

OECD DAC statistics tell the 2030 Agenda goals are at risk

Today's figures for 2018 development aid spending from Development Assistance Committee donors confirm the concerns raised by Civil Society Organisations: aid volumes are declining, by 2,7% in 2018 on the previous year.



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Today, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) presented its early figures for development aid spending in 2018 by donor countries.

Once changes to the reporting frameworks are considered, development aid spending shows a **drop by 2,7%**, [DAC reports](#). It can be noticed that such a drop is largely due to a significant **reduction of 28,4%** in costs for **hosting refugees in donor countries**. This practice of inflating aid has been [previously criticised](#) by CONCORD. Still, refugee costs account for **10% of total aid** for 10 countries and for 20% in two countries.

Another worrying trend shows that most aid **does not actually go to countries most in need**: net bilateral Official Development Assistance (ODA) for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) **fell by 2,7% in real terms**, aid to Africa fell by 4% and humanitarian aid fell by 8%. In the case of DAC EU countries, such negative trends are confirmed: a 1,2% decrease in real terms.

Given the significance of these numbers, CONCORD welcomes the possibility given to Civil Society Organisations to early access data and to discuss major trends with the leading team and Director De Silva and Chairperson Ms Moorhead this morning. CONCORD expert Luca de Fraia from ActionAid Italy recalls two major takeaways:

*“We are deeply worried by these trends. The figures published today are a warning message coming from DAC that we are **off track in realizing the 2030 Agenda and the Leave No One Behind principle in particular**. The **decreased figures on support to Least Developed Countries** are particularly worrying, as ODA is the most valuable resource for countries most in need. Through the AidWatch Report and other actions CONCORD will keep pressuring donors to meet their commitments and step up their efforts to provide genuine aid where is most needed”.*

Luca de Fraia (CONCORD expert at ActionAid Italia)

Notes to editors:

1. CONCORD is the European confederation of Relief and Development NGOs, made up of 28 national associations, made up of 28 national associations, 24 international networks and 3 associate members that represent over 2.600 NGOs, supported by millions of citizens across Europe. www.concordeurope.org

2. OECD DAC global aid figures are available via:
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-data/ODA-2018-detailed-summary.pdf>

3. On a yearly basis, CONCORD monitors European aid levels and compares official EU aid figures with the genuine amount of aid going to developing countries in its report AidWatch. For more information visit:
<https://concordeurope.org/aidwatch-reports/>

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