

Slovenia



Reported ODA: EUR 152 million
0.23 % GNI (↓ from -1.80% in 2023)

Non-inflated ODA: EUR 126 million
0.19 % GNI (from 0% in 2023)

Total inflated ODA: EUR 26 million
16.36 % of total

“It's not too late to fix broken promises”

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Main trends

In January 2025, the Slovenian CSO's initiative Voice of the People presented its third report on the coalition government's fulfilment of 122 commitments made by coalition parties during the 2022 election campaign. According to the report, the government had fulfilled or partially fulfilled only 27 commitments. **The coalition's promise to raise Official Development Assistance has been completely broken as Slovenian ODA was cut in 2023 and 2024.** Furthermore, according to the OECD DAC report, the government plans to cut ODA even more in the following years while simultaneously raising the defence budget to up to 5% of Slovenian GNI.

Slovenian ODA is still too much focused on Europe (former Yugoslavia republics, Ukraine), while Latin America and Asia are completely excluded as target regions, while there are also plans to greatly reduce the number of African countries for international development cooperation. **There are not enough funds for Slovenian CSOs' projects in the Global South, LDCs and Palestine.**

Government's relationship with civil society

While it is true that there was more money for CSOs in the international development call by the MFA, civil society in general is not satisfied with the government's work. On 14 February 2025, the civil initiative Voice of the People staged a protest against the ruling coalition calling on the government to fulfil their promises. There is currently a campaign launched to initiate a referendum on the government's plan to significantly raise defence spending. More defence spending means less money for CSOs in Slovenia.

Recommendations

- Slovenian ODA should be raised to 0.7% of GNI by 2030.
- At least 15% of total Slovenian ODA should be allocated to humanitarian–development projects of Slovenian CSOs in the Global South.
- At least 20% of total Slovenian ODA should be allocated to the LDCs in the Global South.
- Slovenia should allocate additional funds for climate change mitigation in the Global South with a focus on indigenous people and women's organisations in line with the donor countries' COP29 obligations.