

Aid budget spending on disabled people

1. “What proportion of the aid budget is spent on the seven-hundred million disabled people living in the developing world?”

DFID supports people with disabilities in a wide variety of ways, including specific country projects and programmes, research and evidence and working with a range of partners such as UNICEF, the Global Partnership on Education, the European Commission, civil society organisations and the Disability Rights Fund. However, we do not hold information on the specific proportion of the aid budget that is spent on disabled people. Much of our work and spending on disability is a component of larger development programmes in developing countries and our records are not held in a format which would enable us to disaggregate information relevant to this part of your request.

You might, however, wish to consult DFID’s online [projects database](#) where you will find a range of information on DFID projects and programmes, including spending details and some project documentation. You can search the database using terms such as ‘disabled’ or ‘disability’ to identify relevant projects. You might also wish to check information on DFID’s [Research4Development](#) (R4D) website. R4D is a free access on-line portal containing the latest information about research funded by DFID and document records. You can search the information on the site in many different ways - browsing by region, country or theme/subject, or searching using key words.

2. “Is there a specific policy for tackling stigma against the disabled and prevention of ritualistic killings such as those against the Albino's in Tanzania?”

DFID carries out country-level analysis and social impact appraisals of programmes to ensure that UK supported development programmes maximise impact and manage risks, including for the most marginalised people. You might be interested in the [DFID Practice Paper](#) on Education for children with disabilities which is available on our website.

3. “Other than reasons of security what is the main criteria for deciding who receives foreign aid?”

DFID’s overall aim is to reduce poverty in poorer countries and we focus on the poor wherever they are and where we can have a significant impact on achieving the Millennium Development Goals. This is as provided for in the International Development Act 2002.

You can find more information on DFID’s priorities for aid on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

You might be particularly interested in information contained in DFID's latest [Annual Report](#) and DFID's [Results Framework](#) for 2012 – 2014/15 which sets out actual development outputs that DFID will deliver against during this period.

4. “Has the Department for International Development looked to use the NAS, Scope, Leonard Cheshire Disability charity for guidance on how to alleviate disabled people from poverty and marginalization?”

DFID works with many different specialist organisations to address disability, poverty and marginalisation. For example, through the international wing of Leonard Cheshire Disability (Leonard Cheshire Centre for Inclusive Development at University College London), the DFID funded Cross Cutting Disability Research Programme addresses evidence gaps on links between disability and poverty and on effective methods to improve access to services for people with disabilities. The programme will produce high quality research in four thematic areas of reproductive healthcare for people with disabilities in Nepal, mental health in India, disability inclusive water and sanitation in Zambia and disability inclusive urban agriculture in Kenya and is also producing tools and methodologies for incorporating disability in mainstream research and development programmes which can be used widely. You can find more information on this programme through the link to the R4D website above. DFID also works with many disability specialist international development organisations, for example Action on Disability and Development, Sightsavers, the Disability Rights Fund and Handicap International.