

Statistical Release

Statistics on International Development 2011

The 2011 edition of the National Statistics publication [Statistics on International Development](#) produced by the Department for International Development (DFID) was published on 6th October 2011 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Description

DFID has released final details of UK Official Development Assistance (ODA) for calendar year 2010 in the 2011 edition of Statistics on International Development (SID). This includes the final estimate of ODA as proportion of Gross National Income (GNI) in 2010. These figures update provisional estimates published on 31 March 2011. SID also reports figures for UK Gross Public Expenditure on Development (GPEX) in financial year 2010/11 (which captures the entirety of UK spend on development e.g. it is reported on a gross basis and includes non-ODA items)¹. The publication includes data on the volume, type, destination and purpose of UK ODA and GPEX for each of the last 5 years. The publication also contains detailed information on the DFID aid programme, a summary of which was published in the DFID Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11, in accordance with the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Act 2006.

Summary

UK Official Development Assistance 2010 (See Table 1)

- UK ODA accounted for 0.57 per cent² of UK Gross National Income (GNI) in 2010, compared with 0.51 per cent in 2009; this is the highest level of

¹ See 'Background notes' for further explanation of ODA and GPEX.

² The proportion of UK ODA to UK Gross National Income (GNI) has changed from the provisional figure published in March. This is mainly the result of a change to previously published GNI figures by the Office for National Statistics. GNI estimates for the most recent quarters are provisional and are subject to revision in the light of updated source information. This change has also resulted from revisions to final UK ODA for 2010 from those published as provisional estimates in March 2011.

the ODA:GNI ratio since the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent was set in 1970.

- UK ODA in 2010 increased by 17 per cent to an estimated £8,452 million from the 2009 figure of £7,223 million; this is the highest level of UK ODA ever recorded.
- UK ODA excluding debt relief as a proportion of GNI was 0.57 per cent in 2010 compared with 0.51 per cent in 2009.
- UK ODA excluding debt relief in 2010 increased by 16 per cent to an estimated £8,346 million, from the equivalent 2009 figure of £7,196 million.

Within the UK ODA total:

- Bilateral expenditure increased by 10 per cent in 2010 to £5,191 million from £4,732 million in 2009.
- Excluding debt relief, bilateral ODA increased by 8 per cent in 2010 to £5,085 million, from £4,705 million in 2009.
- ODA contributions to multilateral organisations such as the United Nations, European Commission, the World Bank and other regional banks increased by 31 per cent to £3,261 million in 2010 from £2,491 million in 2009.

Table 1: UK Official Development Assistance 2009-2010 (£ millions)

	2009	2010
Total ODA	7,223	8,452
<i>of which bilateral ODA</i>	4,732	5,191
<i>of which multilateral ODA</i>	2,491	3,261
ODA as proportion of GNI	0.51%	0.57%
Debt Relief	27	106
ODA excluding Debt Relief	7,196	8,346
<i>of which bilateral ODA</i>	4,705	5,085
<i>of which multilateral ODA</i>	2,491	3,261
ODA, excluding debt relief, as proportion of GNI	0.51%	0.57%

Regional distribution of UK bilateral ODA (See also Table 2)

- UK bilateral ODA to Africa increased by 11 per cent to £1,991 million in 2010 from £1,789 million in 2009.
- UK bilateral ODA to Sub-Saharan Africa increased by 16 per cent to £1,866 million in 2010 from £1,603 million in 2009.
- UK bilateral ODA to Asia in 2010 fell by 3 per cent to £1,334 million from £1,378 million in 2009.

Table 2: UK bilateral ODA by region 2009-2010 (£ millions)

	2009	2010
Africa	1,789	1,991
Of which, Sub-Saharan Africa	1,603	1,866
Asia	1,378	1,334
Rest of the World	122	123
Non-region specific ³	1,443	1,743

UK ODA by Government Department (See also Table 3)

- DFID ODA increased by 17 per cent to £7,386 million in 2010 from £6,292 million in 2009.
- The net non-DFID contribution to ODA increased by 14 per cent to £1,067 million in 2010 compared to a contribution of £932 million in 2009.

Table 3: DFID and Non-DFID ODA 2009-2010 (£ millions)

	2009	2010
Total DFID ODA	6,292	7,386
Non-DFID ODA	932	1,067
<i>Of which Bilateral:</i>		
CDC Group PLC (Net Investments)	222	218
Export Credit Guarantee Department (Debt Relief)	7	54
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	142	167

³ Includes funding to global sector policy programmes. In 2009 these included the Environmental Transformation Fund (£300m), Global Trade Liquidity Programme (£203m) and the IDA Social Protection and Crisis Response Fund (£100m). See SID Section 3.

(excluding Conflict Pools)		
<i>Of which:</i>		
<i>Bilateral Programmes</i>	74	62
<i>Peacekeeping</i>	23	29
<i>British Council</i>	45	76
Conflict Pool (FCO & Ministry of Defence)	103	99
Department for Energy and Climate Change ⁴	155	255
UK Border Agency costs of supporting refugees in the UK	7	12
Scottish Government	5	9
Gift Aid for Developmental Non-Governmental Organisations	44	47
Colonial Pensions	4	3
Other government departments bilateral ODA	36	7
Administrative costs ⁵	18	14
<i>Of which multilateral:</i>		
EC Attribution (non DFID)	114	110
Contributions to UN and other multilateral organisations	75	72

Gross Public Expenditure on Development (GPEX) in 2010/11 (Table 4)

- The UK's GPEX increased by £1,240 million (16 per cent) to £9,007 million in 2010/11 from £7,767 million in 2009/10.
- The DFID aid programme increased by 16 per cent in 2010/11, accounting for £7,689 million of total GPEX in 2010/11 compared to £6,629 million in 2009/10. This accounted for 85% of total GPEX in both years.
- GPEX excluding debt relief increased by £1,161 million (12%) to £8,829 million in 2010/11, from £7,668 million in 2009/10.
- Total GPEX in Africa increased by £200 million (10%) to £2,114 million in 2010/11, from £1,914 million in 2009/10.

⁴ Includes £250m contribution to the Environmental Transformation Fund (ETF) in 2010. UK contributions to the ETF are managed jointly by DFID and DECC.

⁵ Administrative costs are classed as bilateral ODA under the DAC Statistical Reporting Directives

The DFID Aid Programme

- In 2010/11, £4,254 million (or 55%) of the DFID aid programme was bilateral assistance and £3,222 million (42%) was multilateral assistance. The remaining £214 million was spent on administration costs.
- DFID's bilateral expenditure rose by 7 per cent to £4,254 million in 2010/11 from £3,958 million in 2009/10.
- The amount of DFID bilateral assistance going to Sub-Saharan Africa rose by £221 million (14 per cent) to £1,760 million in 2010/11, from £1,539 million in 2009/10.
- DFID Bilateral assistance to Asia remained level at £1,093 million in 2010/11 compared to £1,089 million in 2009/10.
- DFID's total multilateral expenditure rose by 32 per cent to £3,222 million in 2010/11, from the 2009/10 figure of £2,436 million.

Table 4: UK GPEX 2009/10 to 2010/11 (£ millions)

	2009/10	2010/11
Total GPEX	7,767	9,007
DFID Programme	6,629	7,689
Non-DFID aid	1,138	1,318
Bilateral GPEX	4,766	5,318
DFID Bilateral Programme	3,958	4,254
Non-DFID Debt Relief	7	54
CDC Gross Investments	354	416
FCO Bilateral Aid	142	162
Other	305	432
Multilateral GPEX	2,600	3,462
DFID Multilateral Programme	2,277	3,222
Other	323	240
Administration	252	228
DFID Administration	234	214
Other Administration	18	14

Background notes

More detailed background information on SID can be found in the Glossary (Annex 2) and Data Sources (Annex 4) sections of the publication.

Definitions

1. The UK is a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) which is a forum containing 24 members. The DAC sets the definitions and classifications for reporting on ODA internationally. These are laid out in the DAC Statistical Reporting Directives⁶. As a DAC member the UK is committed to transparent reporting of development assistance in a way that permits international comparisons.

2. ODA is the internationally agreed classification of aid. It is defined as flows to developing countries and multilateral organisations provided by official agencies or by their executive agencies, each transaction of which meets the following criteria:

- It is administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as its main aim
- It is concessional in character and conveys a grant element of at least 25 per cent.

ODA is reported on a calendar year basis to allow international comparison.

3. GPEX is expenditure by all official UK sources on aid to developing countries and multilateral organisations which meets the criteria for developmental Official Flows agreed by the DAC. GPEX is reported on a financial year basis.

4. Multilateral ODA or GPEX is defined as aid delivered in the form of core contributions to organisations listed in Annex 2 of the DAC Statistical

⁶ http://www.oecd.org/document/4/0,3343,en_2649_34447_1918532_1_1_1_1,00.html

Reporting Directives. Bilateral aid covers all aid provided by donor countries when the recipient country, sector or project is known.

Sources

5. The vast majority of these statistics were collected from the administrative systems of DFID; other UK government departments and agencies and the European Union. The statistics also include estimates based on DFID's Voluntary Agency Survey. Further details are provided below and in the glossary section of SID.

6. GNI figures used here are taken from UK National Accounts data published by the Office for National Statistics on 12 July⁷.

Timing & Releases

23. Provisional UK Official Development Assistance as a proportion of Gross National Income 2011 will be published in March/April 2012. The exact date will be confirmed on the ONS Publications Hub⁸ at least two weeks before publication.

24. In addition to the summary data reported here, more detailed information on individual projects and programmes contributing to the overall ODA aggregates will be published via the DAC in the Creditor Reporting System⁹ later in the year.

25. The date of the 2012 edition of *Statistics on International Development*, will be pre-announced on the ONS Publications Hub.

⁷ <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=818>

⁸ <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/>

⁹ <http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DatasetCode=CRSNEW>

National Statistics

26. The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

27. Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

28. Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

29. For information on the work of the UK Statistics Authority visit:
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