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Tracking all the official support for the SDGs

in developing countries and globally

What is TOSSD?

Total Official Support for Sustainable Development ([TOSSD](#)) stands as an international standard for measuring the full array of resources aimed at promoting sustainable development in developing countries. It presents a unique, comparable set of data collected at a global scale to provide developing countries with the information they need on resources available to finance the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

- **A universal framework** – for all public providers, both countries and international organisations.
- **A transparency tool** – to improve the effectiveness of development support, promoting co-ordination and ownership, and encouraging dialogue between stakeholders.
- **A recognised standard** – an objective methodology, jointly created by a wide range of stakeholders, and guaranteeing the highest data quality for decision-making.

TOSSD and the international development architecture

TOSSD tracks financing for the SDGs. In 2022, nearly 80% of reported TOSSD disbursements were explicitly aligned with at least one SDG.

TOSSD serves as a data source for the global SDG indicators framework, notably the SDG indicator 17.3.1. that is used for monitoring target 17.3 – Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.

Furthermore, TOSSD is anchored in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and is reflected in leading international development frameworks and processes, such as the International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD), the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and those of the G7 and G20.

Why is TOSSD needed?

- The SDGs call for a holistic approach to measuring support for developing countries, and TOSSD fulfils this need. By providing a unified statistical framework, TOSSD avoids the problem of having to collate many different sets of data, facilitating the comparison and use of information.
- TOSSD takes into account the dynamic nature of the international development finance landscape and its various players and financing mechanisms. This makes TOSSD a helpful and valuable tool for planning and monitoring sustainable development activities at the national and international levels.
- TOSSD was developed by the International TOSSD Task Force, a large, diverse group of experts from traditional and dual provider/recipient countries, recipient countries and international organisations. This makes TOSSD an inclusive statistical framework that suits the needs of all these stakeholders.

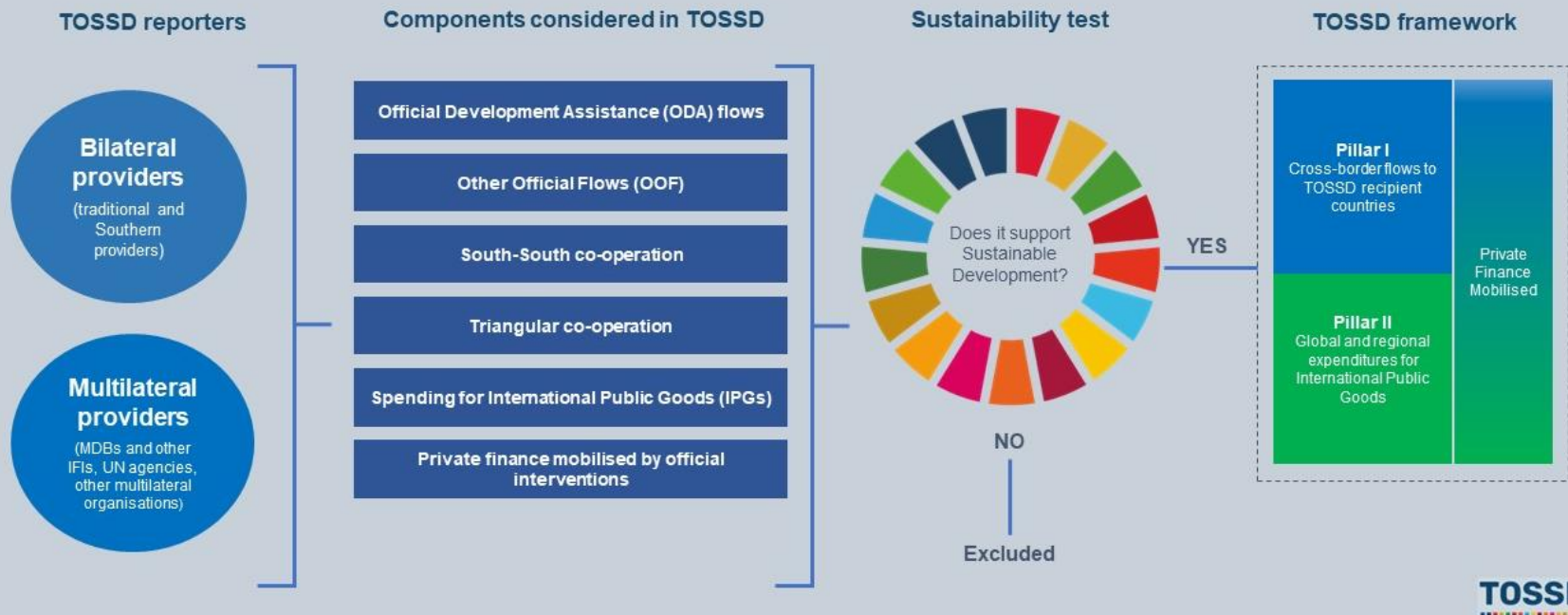
Main elements in the TOSSD methodology

TOSSD not only monitors all official resources flowing into developing countries for their sustainable development, but also private resources mobilised through official means. Additionally, it measures contributions to International (global and regional) Public Goods.

TOSSD focuses on resources that directly support sustainable development. An activity can be reported as TOSSD if **it directly contributes to at least one of the SDG targets and if no substantial detrimental effect is anticipated on one or more of the other targets.**

It encompasses resources offered by both traditional and South-South co-operation providers, as well as multilateral institutions. Currently, TOSSD includes data from over 120 providers of official support for sustainable development, spanning countries and organisations from all regions.

A framework to measure resources in support of sustainable development in developing countries



The International Forum on TOSSD

An inclusive statistical standard must be supported by an inclusive governance structure. The TOSSD standard is overseen by the [International Forum on TOSSD \(IFT\)](#), an independent governing body with a balanced representation of provider and recipient countries, including dual providers/recipients, and international organisations. Civil society organisations hold a permanent observer seat on all IFT bodies.

Building on six years of groundwork by the International TOSSD Task Force, the Forum is committed to open, inclusive, and transparent discussions on TOSSD. It provides a platform for all countries and stakeholders to voice their perspectives on measuring development support, thereby contributing to global processes. The IFT is an independent entity, with its Secretariat hosted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for administrative purposes.



The **IFT Secretariat** upholds the TOSSD standard, collects and disseminates TOSSD data, advocates for TOSSD in political and technical arenas, providing support to data users and undertaking the day-to-day administrative and financial management of the International Forum. It operates under the substantive guidance of the Steering Group.

The General Assembly (GA) is at the heart of the IFT. It is composed of all IFT Members and Observers. TOSSD reporters are also invited to participate at meetings of the GA. The GA approves the vision, mission and strategic priorities of the International Forum. It provides inputs to the work plan and budget and advises on the evolution of the TOSSD methodology to ensure it meets the needs of users of TOSSD data.

The **IFT Steering Group** ensures the implementation of the vision, mission and strategic priorities of the Forum. It has two co-Chairs and is comprised of 30 members with a balanced representation of recipient countries, traditional providers, South-South co-operation providers and international organisations.

Members of the Steering Group of the International Forum on TOSSD

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Executive Secretariat for Integral
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Islamic Development Bank
(IsDB)

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Membership is open to countries, territories and international organisations that endorse the vision and the mission statement of the IFT; commit to reporting and using TOSSD data; promote the IFT and the TOSSD standard; and actively participate in the Forum discussions.

How can my country/organisation engage in TOSSD?

- **By becoming a Member of the International Forum on TOSSD.** Developing countries, traditional and non-traditional providers and international organisations are welcome to join the Forum. It is a unique opportunity for your country/organisation to design a statistical standard that suits your needs. Contact the Secretariat to express your interest and get more information on next steps.
- **By reporting your contributions to sustainable development to TOSSD.** You can explore the TOSSD methodology, available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). We also have a [reporting toolkit](#) to facilitate the reporting process.
- **Deep dive into TOSSD data.** TOSSD can inform [Voluntary National Reviews on financing for the SDGs](#), the Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs), as well as decision-making on sustainable development policies. TOSSD data are available free of charge in the [TOSSD.online](#) data visualisation tool.
- **Participate in TOSSD events and workshops.** Tell the world how you use TOSSD and share with us your ideas for improvement. Join us to continue the conversation on TOSSD!

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