Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)

A new statistical measure for the SDG era

How much support is provided to developing countries to help them reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

As of today, no one knows. There is no international statistical standard to measure and track those resources. To fill this gap, providers and recipients of development cooperation have worked together to develop a new measure: Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD).

What is TOSSD?

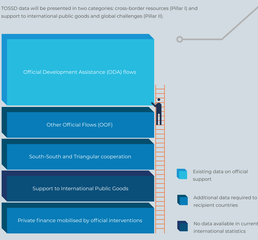
TOSSD is a new international statistical measure that provides a complete picture of all official resources and private finance mobilised by official interventions in support of sustainable development and the SDGs.

What does TOSSD measure?

TOSSD is a statistical framework to collect coherent, comparable and transparent data on the total official support to promote sustainable development and the attainment of the SDGs.

TOSSD complements the Official Development Assistance (ODA) measure by also capturing other types of support, including non-concessional flows, South-South cooperation, Triangular cooperation, activities to address global challenges and private finance mobilised by official interventions.

TOSSD data will be presented in two categories: cross-border resources (Pillar I) and support to international public goods and global challenges (Pillar II).



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What are the key benefits of TOSSD?

Measures total support for the SDGs

TOSSD creates a coherent, comparable and unified framework for monitoring all officially supported resources for implementing the SDGs.

Better data for better decisions

By incorporating South-South cooperation, non-concessional flows, and finance in support of global challenges, TOSSD provides a complement to traditional ODA measures. For example, the 2019 data survey was able to document over 100 previously unreported activities for Indonesia, representing an increase of 60% in volume.

A more complete picture

TOSSD provides countries with greater transparency about the full array of official external support received to promote sustainable development. TOSSD provides information that benefits public and development stakeholders in all countries. TOSSD offers a unique opportunity for all providers to report on programmes and projects in support of sustainable development in a consistent, comprehensive and internationally recognised way.

No additional effort required from recipient countries

All TOSSD reporting is carried out by the providers, meaning TOSSD does not require any additional effort by recipient countries.

How was TOSSD developed?

An international Task Force has been developing the TOSSD methodology since July 2017. Today, the Task Force comprises more than 25 experts from provider countries (traditional and emerging), recipient countries and multilateral institutions. All Task Force documents and deliberations are available at www.tossd.org.

2015 — The UN Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa called for holding open, inclusive and transparent discussions on the modernisation of the ODA measurement and on the proposed measure of "total official support for sustainable development".

2017 — In 2017, an international Task Force began working on the TOSSD methodology.

2019 — In 2019, a data survey was successfully conducted and data collected from 43 reporters - of which 29 were countries and 14 were multilateral institutions or programmes.

2020 — As of March 2020, seven pilot studies have been conducted to estimate the flows and refine the methodology to better respond to recipient countries' information needs.

As of March 2020, the Task Force consists of more than 25 members, 50% of which are from recipient countries.

How can you provide TOSSD data?

Provider countries and multilateral institutions can support TOSSD by submitting data on financing for sustainable development. Submission deadlines are 31 May 2020 (for multilateral institutions) and 31 July 2020 (for provider countries). Data for Pillar II activities can be submitted until 1 October 2020. For more information, please visit www.tossd.org.

Deadline 31 July 2020

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