

SDG Goal 4 Quality education

SDG 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

SDG Indicator 4.b.1 Volume of official development assistance flows for scholarships, by sector and type of study

Time series ODA (gross disbursements) for scholarships

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 21 October 2021
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/4-b-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures German official development assistance (ODA) for scholarships of nationals from ODA recipient countries in Germany. It is measured in gross disbursements of the resources to the partner country (versus commitments of resources). Official development assistance (ODA) is defined aid provided by official agencies that promotes and specifically targets the economic development and welfare of developing countries. For ODA flows, data on the sector of destination are recorded using 5-digit codes so called purpose codes. Besides these, the co-operation modalities (i.e. being budget support, project type interventions, experts, scholarships, debt relief or other in-donor expenditures) is also documented. Scholarships - that is to say financial aid awards for individual students and contributions to trainees - are identified by code E01.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: July 2017
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-04-0B-01.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the global metadata. However it is important to note that the global metadata do not outline the necessary purpose codes and/ or types of aid.

3. Data description

- ODA is the resource flows to countries and territories on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) List of ODA Recipients and to multilateral development institutions that are:
 - Provided by official agencies, including state and local governments, or by their executive agencies; and
 - Concessional (i.e. grants and soft loans) and administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as the main objective.
 The DAC list of countries eligible to receive ODA is updated every three years and is based on per capita income.

4. Accessibility of source data

- OECD - Development Finance Data:
<http://oe.cd/fsd-data>
- OECD - ODA for scholarships and imputed student costs:
<https://stats.oecd.org/qwids/>

5. Metadata on source data

- General information on ODA as well as recent and future changes in methodology:
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/What-is-ODA.pdf>
- List of the OECD DAC purpose codes:
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/purposecodessectorclassification.htm>
- List of ODA recipient countries:
<http://oe.cd/dac-list>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 11 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Million USD, constant prices (2019)
- Calculation method:

Not applicable.

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Time series ODA (gross disbursements) for imputed student costs

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 21 October 2021
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/4-b-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures German official development assistance (ODA) for imputed student costs of nationals from ODA recipient countries in Germany. Imputed student costs are estimated tuition costs of students attending higher education institutions financed by the donor. It is measured in gross disbursements of the resources to the partner country (versus commitments of resources). Official development assistance (ODA) is defined as aid provided by official agencies that promotes and specifically targets the economic development and welfare of developing countries. For ODA flows, data on the sector of destination are recorded using 5-digit codes so called purpose codes. Besides these, the co-operation modalities (i.e. being budget support, project type interventions, experts, scholarships, debt relief or other in-donor expenditures) is also documented. Imputed student costs - that is to say indirect ("imputed") costs of tuition in donor countries - are identified by code E02.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: July 2017
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-04-0B-01.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with the global metadata, but provides additional information as outlined in the global metadata. However it is important to note that the global metadata does not outline the necessary purpose codes and/or types of aid.

3. Data description

- ODA is the resource flows to countries and territories on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) List of ODA Recipients and to multilateral development institutions that are:
 - Provided by official agencies, including state and local governments, or by their executive agencies; and
 - Concessional (i.e. grants and soft loans) and administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as the main objective.
 The DAC list of countries eligible to receive ODA is updated every three years and is based on per capita income.

4. Accessibility of source data

- OECD - Development Finance Data:
<http://oe.cd/fsd-data>
- OECD - ODA for scholarships and imputed student costs:
<https://stats.oecd.org/qwids/>

5. Metadata on source data

- General information on ODA as well as recent and future changes in methodology:
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/What-is-ODA.pdf>
- List of the OECD DAC purpose codes:
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/purposecodessectorclassification.htm>
- OECD - ODA to the forestry sector:
<https://stats.oecd.org/qwids/>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 11 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Million USD, constant prices (2019)
- Calculation method:

Not applicable.