

KEY QUESTIONS

the big six



How much ODA does Norway provide?

Norway is committed to continue spending 1% of its GNI on ODA

Driven by Norway’s economic growth, ODA volumes are expected to increase in coming years. The development budget for 2018 is set at US\$4.1 billion (NOK35.1 billion). In 2017, it spent US\$4.1 billion (in current prices, US\$3.9 billion in 2016 prices), or 0.99% of its gross national income (GNI) on ODA, making Norway the third-largest donor in relation to the size of its economy. Norway has reached the UN 0.7% target since 1976 and is committed to maintaining spending at 1% of its GNI. It has consistently met this commitment since 2013.

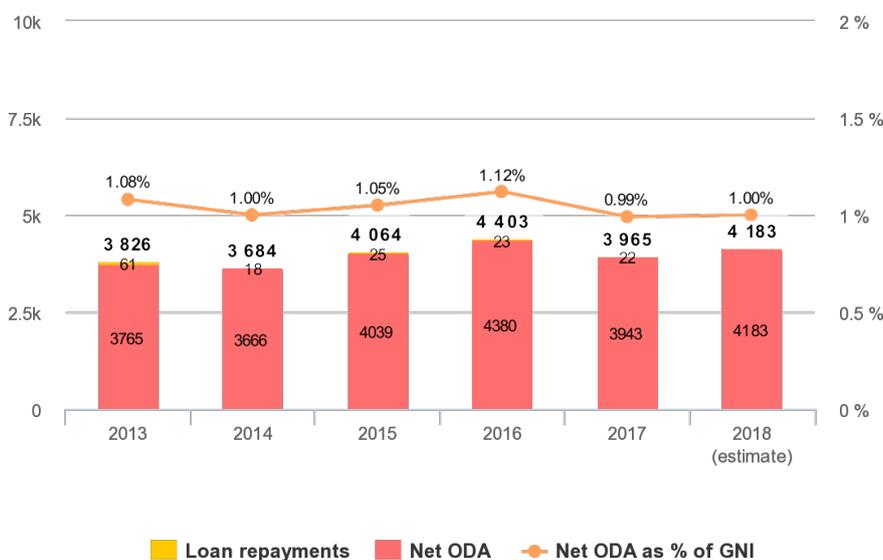
Apart from significant costs of hosting refugees in recent years (see below), increases in Norway’s development programs have targeted the country’s five main thematic priorities: 1) education, 2) global health, 3) private-sector development and job creation, 4) climate, renewable energy, environment; and 5) humanitarian assistance.

In 2015, a particularly high number of asylum seekers reached Norway (31,150, according to the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration). This has impacted development funding in two major ways: reallocations of funds from development programs to cover the costs of hosting refugees, and higher volumes of reported ODA, driven by additional refugees-related costs outside of the ODA budget. In 2015 and 2016, in-country refugee costs made up respectively 11% and 18% of total ODA.

Starting in early 2016, Norway’s restrictive refugee policy – as well as tighter border controls in Europe – led to a sharp decrease in the number of asylum seekers (3,460 in 2016 and 3,500 in 2017), the lowest number since 1997. This has taken pressure off the development budget: in 2017, ODA-reportable costs of hosting refugees in Norway stood at US\$143 million (4% of Norway’s net ODA), their lowest level since 2008. For 2018, the budget to cover the costs of hosting refugees in Norway is set at NOK1.4 billion (US\$164 million). Looking forward, these costs are expected to remain at low levels as a result of Norway’s stricter policy on asylum.

NORWAY'S GROSS/NET ODA DISBURSEMENTS

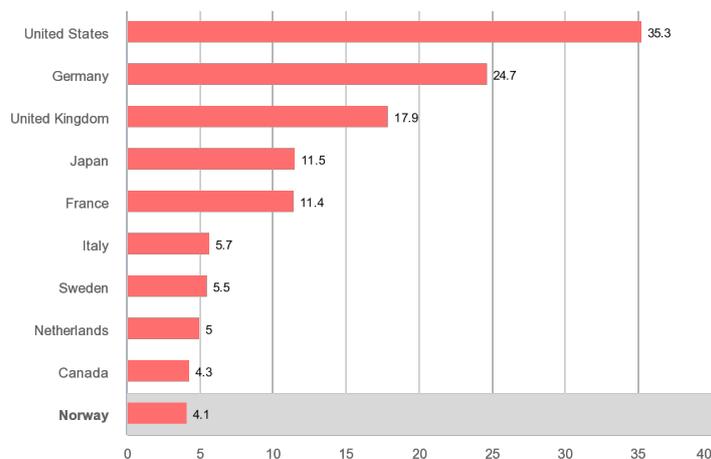
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OECD DAC. ODA for 2017 based on OECD DAC preliminary data (April 2018). ODA estimates for 2018 are based on government data.

TOP 10 DAC DONOR COUNTRIES, 2017

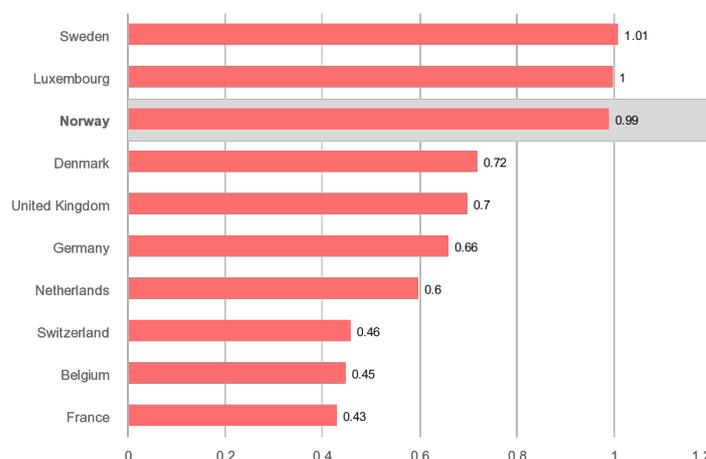
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Net ODA as a % of GNI



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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.