

KEY QUESTIONS

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How is Australia's ODA budget structured?

There are two major funding lines; DFAT manages 93% of the ODA budget

Australia's ODA budget for FY2018-19 stands at A\$4.2 billion (US\$3.1 billion). Within the ODA budget, almost all ODA is managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT; 93%), 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 the remaining 7%.

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, 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 the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are usually included in the health-specific sub-funding line, 'Contribution to Global Health Programs'.

Overview:

FY2018-19 ODA budget, in millions	A\$	US\$
DFAT - Country and Regional Programs	2,446	1,875
Pacific	1,047	802
South-East & East Asia	637	488
Cross-regional Programs	435	333
South & West Asia	221	169
Africa & the Middle East	52	40
Gender Equality Fund	55	42
DFAT - Global Programs	1,175	900
Cash payments to multilaterals	359	275
Humanitarian, Emergencies, and Refugees	410	314
UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organizations, of which:	220	169
UN agencies (mostly voluntary)	68	52
Contribution to Global Health Programs	65	49
Other multilateral organizations	87	67
NGO, Volunteer and Community Programs	187	143
DFAT - Departmental	255	196
Other departments	204	156
Other departments - AIIB	161	123
Adjustments	-80	-61
Total ODA	4,161	3,189

Source: Australian Government - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2018 'Australian Aid Budget Summary 2018-19