

Ireland

Reported ODA: EUR 2283 million
0.57 % GNI (↓ from -14.00% in 2023)

Non-inflated ODA: EUR 1362 million
0.34 % GNI (↑ from 0.02% in 2023)

Total inflated ODA: EUR 921 million
40.62 % of total



“A valued and principled partner, and a champion of the principles and impact of ODA, with potential to step up its commitments and be a leading voice globally.”

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Main trends

Since 2015, Ireland has maintained a consistent level of ODA spending, leading to its non-inflated ODA spending averaging 0.32% of GNI. This translated to significant increases in spending volumes due to a positive economic climate. Spending peaked in 2023 when global ODA reached 0.67% of GNI. However, OECD DAC preliminary figures for 2024 indicate a drop of 14% in ODA spending, with Ireland's spending of EUR 2.10 billion representing 0.57% of GNI. In light of an uncertain economic and trading environment, Ireland has reiterated its commitment to maintain current levels of ODA spending but has not as yet indicated any increases for 2025.

Climate finance, while being of good quality and primarily grant-based, continues to be counted as non-additional ODA, which is an issue that should be rectified, particularly as Ireland's required contribution to global climate finance will likely increase following a revised global finance target agreed at COP29. Ireland is increasingly directing funding to multilateral organisations. Although CSOs have received more funding over the years, their share of ODA as a percentage of GNI has steadily declined.

Government's relationship with civil society

Irish civil society enjoys a positive relationship with the Irish Government. This is underpinned by shared values and a commitment to provide effective, untied and impactful development assistance to reach those left furthest behind. Government and legislative bodies are open to dialogue at both the informal and formal level, and civil society is considered a key partner in attaining commonly-held objectives, a source of critical information and knowledge, as well as key in programme implementation. The relationship was enhanced through the

establishment in recent years of two dedicated funding streams for civil society - Ireland's Civil Society Partnership for A Better World (ICSP), a funding scheme for 10 partners with significant capacity, and the Civil Society Fund, that supports smaller civil society organisations. IrishAid credits many of its successes to its close relationship with civil society, which both sides endeavour to foster.

Recommendations

- **Make real progress to reach the commitment of 0.7% GNI on ODA spent overseas by 2030 by increasing the ODA budget in 2026 by EUR 300 million and publish a pathway to achieve this.**
- **Increase Ireland's climate finance to its 'fair share' of EUR 500 million.**
- **Provide at least 30% of Ireland's ODA to and through civil society across humanitarian, development and climate programmes and funding.**