

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 geographical distribution of bilateral 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 refer to ODA provided by 22 OECD countries that are members of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

Overview

The weighted average of total ODA provided by DAC members, as a percentage of their total GNI, amounted to 0.31% in 2008; the unweighted average, measuring "average country effort", was 0.48%. 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.

In 2008, total net ODA from DAC members reached the highest value ever recorded (USD 121.5 billion), with an increase of 11.7% in real terms compared to 2007. The volume of bilateral ODA development projects and programmes has been on a rising trend in recent years and increased significantly between 2007 and 2008, indicating that donors are considerably scaling up their core aid programmes.

Data on the geographical distribution of aid are presented in this section on a gross basis (i.e. without any deductions for loan repayments) to show the level of new aid provided during the period.

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.

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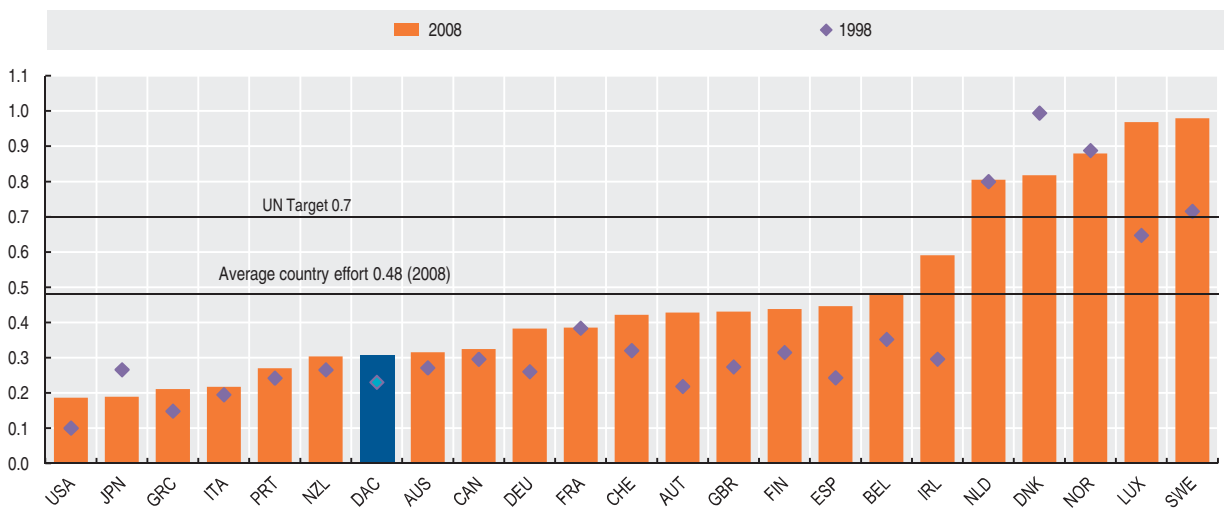
As a percentage of gross national income

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Australia	0.34	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.30	0.32	0.32
Austria	0.27	0.23	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.23	0.34	0.26	0.20	0.23	0.52	0.47	0.50	0.43
Belgium	0.38	0.34	0.31	0.35	0.30	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.60	0.41	0.53	0.50	0.43	0.48
Canada	0.38	0.32	0.34	0.30	0.28	0.25	0.22	0.28	0.24	0.27	0.34	0.29	0.29	0.32
Denmark	0.96	1.04	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.06	1.03	0.96	0.84	0.85	0.81	0.80	0.81	0.82
Finland	0.31	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.35	0.35	0.37	0.46	0.40	0.39	0.44
France	0.55	0.48	0.44	0.38	0.38	0.30	0.31	0.37	0.40	0.41	0.47	0.47	0.38	0.39
Germany	0.31	0.32	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.36	0.36	0.37	0.38
Greece	..	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.21
Ireland	0.29	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.33	0.40	0.39	0.39	0.42	0.54	0.55	0.59
Italy	0.15	0.20	0.11	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.15	0.29	0.20	0.19	0.22
Japan	0.27	0.20	0.21	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.28	0.25	0.17	0.19
Luxembourg	0.36	0.44	0.55	0.65	0.66	0.70	0.77	0.78	0.86	0.79	0.79	0.89	0.92	0.97
Netherlands	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.79	0.84	0.82	0.81	0.80	0.73	0.82	0.81	0.81	0.80
New Zealand	0.23	0.21	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.25	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.30
Norway	0.86	0.83	0.84	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.80	0.89	0.92	0.87	0.94	0.89	0.95	0.88
Portugal	0.25	0.21	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.27	0.22	0.63	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.27
Spain	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.30	0.26	0.23	0.24	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.45
Sweden	0.77	0.84	0.79	0.72	0.70	0.80	0.77	0.84	0.79	0.78	0.94	1.02	0.93	0.98
Switzerland	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.32	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.37	0.40	0.43	0.39	0.38	0.42
United Kingdom	0.29	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.24	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.47	0.51	0.35	0.43
United States	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.17	0.23	0.18	0.16	0.19
DAC total	0.26	0.25	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.33	0.31	0.28	0.31
<i>of which: EU members</i>	0.37	0.37	0.33	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.44	0.43	0.39	0.43

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As a percentage of gross national income



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Distribution of gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by income group and by region

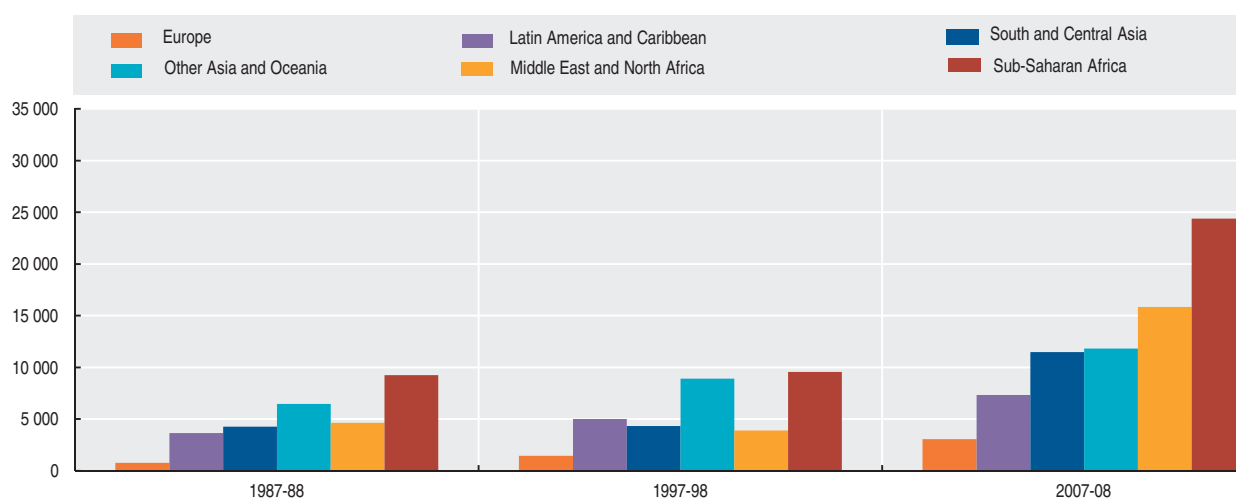
Million US dollars, 2-year averages

	1987-88	1997-98	2007-08
<i>Distribution of bilateral ODA by income group</i>			
Least Developed Countries	8 604	8 197	22 819
Other Low-Income Countries	2 607	3 407	7 140
Lower Middle-Income Countries	11 408	15 596	32 291
Upper Middle-Income Countries	2 515	3 114	6 217
More Advanced Developing Countries and Territories	2 675	1 107	8
Unallocated	5 714	9 211	24 366
<i>Distribution of bilateral ODA by region</i>			
Sub-Saharan Africa	9 237	9 545	24 384
Middle East and North Africa	4 648	3 908	15 848
South and Central Asia	4 250	4 326	11 478
Other Asia and Oceania	6 465	8 902	11 818
Europe	763	1 445	3 056
Latin America and Caribbean	3 641	5 004	7 317
Unspecified	4 518	7 502	18 940
Bilateral ODA	33 522	40 632	92 841
Multilateral ODA	13 410	16 560	33 014
Total ODA	46 932	57 193	125 855

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Distribution of gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by region

Million US dollars



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Major recipients of total gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries

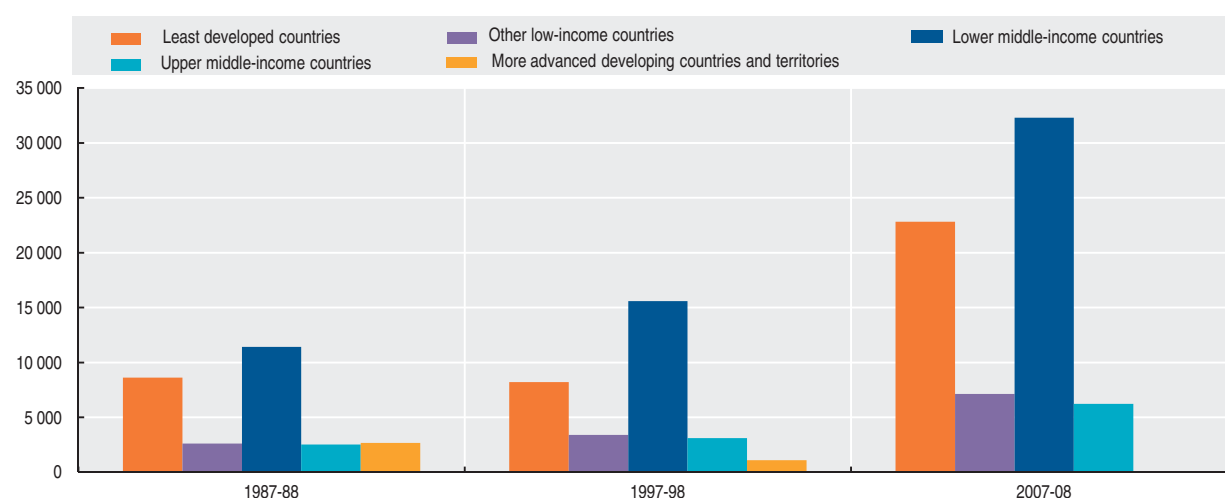
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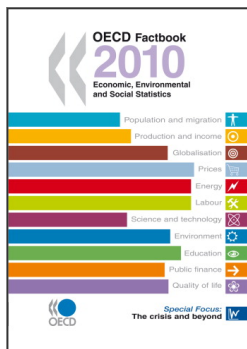
	1987-88		1997-98		2007-08			
	Million US dollars	As a percentage of total ODA	Million US dollars	As a percentage of total ODA	Million US dollars	As a percentage of total ODA		
Indonesia	1 764	3.8	China	1 863	3.3	Iraq	9 462	7.5
Egypt	1 615	3.4	Indonesia	1 711	3.0	Afghanistan	3 475	2.8
India	1 359	2.9	Egypt	1 613	2.8	China	2 601	2.1
Israel	1 349	2.9	India	1 556	2.7	Indonesia	2 543	2.0
China	1 088	2.3	Philippines	935	1.6	India	2 263	1.8
Bangladesh	961	2.0	Thailand	861	1.5	Vietnam	1 745	1.4
Pakistan	889	1.9	Bangladesh	758	1.3	Sudan	1 743	1.4
Philippines	836	1.8	Vietnam	714	1.2	Tanzania	1 603	1.3
Tanzania	765	1.6	Mozambique	694	1.2	Ethiopia	1 551	1.2
Mozambique	651	1.4	Tanzania	687	1.2	Cameroon	1 396	1.1
Kenya	566	1.2	Pakistan	622	1.1	Egypt	1 389	1.1
Thailand			Bosnia-Herzegovina	560	1.0	Bangladesh	1 310	1.0
Turkey	544	1.2	Cote d'Ivoire	506	0.9	Mozambique	1 222	1.0
Sudan	475	1.0	Madagascar	479	0.8	Nigeria	1 121	0.9
Ethiopia	445	0.9	Peru	464	0.8	Palestinian Administered Areas	1 108	0.9
Bilateral ODA	33 522	71.4	Bilateral ODA	40 632	71.0	Bilateral ODA	92 841	73.8
Multilateral ODA	13 410	28.6	Multilateral ODA	16 560	29.0	Multilateral ODA	33 014	26.2
Total ODA	46 932	100.0	Total ODA	57 193	100.0	Total ODA	125 855	100.0

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Distribution of gross bilateral ODA from DAC countries by income group

Million US dollars

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