

KEY QUESTIONS

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How is the UK's ODA budget structured?

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The Department for International Development (DFID) is the primary funder of the UK's ODA. According to the UK government document 'Statistics on International Development', DFID contributions accounted for 72% of ODA in 2016. Most of the remaining 28% is managed by other government departments, including the Department of Business, Energy, & Industrial Strategy (5.4%); the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (4.5%); the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (3.9%); and the Home Office (2.4%).

The remaining ODA is not attributed to a particular department or ministry. In 2017 this included the UK's contributions to the International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (5.2%) and European Union contributions to global development funding (3.2%). According to the UK Parliament's International Development Committee, the UK government expects DFID's share of ODA to further decline to about 70% by 2020.

DFID plans to spend £10.4 billion (US\$13.4 billion) through its various programs in fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 (see table below, based on data from 'DFID's Annual Reports and Accounts 2017-2018'). 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 programs' spending plans for FY2018-19, in millions

	£	US\$
Regional Programs	3,964	5,104
East and Central Africa Division	1,341	1,727
Asia, Caribbean and Overseas Territories Division	1,148	1,478
West and Southern Africa Division	787	1,013
Middle East and North Africa Division	688	886
Policy, Priorities, International Organisations and Humanitarian	6,072	7,819
Research and Evidence Division	426	549
Economic Development Division	2,147	2,765
International Relations Division	1,722	2,217
Policy Division	1,421	1,830
Conflict, Humanitarian, Security and Stabilization Division	356	458
Conflict, Stability and Security Fund	104	134
Non-Departmental Public Bodies	72	35
Other Central Programs	10	93
Crisis Reserve (central reserve)	200	258
Total DFID (not including cross-government funds)	10,439	13,442

Source: DFID Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18