



Official development assistance rises to an all-time high in 2022 due to spending on refugees and aid for Ukraine

- *In 2022, official development assistance (ODA) increased by 13.6 per cent in real terms over 2021, as calculated by the grant-equivalent measure, underpinned by increased spending on processing and hosting refugees and on aid to Ukraine. Excluding these in-donor refugee costs, ODA rose by 4.6 per cent in real terms.*
- *ODA as a share of donor country gross national income (GNI) also rose to 0.36 per cent on average, a 40-year high.*
- *Bilateral ODA to least developed countries and Africa, however, declined by 0.7 per cent and 7.4 per cent, respectively calculated on a cash flow basis.*
- *The Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development (IATF) emphasizes in the 2023 Financing for Sustainable Development Report that additional support for Ukraine and refugees must not come at the expense of cross-border ODA flows to other countries in need.*

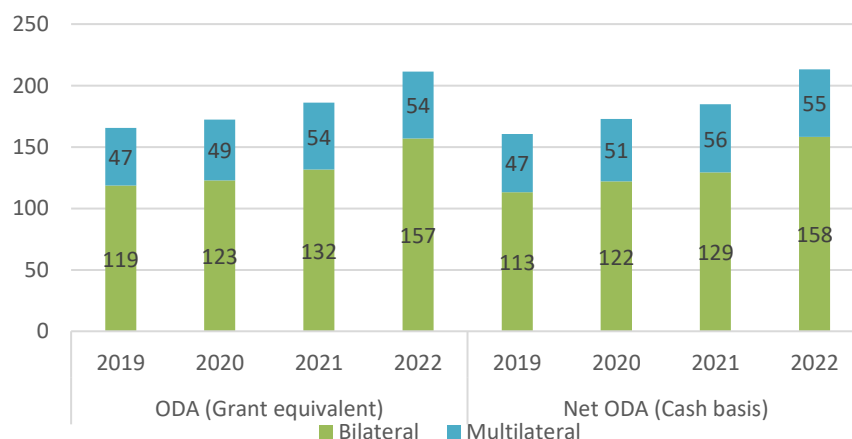
In 2022, ODA rose by 13.6 per cent in real terms compared to 2021 to a historical high of \$204 billion,

equivalent to 0.36 per cent of donors' combined GNI, according to preliminary data collected by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Although below the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of GNI, it is the highest ratio recorded by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) in 40 years. Five donors met or exceeded the target: Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, Norway and Sweden. The increase was mainly due to a sharp rise in spending on refugees within donor countries as well as an increase in aid to Ukraine following Russia's invasion and ongoing war. Excluding spending on refugees within donor countries, ODA rose by 4.6 per cent in real terms.

The OECD also continues to publish data according to the previous cash flow basis. Under this methodology, net ODA was \$206 billion in 2022, recording an increase of 15.3 per cent in real terms. Bilateral ODA by OECD Development Assistance Committee members to least developed countries and Africa fell in real terms, by 0.7 per cent to \$32 billion, and 7.4 per cent to \$34 billion, respectively.

The IATF looks forward to the more detailed data that will be published in December 2023.

Official development assistance, 2019–2022 (Billions of United States dollars, 2021 constant prices)



Source: [OECD DAC statistics, Total official and private flows.](https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/official-development-assistance.htm)

¹ See OECD, "Foreign Aid Surges Due to Spending on Refugees and Aid for Ukraine - OECD," April 12, 2023; <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/official-development-assistance.htm>