

KEY QUESTIONS

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How is the UK's ODA budget structured?

DFID manages 74% of the UK's ODA; this share is expected to decline to 70% by 2020

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 74% of ODA in 2016. The remaining 26% is managed by other government departments, including the Department of Business, Energy, & Industrial Strategy (BEIS; 5.2%); the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF; 4.5%); the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (3.8%); and the Home Office (2.7%). The remaining 10% is drawn from across other ministries and includes the UK's contributions to the European Union's development funding (3.6% of total ODA in 2016). 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 £10.3 billion (US\$13.9 billion) through its various programs in fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 (see table below, based on data from 'DFID's Annual Reports and Accounts 2016-2017'). 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 FY2017-18	millions £	millions US\$
Regional Programs	4,040	5,455
East and Central Africa Division	1,425	1,924
Asia, Caribbean and Overseas Territories Division	1,190	1,607
West and Southern Africa Division	797	1,076
Middle East and North Africa Division	628	848
Policy, Priorities, International Organisations and Humanitarian	5,909	7,978
Research and Evidence Division	425	574
Economic Development Division	2,165	2,923
International Relations Division	1,349	1,821
Policy Division	771	1,041
Global Funds Division	812	1,096
Conflict, Humanitarian, Security and Stabilization Division	387	523
Conflict, Stability and Security Fund	97	131
Non-Departmental Public Bodies	27	36
Other Central Programs	10	14
Crisis Reserve (central reserve)	200	270
Total DFID (not including cross-government funds)	10,283	13,884

Source: DFID Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16