

Indicator 8.a.1

Indicator Name, Target and Goal

Indicator 8.a.1 Aid for Trade commitments and disbursements

Target 8.a Increase Aid for Trade support for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, including through the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries

Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Definition and Rationale

Definition

Gross disbursements of total ODA for aid for trade.

Concepts

The DAC defines Official Development Assistance (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).

Aid for Trade is captured in the CRS through sector codes in the 331 series and the aid for trade marker.

Rationale and Interpretation:

Total Official Development Assistance (ODA) to developing countries quantifies the public effort that donors provide to developing countries for aid for trade.

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 aid for trade.

- **Comments and limitations**

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

Data Disaggregation

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

References

URL: www.oecd.org/dac/stats

References: See all links here:

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

Custodian Ministries of Data

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Custodian Ministries of Related Policies

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

International Organizations

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)