



“Development cooperation is one of the most essential instruments for building an international position and a positive image of our country. It is also an opportunity for development, not only for those who receive assistance but also for those who provide it.”

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MAIN CHANGES IN 2020

Since 2019, there has been no change in Poland's level of ODA, which remained at 0.14% of GNI, with 74% of the PLN 3.13bn going through multilateral channels. Poland's top ten bilateral ODA recipients remained largely unchanged, with Ukraine and Belarus still at the top of the list.

The government failed to implement most of the recommendations made in the AidWatch 2020 report, although it did include several recommendations from the 2017 OECD DAC peer review in Poland's development cooperation strategy for 2021-30. The DAC recommended setting a clear quantitative goal for ODA; untying aid to LDCs; and referring to Agenda 2030 in the strategy.

The MFA has also committed to producing a multiannual strategy for global education, and country strategies for two to three crucial partners.

TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS FOR 2021 AND BEYOND

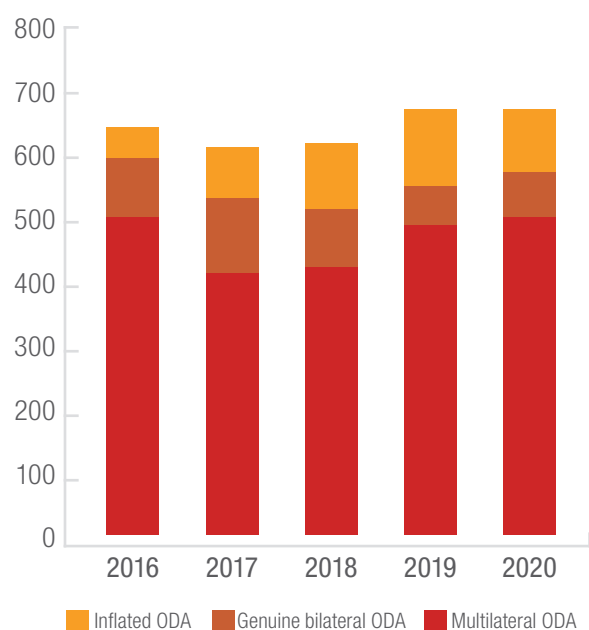
In January 2021 the Polish government adopted a new multiannual development cooperation programme (2021-2030). While the programme reiterates the commitment to spending 0.33% GNI on ODA, and outlines thematic/geographical strategies to be developed, setting up a development agency (and national development bank) is being regarded as a long-term goal. This step is connected to the need to increase funds for ODA, especially bilateral ODA. However, political support for these objectives may be limited, with development cooperation remaining low on the political agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT

- The Polish government should present an operational plan for increasing the level of ODA to 0.33% of GNI by 2030.
- Multiannual thematic/geographical strategies (global education, priority countries) should be prepared in an inclusive manner, with an openness to broad discussions with all interested stakeholders, including CSOs in partner countries and in Poland.
- The Polish parliament should become more involved in monitoring the implementation of development cooperation policies and – through its Foreign Affairs Committee – should be involved in monitoring the current development cooperation strategy.

POLAND – GENUINE AND INFLATED ODA

(€ million, constant 2019)



ODA TO LDCS (€ million, constant 2019)

LDC	ODA to LDCs	ODA to LDCS (% GNI)	ODA to LDCS (% total ODA)
2016	178.07	0.04	27.19
2017	91.97	0.02	14.85
2018	185.24	0.04	29.68
2019	100.06	0.02	14.72

ODA TO DRM (€ million, constant 2019)

DRM	ODA for DRM	DRM (% bilateral)	DRM (% total ODA)
2016	0.00	0.00	0.00
2017	0.00	0.00	0.00
2018	0.00	0.00	0.00
2019	0.00	0.00	0.00

AID MODALITY (€ million, constant 2019)

Year	Bilateral gross	Grants	Loans	Loans (% of gross bilateral)
2016	172.38	95.96	76.43	44.33
2017	226.24	213.86	12.39	5.48
2018	217.69	139.30	78.39	36.01
2019	209.09	179.11	29.98	14.34

ODA TO SUPPORT GENDER EQUALITY (€ million, constant 2019)

Gender focus	Bi allocable	Total Screened	Not Screened	None	Significant	Principal	Significant (% of screened)	Principal (% of screened)
2016	141.26	141.26	0.00	137.60	2.45	1.21	1.73	0.86
2017	151.80	151.80	0.00	148.40	2.09	1.32	1.38	0.87
2018	140.26	140.26	0.00	137.53	2.22	0.51	1.58	0.37
2019	88.13	88.13	0.00	82.08	5.27	0.78	5.98	0.89

ODA TO SUPPORT CSOs (€ million, constant 2019)

CSO support	Non-CSO	Donor-CSO-Earmarked	International-CSO-Earmarked	Recipient-CSO-Earmarked	Donor-CSO-Core	International-CSO-Core	Recipient-CSO-Core	Total bilateral CSO support, % bilateral	Total bilateral CSO support, % total ODA	Core bilateral CSO support, % bilateral	Core bilateral CSO support, % total ODA
2016	133.04	13.44	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.65	0.00	9.59	2.16	0.44	0.10
2017	180.40	21.04	1.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.89	3.56	0.00	0.00
2018	173.36	21.39	0.28	0.05	0.00	0.64	0.00	11.42	3.58	0.33	0.10
2019	169.03	15.51	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	8.94	2.44	0.24	0.07