

STATISTICS ON UK GROSS PUBLIC EXPENDITURE (GPEX) ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Overview

This release provides statistics on UK Gross Public Expenditure (GPEX) on International Development from 2009/10 to 2013/14. The data includes expenditure by the Department for International Development, known as the DFID programme, and other UK Government Departments.

Box 1: Gross Public Expenditure (GPEX) on International Development

GPEX covers expenditure by all official UK sources (i.e. government departments and public bodies) on aid to developing countries on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list of ODA eligible countries and multilateral organisations, and some other countries which meet the criteria for developmental Official Flows agreed by the DAC. GPEX is reported on a financial year basis and covers gross flows.

*For further information on key terms please see the [Glossary](#) in *SID*.*

In previous years, GPEX statistics were published as part of the National Statistics publication¹ '[Statistics on International Development](#)', known as *SID*. In response to user consultation, GPEX statistics has been published separately for the last two years via this new release and the *SID* publication now focuses on Official Development Assistance (ODA) which is the key international measure of aid spend. This should provide greater coherence to each release and minimise the risk of user confusion between the two series.

Users interested in making international comparisons should use UK ODA figures as published in *SID* as these follow international reporting practices. Users interested in wider aid spend (not just ODA) should use the data published in this release covering GPEX and those interested in DFID in particular will want to focus on the DFID programme data.

¹ DFID, [National Statistics: Statistics on International Development 2014](#) (October 2014)

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The following tables are available to download in spreadsheet format from the DFID Statistics GPEX webpage.

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Background Notes

1. The GPEX data for the DFID programme is sourced from DFID's internal accounting and management information system (ARIES) and the UK attributions of EC budgetary spending. Other government departments supply DFID with their expenditure data which is subject to central quality assurance along with the DFID programme data.
2. The UK GPEX data presented in this release are produced on a mainly cash basis and are broadly consistent with the standards followed in the reporting of ODA in *SID*. They are therefore not directly comparable with those reported in DFID's Resource Accounts.

Technical Notes

The following supporting information is published on the DFID Statistics GPEX webpage to help users understand and use the GPEX statistics:

- Guide to understanding GPEX statistics (Technical Note 1);
- Glossary of terms (Annex 1 from *SID*).

User engagement

We seek to continuously improve our releases and would welcome feedback from our users. We would also be particularly interested to know about how you use the data in this release to inform your work. Please send any feedback to statistics@dfid.gov.uk.

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