

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 2019 draft ODA budget, presented in September 2018, stands at €4.7 billion (US\$5.2 billion). It reflects the ODA increases announced by the 'Rutte III' cabinet. Most additional funding goes into the budget area 4 'Peace, Security and sustainable development', which includes funding for humanitarian assistance, rule of law and security. Increases are particularly stark for humanitarian assistance, for which budget is set to increase by €165 million (US\$183 million) in 2019, to reach €370 million (US\$409 million).

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (MFTDC), which is part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), manages 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 contributions to the development banks or to the EU development cooperation budget.

The Homogeneous Budget for International Cooperation (HGIS) is a budgetary structure within the national budget. In the HGIS, the foreign policy budgets of individual ministries, including specific ODA allocations per ministry, are consolidated.

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 grants and contributions to multilaterals, and other organizations working in that thematic area.

Overview: The Netherlands' 2019 draft ODA budget	millions €	millions US\$
Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	2,959	3,273
Sustainable economic development, trade and investment	399	441
Sustainable development, food security, water and climate	722	799
Food security, of which:	340	375
Grants	101	112
Contributions to (international) organizations	220	243
Other	19	21
Water	194	214
Climate	189	209
Social issues	765	847
SRHR, incl. HIV/AIDS, of which:	430	474
Grants	154	171
International organizations (including Global Fund, UNFPA, UNAIDS)	268	297
Other	8	9
Women's rights and gender equality (including contributions to UNWOMAN)	52	58
Other (Mainly CSO support)	285	315
Peace, security and sustainable development	776	859
Humanitarian aid (including contributions to UNOCHA, ICRC)	369	408
Reception and security in the region and cooperation on migration	172	190
Security and rule of law development	235	260
Multilateral cooperation and other areas	296	328
Multilateral cooperation	131	145
Other poverty reduction policy	64	71
Open for distribution (due to changes in GNP and /or attributions)	101	112
Foreign Affairs	642	710
Ministry of Finance (funding for development banks)	319	353
Other ministries	61	67
Other ODA expenses	750	829
EU budget	330	365
Refugee costs	420	465
Total ODA budget (gross)	4,730	5,233

Source: HGIS nota 2019 and Rijksbegroting 2019