

KEY QUESTIONS

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How is the Swedish ODA budget structured?

Sida manages 44% of Sweden's ODA budget

The government is committed to allocating 1% of Sweden's GNI to ODA. This share is outlined in each year's budget, and the total of all funding sources contributing to it is referred to as the 'ODA frame'. The 2017 Budget projects the ODA Frame at US\$4.1 billion (in 2015 prices), or 0.99% of GNI. Sweden uses its ODA budget to cover the costs of hosting refugees for their first year in the country. For 2017, costs for hosting refugees initially amounted to 18% of the Swedish ODA budget (US\$960 million). In April however, due to a decrease in the numbers of arrivals of new asylum-seekers, the government reallocated US\$160 million to development programs. Funds will be reallocated to humanitarian assistance in sub-Saharan Africa, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and international climate work.

The government's Budget Bill for 2017 foresees that 'Budget Area 7' (International Cooperation) covers 76% of the total ODA 'frame' (US\$4.2 billion). The remainder consists mainly of refugee costs, assessed contributions to the EU, and management costs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

Sida manages 58% of financing for Budget Area 7 (US\$2.4 billion for 2017). This includes allocations for bilateral programs in specific regions, thematic cooperation, and other areas, such as funding to CSOs and humanitarian assistance. In addition, Budget Area 7 includes the MFA's funding lines for core contributions to UN agencies and other multilateral funds, as well as for multilateral development banks, debt relief, and 'strategically oriented grants' (see table).

Overview : 2017 ODA budget

	US\$ millions	SEK millions
Total budget area 7 (international assistance)	4,151	34,990
Sida	2,413	20,340
Bilateral cooperation	1,209	10,190
Thematic cooperation	451	3,805
Humanitarian assistance	377	3,175
Funding for Swedish CSOs	211	1,775
Research cooperation	91	765
Capacity Development	58	493
Information and communication	16	138
MFA	1,475	12,435
Multilateral organizations (UN agencies) and funds (e.g. GF, Gavi)	974	8,209
Multilateral development banks; debt relief	391	3,293
Strategically oriented grants	111	933
Other agencies	110	931
Admin Costs (incl. Sida admin costs)	152	1,284
Other ODA costs	1,322	11,145
Costs of hosting refugees	961	8,100
EU contributions	251	2,113
MFA admin costs	54	451
Others (e.g. funding for some UN agencies)	57	481
Total ODA ('ODA frame')	5,473	46,135

Sources : Internationellt bistånd 2017 (Autumn), Sidas budgetunderlag 2017-2019