

KEY QUESTIONS

the big six



How much ODA does Japan provide?

Japan is the largest donor in Asia

Japan's net ODA stood at US\$11.5 billion in 2017 (in current prices, US\$11.8 billion in 2016 prices), making it the fourth-largest donor country within the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD's) Development Assistance Committee (DAC). It is the largest donor in Asia. Between 2016 and 2017, net ODA increased by 14%. This rise is due to increased bilateral funding to the group of least-developed countries, and a rise in the volume of loans. In 2017, Japan spent 0.23% of its GNI on ODA, up from 0.20% in 2016. This makes it the 18th-largest DAC donor relative to its GNI. Japan's ODA temporarily peaked in 2013 (see figure), due to US\$2.1 billion in debt relief and bilateral loans to Myanmar.

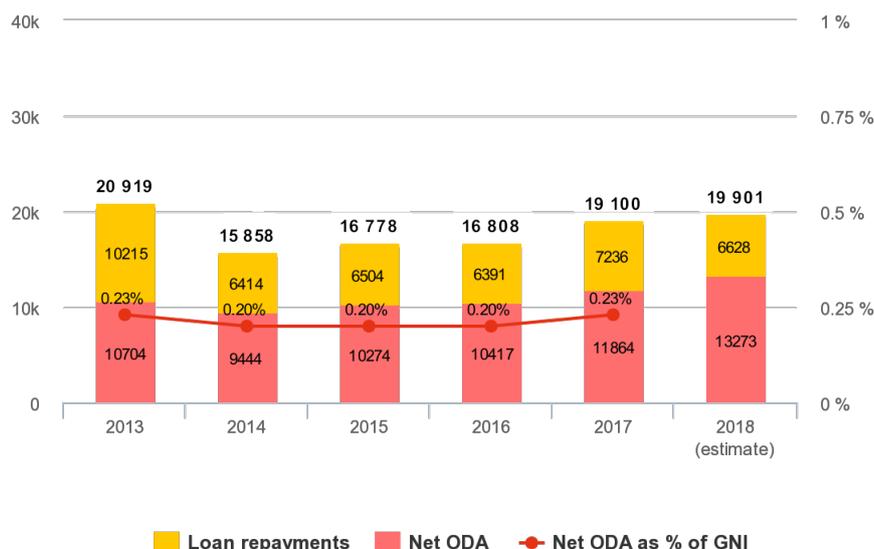
Japan's ODA budget for FY2017, which runs from April 2017 to March 2018, stood at ¥1.37 trillion (US\$12.6 bil-

lion). The FY2018 budget, approved in December 2017, includes net ODA of ¥1.44 trillion (US\$13.3 billion). This is an increase of 5% in net ODA-related spending compared to FY2017.

The OECD is expected to start using a new reporting system for ODA in 2018 whereby loan repayments will no longer be subtracted from total ODA numbers, i.e., only the 'grant element' of loans will be reported as ODA. For Japan, large loan repayments currently account for the significant difference between gross and net ODA (see figure). The reform is thus expected to have a large impact on Japan's ODA levels. As Japan's loans are highly concessional, Japan's total ODA levels are expected to significantly increase.

JAPAN'S GROSS/NET ODA DISBURSEMENTS

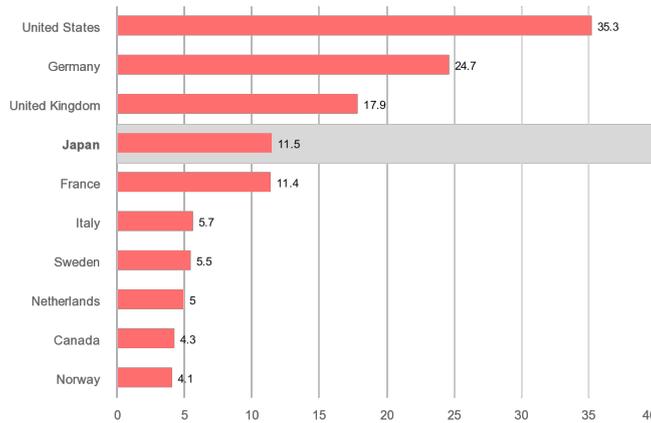
US\$ millions; in 2016 prices



OECD DAC. ODA estimates for 2017 and 2018 are based on government data.

TOP 10 DAC DONOR COUNTRIES, 2017

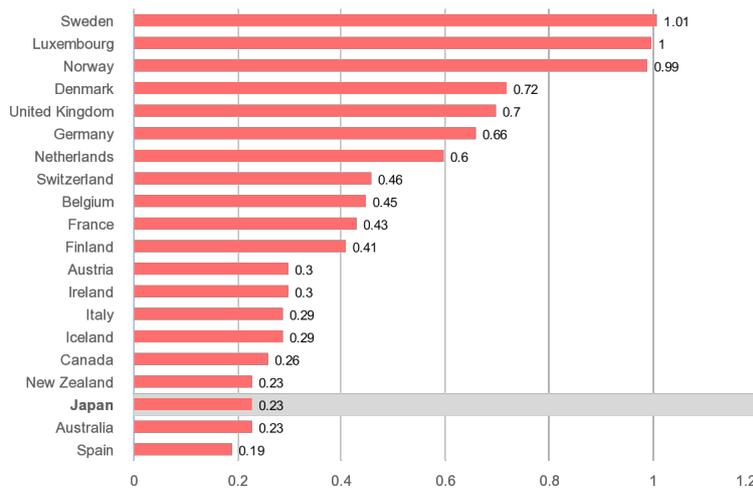
Net ODA Disbursements; US\$ billions; in current prices



OECD DAC preliminary data (April 2018).

TOP 20 DAC DONOR COUNTRIES, 2017

Net ODA as % of GNI



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Further information: 2016 prices

To compare ODA levels in any given year with ODA levels provided in other years, figures need to be adjusted to account for inflation and exchange rate fluctuations. The OECD provides data that accounts for these fluctuations. In this profile, and unless indicated otherwise, figures are stated using 2016 prices.