

KEY QUESTIONS

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How is the 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 only small amounts.

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, civil society organizations (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	millions A\$	millions US\$
DFAT - Country and Regional Programs	2,446	1,818
Pacific	1,047	778
South-East & East Asia	637	473
Cross-regional Programs	435	323
South & West Asia	221	164
Africa & the Middle East	52	39
Gender Equality Fund	55	41
DFAT - Global Programs	1,175	873
Cash payments to multilaterals	359	267
Humanitarian, Emergencies, and Refugees	410	305
UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organizations, of which:	220	163
UN agencies (mostly voluntary)	68	51
Contribution to Global Health Programs	65	48
Other multilateral organizations	87	65
NGO, Volunteer and Community Programs	187	138
DFAT - Departmental	255	190
Other departments	204	152
Other departments - AIIB	161	120
Adjustments	-80	-60
Total ODA	4,161	3,093

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