
Statistical Release

Provisional UK oda/GNI ratio 2004

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced provisional figures for UK net official development assistance (oda) and the oda/GNI ratio in 2004.

oda figures for all donors are published by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD and will be released next month.

UK Calendar year oda

oda spending in 2004 is estimated at £4276 million which represents 0.36 per cent of the £1183 billion Gross National Income (GNI) that year. This is an increase of 11 per cent in oda in cash terms over the 2003 level.

GNI increased by 5.4 per cent between 2003 and 2004.

Within the oda total:

- Total DFID expenditure increased by almost £200m from 2003 levels
- Our contribution to the EC development budget rose to an estimated £540m
- There was £210m more debt relief for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) than in 2003.

The Government remains on track, as announced in July 2004, to ensure that the oda/GNI ratio reaches 0.39 per cent by 2005/06.

Background Notes

oda is measured in calendar years in accordance with international guidelines agreed by DAC. The figures cover expenditure in developing countries from all official sources,

including investment by CDC Group PLC (a government-owned company which invests in emerging markets) and promissory notes deposited in respect of International Development Association - the soft loan arm of the World Bank - and regional development banks and funds.

Further information and final figures will appear in the annual publication *Statistics on International Development*, the next issue of which will be published in October 2005.

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