

KEY QUESTION

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How is the Australia's ODA budget structured?

There are two major funding lines; DFAT manages 94% of the ODA budget

Australia's official development assistance (ODA) budget for fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 stands at A\$3.9 billion (US\$ 3.5 billion). Within the ODA budget, almost all ODA is managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (94%), while the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) and other government departments, including the Australian Federal Police, Treasury, and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, channel only small amounts.

DFAT's ODA budget provides detailed information on funding channels by regions and countries, as well as multilateral organizations, and is composed of two major funding lines: 'Country and Regional Programs' and 'Global Programs'.

- 'Country and Regional Programs' contains budget lines for major regions, which are further broken down by annual allocations to specific country programs. It also includes a budget line on 'Cross-regional Programs', which contains funding for activities that cannot be clearly categorized to a specific region, such as scholarships. This budget line can also include allocations that were not finalized at the time of the budget announcement, such as for multilateral fund replenishments.
- The 'Global Programs' envelope includes budget lines for multilaterals, civil society organizations (CSOs), and humanitarian assistance to the 'UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organizations'. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi) and Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are usually included in the health-specific sub-funding line, 'Contribution to Global Health Programs'.

Overview: FY2017-18 ODA budget	millions A\$	millions US\$
DFAT - Country and Regional Programs		
Pacific	912	821
East Asia	662	597
Cross-regional Programs	341	307
South & West Asia	221	199
Africa & the Middle East	52	47
Gender Equality Fund	55	50
DFAT - Country and Regional Programs - Total	2,243	2,021
DFAT - Global Programs		
Cash payments to multilaterals	391	352
Humanitarian, Emergencies, and Refugees	400	360
UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organizations, of which:	277	250
UN agencies (mostly voluntary)	68	61
Contribution to Global Health Programs	135	122
Other multilateral organizations	74	67
NGO, Volunteer and Community Programs	183	165
DFAT - Global Programs - Total	1,252	1,128
DFAT - Departmental	249	224
Other departments	237	214
Adjustments	-68	-59
Total ODA	3,912	3,525

Source: Australian Government - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2017 'Australian Aid Budget Summary 2017-18