

# KEY QUESTIONS

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## How is the Dutch ODA budget structured?

### The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation manages more than half of total ODA

The 2018 draft ODA budget, presented in September 2017, stands at €4.1 billion (US\$4.6 billion). The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (MFTDC), which is part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), manage the largest share of ODA, followed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs independently. It is important to note that there are parts of ODA that fall under other ministries, such as the contributions to the development banks or the EU budget.

The Homogeneous Budget for International Cooperation (HGIS) has been a budgetary structure within the national budget since 1997. In the HGIS, the foreign policy budgets of individual ministries, including specific ODA allocations per ministry, are combined. The HGIS thus forms an important instrument for an integrated and coherent foreign policy, and it is complementary to the Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation budget.

The Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation budget is organized around thematic areas (see table below). The envelopes for these thematic areas are usually split further into funding lines for bilateral country programs, grants and contributions to multilaterals, and other organizations working in that thematic area.

Overview: The Netherlands' 2018 draft ODA budget	millions €	millions US\$
<b>Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>2,604</b>
Sustainable trade and investment	407	450
Sustainable development, food security and water	664	735
Food security, of which:	337	373
Grants	134	148
Contributions to international organizations	204	225
Water management, drinking water, and sanitation	199	220
Natural resources, climate change	128	142
Social progress	724	800
SRHR, incl. HIV/AIDS, of which:	416	460
Grants	175	194
Contributions to international organizations (incl. Global Fund, UNFPA, UNAIDS, country programs etc.)	242	268
Women's rights	53	58
Other (Mainly CSO support)	255	282
Peace and security	396	438
Strengthened frameworks for development	163	181
Multilateral organizations (UN agencies)	131	145
Other	32	36
<b>Foreign Affairs</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>Ministry of Finance (funding for development banks)</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>339</b>
Multilateral development banks	275	304
<b>Other ministries</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Other ODA expenses</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>956</b>
EU budget	330	365
Costs for hosting refugees in the Netherlands	534	591
<b>Total ODA (gross)</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>4,583</b>

Source: HGIS nota 2018 and Rijksbegroting 2018