

KEY QUESTION

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How is the UK's ODA budget structured?

DFID manages 80% of the UK's ODA; this share is expected to decline

The Department for International Development (DFID) is the primary funder of the UK's ODA. According to DFID data, in 2015, DFID contributions accounted for 80% of ODA. The remaining 20% is managed by other government departments, including the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (3%), the Department of Energy and Climate Change (3%), and the Department for Business, Innovations, and Skills (2%). The remaining 12% is drawn from across other ministries and also includes the UK's contributions to the European Union. DFID estimates that the proportion of ODA to be spent by other departments could increase to 26% by FY2019-20.

DFID's departmental expenditure limit (DEL) for FY2016-17 stood at £11.8 billion. This includes cross-government funds that come from DFID's budget but are managed by other ministries. DFID planned to spend £10 billion through its various programs in FY2016-17 (i.e., not including cross-government funds). DFID's 'spending plan' is broken down into 11 envelopes linked to different DFID divisions (see table below, based on data from 'DFID's Annual Reports and Accounts 2015-2016'). It is important to note that the spending plan is indicative. This means that DFID has the authority to make changes to its allocations and distribute funds to different programs and divisions throughout the year.

DFID's program expenditure and allocations for the UK's FY2016/2017	millions £	millions US\$
Country and Regional Programs	4,259	7,017
East and Central Africa	1,497	2,467
Asia, Caribbean and Overseas Territories	1,254	2,065
West and Southern Africa	819	1,350
Middle East and North Africa Division	688	1,133
Economic Development Division	2,145	2,534
International Finance Department	1,581	2,604
Private Sector Department	451	743
Growth and Resilience Department	99	163
Trade for Development	12	20
Multilateral Effectiveness Department	1	2
International Relations Division	1,058	1,744
Europe Department	420	691
EC Attribution/European Union	381	627
United Nations and Commonwealth Department	256	423
Global Partnerships Department	1	1
Conflict, Stability and Security Fund	128	211
Middle East and North Africa	50	82
Asia, Caribbean and Overseas Territories	47	78
Conflict, Humanitarian, Security and Stabilization	20	33
Africa	10	16
Policy Division	912	1,503
Global Funds Division	552	909
Research and Evidence Division	354	584
Conflict, Humanitarian, Security and Stabilization Division	332	546
Crisis Reserve	200	329
Non-Department Public Bodies	26	44
Other Central Programs	7	13
Total DFID (not including cross-government funds)	9,978	16,438

Source: DFID Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16