

Malta



Reported ODA: EUR 56 million
0.29 % GNI (↓ from -9.20% in 2023)

Non-inflated ODA: EUR 56 million
0.29 % GNI (from 0% in 2023)

Total inflated ODA: EUR 0 million
0 % of total

“Malta is championing Small Island developing States (SIDS) issues in international political fora and providing invaluable technical support in relevant areas such as water management”

SKOP (Solidarjetà u Koperazzjoni)

Main trends

Malta support for SIDS in international political fora, as well as by providing technical expertise in relevant areas such as water management in islands, is of particular importance and utility, **given the inherent water scarcity related to small islands**. It is a good example of how to use the experience gained by Malta in developing solutions to minimise water wastage and strengthen water security.

Another initiative in support of SIDS is the collaboration with the Islands and Small States Institute at the University of Malta, and the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) in developing a Climate Vulnerability and Resilience Index (CVRI). The CVRI aims to measure exposure to adverse economic shocks across different countries. It is guided by the principles of the Barbados Programme and the SAMOA Pathway, and builds on the UN Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (UNGA Res 75/215). The CVRI introduces a tool with global applicability to support policy measures to address the challenges, and opportunities, brought by climate change, enabling all countries to identify the specific features that expose them to its impact and to adopt measures to increase their resilience. **The results of the CVRI can inform International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and donors in the allocation of related concessional funding.**

For 2025, Malta is set to place a stronger emphasis on digital health (digital telemedicine and health workforce skills) and on education (particularly foundational learning, digital skills and girls' education). Malta has recently applied for membership to the International Forum on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD).

Government's relationship with civil society

Communication with civil society is still unstructured with limited opportunity for dialogue and consultation. **The annual call for projects implemented in ODA-eligible countries submitted by Maltese NGOs was once again issued in 2024 after an absence of 4 years, with three micro-grants being approved.** The 2025 call was issued with an increase in the grant allocation as well as some improved conditions and a widened thematic and geographic scope when compared with previous calls.

Recommendations

- **Improve aid effectiveness by ensuring predictability and multiannual programming for the funds allocated to high quality poverty eradication projects** proposed by Maltese CSOs and by raising awareness of the development impact of Maltese CSOs.
- **Allocate direct support to SKOP to meet the capacity needs of CSOs active in the sector** and to increase their capacity to implement and monitor projects that are fully focused on the LNOB principles.
- **Engage with Maltese civil society and development stakeholders in an assessment of the Maltese ODA programme and policy.** Involve CSOs as early as possible in the design, implementation and evaluation of policy.
- **Stop counting in-donor refugee costs as ODA.**