

Analysis of Ireland's Official Development Assistance (ODA) Spending

Terms of Reference

1. Background

Dóchas is the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations. It provides a forum for consultation and co-operation between its members, and helps them speak with a single voice on global development and justice issues. Our vision is a world where poverty and marginalisation are unacceptable and where every person has the right to live a life of dignity. Further information is available at www.dochas.ie.

2. Context

Official Development Assistance (ODA), as set out in 'A Better World', is central to Ireland's foreign policy in building better futures for the world's poorest communities. The current Programme for Government has reaffirmed Ireland's commitment, made as far back as the 1970s, to reach the UN ODA target of 0.7% gross national income (GNI) by 2030.

Budget 2022 allocated the highest ever amount to ODA, €1.044 billion, a 20.3% increase in the overall allocation versus 2021 figures. Government reports indicate this will correspond to 0.32% of GNI for 2022.

In 2020 and 2021, the majority of ODA allocations were made by the Department of Foreign Affairs (approximately 75%). The remainder was directed via a variety of channels including via EU-related development contributions, and amongst several 'ODA-spending' Government Departments. Following the 2022 Budget announcement, it is expected that a larger quantity of ODA will be spent through multiple Government Departments to support ODA growth in a sustainable manner.

3. Purpose & Scope of work

This work follows on from the ODA Trends Analysis research which was completed in July 2021.

The purpose of this consultancy is:

- Identify where ODA allocations are spent or budgeted for across Irish Government Departments other than the Department of Foreign Affairs and situate this analysis over time
- Identify alignment between ODA allocations and Ireland's international development priorities as defined by Ireland's international development policy, '[A Better World](#)'

Objectives include:

- Provide analysis in the form of charts and narrative summaries in agreed areas
 - ODA allocations across Government Departments including:

- Finance; Health; Justice; Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Children, Equality, Youth, Inclusion & Disability
 - Within these departments establish the channels, institutions and thematic areas where ODA allocations are budgeted for
 - Across Bilateral and Multilateral spending including EU, and non-EU spending
 - Establish whether multilateral funding, to EU programmes and EU trust funds in particular, are linked to GNI
 - Identify whether spending on climate financing is additional to ODA allocations
 - Compare Ireland's ODA spending vs. OECD DAC averages
 - Place the analysis within the context of the SDGs, Goal 17 in particular
- Provide an overview trends analysis from 2010 to the present day

4. Methodology, Contract and Timing

The final methodology will be agreed as part of the tendering process, but it is expected to include:

- Mainly desk research based, working remotely
- Engagement with relevant stakeholders
- Engagement with the relevant Dóchas Working Groups (primarily Policy) to inform research and for feedback on findings

5. Skills and Experience Required

- Experience with and understanding of international development sector, including ODA spending and related analysis
- An understanding of OECD DAC data analysis
- A demonstrable track record of data collection, analysis and development of reports

6. Terms and Conditions

The consultant will report to Louise Finan, Head of Policy in Dóchas, who will liaise closely with the consultant and guide the work as it is developed. Dóchas will provide relevant background documents and previous research and analysis conducted, along with timely feedback on draft analysis produced.

We expect the consultancy to begin in February 2022 and be completed by mid to end March 2022.

Dóchas will not be liable for payment of PAYE, PRSI or USC in respect of this consultancy. Payment of all appropriate taxes remains the responsibility of the Consultant. Payment for the days worked will be made on the production of an invoice when work is completed to the satisfaction of Dóchas.

7. Confidentiality and Data Protection

A normal duty of confidentiality is expected in relation to Dóchas business, both during and after this consultancy. All documents (e.g. records, reports, plans, policies, papers, files)

relating to work carried out in the course of this consultancy with Dóchas will remain the property of Dóchas at all times. The consultant will not retain copies of such records.

The consultant will not at any time either during the period covered by this contract or after its termination make use of or communicate to any unauthorised person/body any confidential information about Dóchas which may have obtained during the course of this consultancy. On termination of this contract by either party the consultant will deliver to Dóchas all records, documents, equipment, etc. in their possession or control relating in any way to this consultancy with Dóchas.

Confidentiality relating to Dóchas data and processes not in the public domain will be respected by the consultant.

8. Application process

We ask that interested consultants submit, their CV, a possible methodology, time needed and rate, including VAT.

Please submit your expression of interest in this tender to Louise Finan, Head of Programme and Policy, louise@dochas.ie by 11 February 2022. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.