

# Statistics on International Development: 2005 Edition

## Key Statistics

- The UK's Gross Public Expenditure on Development (GPEX) amounted to **£4,823m** in 2004/05. The DFID aid programme accounted for **£3,838m** of this expenditure, or 80%. The UK's GPEX has increased year on year since 2000/01– as has DFID's bilateral aid programme.
- In the calendar year 2004 the UK reported **£4,302m** as official development assistance (ODA), making the UK the fourth largest OECD-DAC donor on this internationally agreed classification of aid. The UK's ODA/ GNI ratio for 2004 was **0.36%**, giving a ranking of 11<sup>th</sup> out of the 22 donors.
- In 2004/05 **£2,145m** (56%) of DFID expenditure was bilateral assistance and **£1,504m** (39%) was channelled through multilateral organisations. The remaining **£190m** (5%) was spent on administration costs.
- DFID's bilateral assistance to sub-Saharan Africa rose from **£672m** in 2003/04 to **£825m** in 2004/05. Assistance to Asia also increased over this period, but at a slower rate. **India, Bangladesh** and **Tanzania** received the largest amounts of DFID bilateral aid.
- The proportion of bilateral assistance (excluding humanitarian assistance) going to **low income countries** rose to 83% in 2004/05 (from 74% in 2003/04). DFID has a target to spend 90% of such aid in low income countries by 2006.
- DFID's **humanitarian assistance** in 2004/05 totalled £437m, £344m of which was spent bilaterally and £93m multilaterally. The greatest single recipient of bilateral humanitarian assistance was **Sudan** (£78m). Assistance to countries affected by the **tsunami** on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2004 amounted to £48m (14% of all bilateral humanitarian assistance).
- In 2004/05 £233 million of bilateral assistance was channelled through UK **civil society organisations**. Major recipients included the British Red Cross, VSO and Oxfam.
- The **European Community's Development Programme** received the largest amount of DFID multilateral assistance (£898m), followed by the **World Bank** (£206m) and the **United Nations** (£194m).
- DFID **debt relief** through all channels amounted to £70m in 2004/05. Non-DFID debt relief (through CDC and ECGD) was £282m.