

# ROMANIA



0.12% GENUINE AID/GNI

0.13% TOTAL AID/GNI



***“Romania recognizes the role of civil society in identifying the needs of partner states and their particular development features, as well as in promoting the various goals of education, namely, to ensure peace, eradicate poverty and support sustainable development.”***

*– 2020-2023 Multiannual Strategic Programme for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance*

## MAIN CHANGES IN 2020

In 2020 Romania's total ODA amounted to €267 million, equivalent to 0.13% of GNI, increasing from 0.10% in 2019. Multilateral ODA remained the most significant part (76.7%) of the total ODA budget. Romania's bilateral support for LDCs rose from €0.57 million in 2019 to €2.1 million in 2020.

Romania has actively supported the Team Europe approach, regularly reporting to the EU on the activities it has implemented in response to COVID-19.

Reacting to the short- and long-term consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, in November 2020 the Romanian government adopted the Multiannual Strategic Programme for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance. In accordance with Romania's global strategic objective of helping to eradicate extreme poverty, the key areas promoted in ODA activities are: crisis management, response to natural disasters and adaptation to climate change, strengthening health and education systems, social development, water security, peace and security, post-conflict reconstruction, good governance and the rule of law.

## TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS FOR 2021 AND BEYOND

Although in 2020 and 2021 RoAid organised several calls for proposals addressed to civil society, the latter's role is still marginal and the funding it receives inconsistent. Civil society was not consulted on either the 2020-2023 Multiannual Strategic Programme for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance or the Annual Action Plan for ODA.

The Romanian MFA will continue to be engaged in developing Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs), moving from emergency aid to concentrating more on strengthening the health systems in partner countries.

We are seeing ongoing difficulties in meeting the 0.33% ODA/GNI target by 2030. Despite a slight increase in 2020, meeting the target will require more efforts over the coming years.

### CASE STUDY BOX: COVID-19 RESPONSE



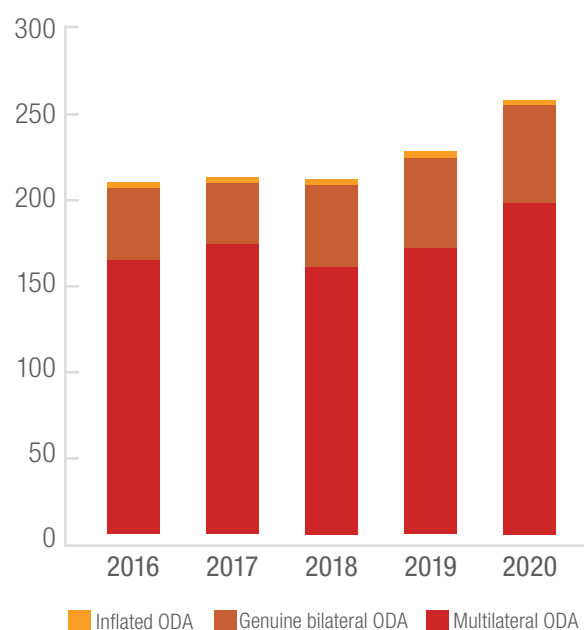
Although the MFA's ODA budget for 2020 had already been adopted by the time the pandemic hit, Romania mobilised additional funding to support developing countries facing extraordinary circumstances. The MFA first reoriented funds from existing 2020 development cooperation projects, and then it more than tripled the ministry's ODA budget to €3.1m by the end of 2020, up from €1m in 2019. In this context, in accordance with Team Europe and the UN's Global Humanitarian Plan, more than 70% of the projects carried out and contributions provided by the Romanian Agency for International Development Cooperation (RoAid) were redirected to fight the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in partner countries.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT

- Increase ODA budgets from 2022 onwards (in particular, bilateral ODA).
- Continue, and reinforce, the measures aimed at developing the capacity of civil society through appropriate and constant funding, as well as by involving CSOs in all consultation mechanisms and at all institutional levels.
- Allocate appropriate funding to reach the 0.20% LDC ODA target. LDCs are the countries most vulnerable to the health-related and socio-economic consequences of the pandemic. Support for LDCs is crucial in order to prevent humanitarian crises caused by food shortages and collapsing health systems.
- Increase the focus on development effectiveness and impact in partner countries, and step up systematic monitoring and evaluation in line with the Leave No One Behind principle.

## ROMANIA – 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	38.07	0.02	18.25
2017	39.79	0.02	18.86
2018	39.36	0.02	18.80
2019	44.05	0.02	19.40

## 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	44.28	44.28	0.00	0.00
2017	37.42	37.42	0.00	0.00
2018	49.86	49.86	0.00	0.00
2019	57.65	57.65	0.00	0.00

## 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	43.43	28.70	14.73	1.55	27.10	0.04	94.45	0.15
2017	36.58	36.55	0.03	6.40	30.15	0.00	82.49	0.01
2018	48.55	47.96	0.59	47.70	0.19	0.07	0.39	0.15
2019	56.28	56.28	0.00	56.11	0.16	0.00	0.29	0.00

## 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	44.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.26	0.06	0.26	0.06
2017	37.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2018	49.83	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00
2019	57.51	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.06	0.00	0.00