

Indicator 4.b.1

Indicator Name, Target and Goal

Indicator 4.b.1 Volume of official development assistance flows for scholarships

Target 4.b By 2020, substantially expand globally the number of scholarships available to developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and African countries, for enrolment in higher education, including vocational training and information and communications technology, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, in developed countries and other developing countries

Goal 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Definition and Rationale

○ Definition

ODA to Financial aid awards for individual students and contributions to trainees

○ Concepts

The DAC defines ODA as “those flows to countries and territories on the DAC List of ODA Recipients and to multilateral institutions which are

i) provided by official agencies, including state and local governments, or by their executive agencies; and

ii) each transaction is administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as its main objective; and is concessional in character and conveys a grant element of at least 25 per cent (calculated at a rate of discount of 10 per cent).

The total ODA expenditure for scholarships is included in aid classification code E01 according to the DAC definition.

○ Rationale and Interpretation:

Total ODA flows to developing countries quantify the public effort that donors provide to developing countries for scholarships.

Data Sources and Collection Method

The OECD/DAC has been collecting data on official and private resource flows from 1960 at an aggregate level and 1973 at an activity level through the Creditor Reporting System (CRS data are considered complete from 1995 for commitments at an activity level and 2002 for disbursements).

The data are reported by donors according to the same standards and methodologies.

Data are reported on an annual calendar year basis by statistical reporters in national administrations (aid agencies, Ministries of Foreign Affairs or Finance, etc.

A statistical reporter is responsible for the collection of DAC statistics in each providing country/agency.

This reporter is usually located in the national aid agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Finance etc.

Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations

○ Computation Method

The sum of ODA flows to developing countries for scholarships and training expenses

○ Comments and limitations

Data in the Creditor Reporting System are available from 1973. However, the data coverage is considered complete since 1995 for commitments at an activity level and 2002 for disbursements.

This figure includes not only Financial aid awards for individual students but also contributions to trainees. Furthermore, figures for each department and research type have not been compiled.

Data Disaggregation

This indicator can be disaggregated by donor, recipient country, type of finance, type of aid etc.

References

URL: www.oecd.org/dac/stats

References: See all links here:

<http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/methodology>

Custodian Ministries of Data

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Custodian Ministries of Related Policies

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

International Organizations

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)