

KEY QUESTION

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How is the Swedish ODA budget structured?

Sida manages 44% of Sweden's ODA budget

The government is committed to allocating 1% of Sweden's GNI to ODA. This share is outlined in each year's budget, and the total of all funding sources contributing to it is referred to as the 'ODA frame'. The 2017 Budget projects the ODA Frame at US\$6.7 billion (in 2014 prices), or 0.99% of GNI. Sweden uses its ODA budget to cover the costs of hosting refugees for their first year in the country. For 2017, costs for hosting refugees initially amounted to 18% of the Swedish ODA budget (US\$1.2 billion). In April however, due to a decrease in the numbers of arrivals of new asylum-seekers, the government reallocated US\$190 million to development programs. Funds will be reallocated to humanitarian assistance in sub-Saharan Africa, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and international climate work.

The government's Budget Bill for 2017 foresees that 'Budget Area 7' (International Cooperation) covers 76% of the total ODA 'frame' (US\$5.1 billion). The remainder consists mainly of refugee costs, assessed contributions to the EU, and management costs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

Sida manages 58% of financing for Budget Area 7 (US\$2.9 billion for 2017). This includes allocations for bilateral programs in specific regions, thematic cooperation, and other areas, such as funding to CSOs and humanitarian assistance. In addition, Budget Area 7 includes the MFA's funding lines for core contributions to UN agencies and other multilateral funds, as well as for multilateral development banks, debt relief, and 'strategically oriented grants' (see table).

Overview:	millions	millions
2017 ODA budget	US\$	SEK
Total Budget Area 7 (international assistance)	5,101	34,990
Sida	2,934	20,130
Bilateral cooperation	1,478	10,140
Thematic cooperation	531	3,645
Humanitarian assistance	463	3,175
Funding for Swedish CSOs	259	1,775
Research cooperation	112	765
Capacity development	72	493
Information and communication	20	138
MFA	1,843	12,645
Multilateral organizations (UN agencies and funds (e.g. GF, Gavi))	1,186	8,139
Multilateral development banks; debt relief	480	3,293
Strategically oriented grants	177	1,214
Other agencies	136	931
Administrative costs (including Sida)	187	1,284
Other ODA costs	1,625	11,145
Costs of hosting refugees	1,181	8,100
EU contributions	308	2,113
Others (e.g. funding for some UN agencies)	70	481
MFA administrative costs	66	451
Total ODA ('ODA frame')	6,725	46,135

Sources : Internationellt bistånd 2017 (Autumn), Sidas budgetunderlag 2017-2019