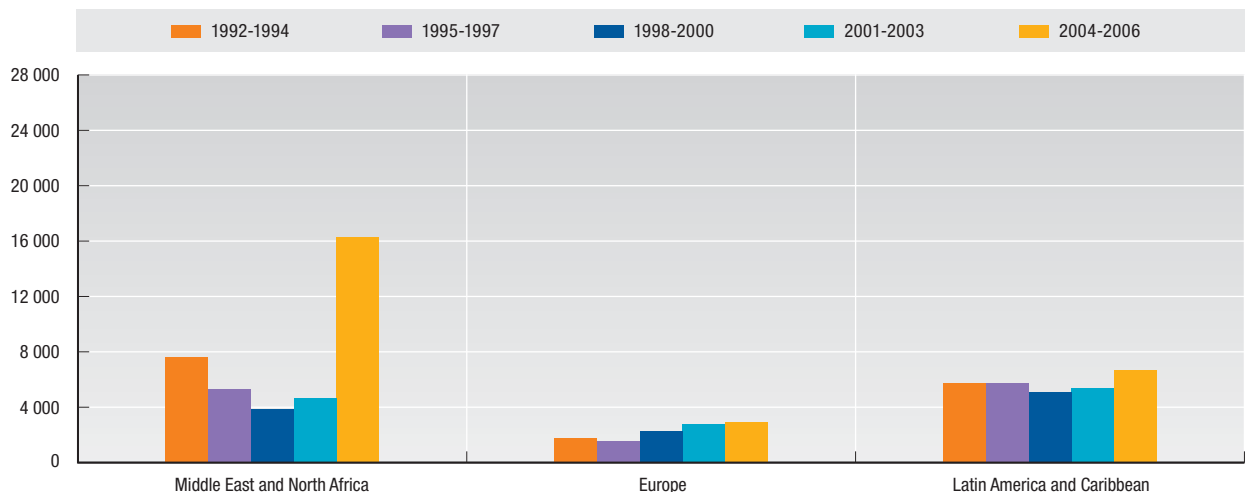
Million US dollars, 3-year averages

	2001-2003		2004-2006
Sub-Saharan Africa	13 172	Sub-Saharan Africa	24 973
Congo, Democratic Republic	1 889	Nigeria	5 940
Mozambique	1 066	Sudan	1 278
Tanzania	963	Congo, Democratic Republic	1 265
Ethiopia	641	Zambia	1 150
Cameroon	628	Ghana	1 146
Côte d'Ivoire	523	Ethiopia	1 105
Uganda	497	Cameroon	1 010
Ghana	446	Tanzania	1 002
Zambia	432	Mozambique	822
South Africa	416	Uganda	797
Middle East and North of Africa	4 675	Middle East and North of Africa	16 255
Egypt	1 298	Iraq	11 586
Iraq	760	Egypt	1 199
Jordan	687	Morocco	707
Morocco	476	Palestinian Administered Areas	643
Palestinian Administered Areas	394	Jordan	506
South and Central Asia	6 636	South and Central Asia	8 069
India	1 639	Afghanistan	2 091
Pakistan	1 336	India	1 715
Afghanistan	848	Bangladesh	856
Bangladesh	792	Pakistan	848
Sri Lanka	396	Sri Lanka	719
Far East Asia and Oceania	8 077	Far East Asia and Oceania	10 128
China	1 920	China	2 558
Indonesia	1 581	Indonesia	2 016
Philippines	1 014	Viet Nam	1 368
Viet Nam	880	Philippines	1 039
Thailand	818	Thailand	767
Europe	2 813	Europe	2 928
Serbia	1 135	Serbia	862
Turkey	357	Turkey	447
Bosnia	337	Bosnia	305
Latin America and Caribbean	5 408	Latin America and Caribbean	6 669
Bolivia	679	Colombia	723
Colombia	587	Bolivia	705
Peru	582	Nicaragua	701
Nicaragua	535	Peru	609
Brazil	369	Honduras	585

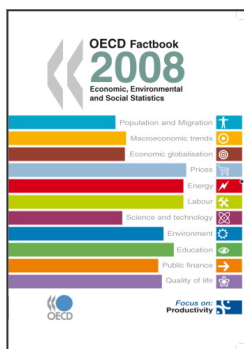
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Gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by region

Million US dollars



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