

## Donor updates in brief

The table below presents an overview of official development finance (ODA) trends and developments to watch for 14 major Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) donors. Donors are listed in order of their absolute ODA funding volume for 2019 based on preliminary data from the OECD (expressed in US\$ billions, current prices) and colour-coded according to the trend of their compound annual growth rate for ODA between 2017 and 2019. While the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis cannot yet be seen in the data presented here, how donors respond to the crisis will remain an important issue to watch over the coming months and years.

### ODA Trend 2017-2019

- rising
- declining

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#1 US\$34.6	 <b>UNITED STATES</b>	-3%	The new United States Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is focusing on US foreign policy and women's economic empowerment, although critics question why some initial investments went to upper-middle income countries.
#2 US\$23.8	 <b>GERMANY</b>	-3%	In the second half of 2020, Germany will assume the Presidency of the EU Council. The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) will receive additional US\$3.7 billion, split across 2020 and 2021, to finance its COVID-response package.
#3 US\$19.4	 <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	5%	The Department for International Development will be merged with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, marking a major strategic shift that links UK development to diplomacy. The scope of EU-UK development collaboration when the Brexit transition period ends remains unclear.
#4 US\$15.5	 <b>JAPAN</b>	-1%	Japan is slated to host the Nutrition for Growth Summit in December 2020, although there is uncertainty around whether it will proceed on schedule. Japan views the summit as an opportunity to make commitments to improve global nutrition outcomes.
#5 US\$12.2	 <b>FRANCE</b>	6%	France has committed to increasing ODA levels to 0.55% of GNI by 2022. Two-thirds of the ODA increase planned until 2022 will be channeled through the French development agency (AFD). The 2019 budget law allows the agency to develop projects mobilizing up to US\$1.2 billion.
#6 US\$5.4	 <b>SWEDEN</b>	1%	The Swedish government is committed to spending 1% of GNI on ODA. Given the downwards GNI projections due to COVID-19, ODA may decrease after 2020. Domestically, the ODA-to-GNI commitment is being increasingly challenged by opposition parties.

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#7 US\$5.3	 <b>NETHERLANDS</b>	1%	The Netherlands will host the global Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS), which has been postponed until January 2021 due to COVID-19. CAS aims to accelerate actions initiated by the Global Commission on Adaptation by bringing together global leaders to discuss adaptation needs.
#8 US\$4.9	 <b>ITALY</b>	-9%	In the second half of 2020, Italy will likely release its next Programming Guidelines and Directions for Italian Development Cooperation. In 2021, it will host a G20 summit for the first time. The focus of the summit will be public health (specifically COVID-19), population, planet, and prosperity.
#9 US\$4.7	 <b>CANADA</b>	3%	The Liberal Party (re-elected in late 2019) has committed to maintaining Canada's focus on gender equality and plans to develop more programs at the intersection of women's rights and climate adaptation. The flagship Feminist International Assistance Policy will remain in place.
#10 US\$4.3	 <b>NORWAY</b>	3%	Norway's 2020 ODA budget is the largest to date. While Norway has committed to maintaining overall ODA around 1% of its GNI, some funds might be reshuffled throughout the rest of 2020 to cover the costs of the international response to COVID-19.
#12 US\$3.0	 <b>AUSTRALIA</b>	1%	The government has capped ODA at US\$3.0 billion, which will not be adjusted to account for inflation. ODA is expected to remain frozen until FY2022/23. In response to COVID-19, Australia released a new development policy and canceled its previously planned policy review.
#13 US\$2.9	 <b>SPAIN</b>	5%	The Spanish government plans on developing new strategies for multilateral cooperation in 2020, which will focus on prioritizing global health in Spain's development cooperation policy and resuming Spain's voluntary contributions to multilateral instruments.
#15 US\$2.5	 <b>SOUTH KOREA</b>	10%	The government has reiterated its commitment to increasing the ODA-to-GNI ratio to 0.2% by 2020 and 0.3% by 2030; however, increases in ODA have not kept pace with this commitment, and volumes are expected to fall in 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis.
N/A US\$14.8	 <b>EU INSTITUTIONS</b>	-1%	The 2019-2024 European Commission (EC) development agenda, under Ursula von der Leyen (EC President), will focus on climate change; research and innovation; health, education, sustainable growth, and security; and deepening EU development partnerships.

1. 2019 ODA in current prices, US\$ billions. All other US\$ conversions in 2018 constant prices. 2. Compound annual growth rate, 2017-2019.