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1. OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA)–INTERNATIONAL FLOWS¹

In 2018, net Official Development Assistance (ODA) by members (donors) of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) reached USD 149.85 billion, representing a slight fall of 2.3% in real terms (taking account of both inflation and exchange rate movements) compared to 2016. As a share of Gross National Income (GNI), DAC members² ODA also fell to 0.30% (0.31% in 2017), well below a United Nations target to keep ODA at or above 0.7% of donor GNI.

In the context of 2030 Agenda and the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), at a global level (Resolution A/RES/70/1/25.9.2015, 70th UN General Assembly, “Transforming Our World: Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development”), OECD is responding to the need to capture programs that integrate the SDG dimension and thus contribute to their implementation. For this reason, new variables (fields) have been introduced for the registration of SDGs (17 Goals and 169 Targets).

ODA Allocations

Between 2017 and 2018, ODA for in-donor refugee costs declined from USD 14.1 billion to USD 10.77 billion. In-donor refugee costs represented 7.2% of total ODA compared to 9.6% in 2017. For five countries (Belgium, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, and Spain) these costs accounted for more than 10% of their total net ODA flows, while for two countries (Iceland and Italy) this percentage was over 20%.

In 2018, the volume of support for bilateral development assistance (projects, programmes, technical cooperation, including the “in-donor refugee costs”) amounted to USD 105.17 billion (in 2017 amounted to USD 105.5 billion). Humanitarian aid amounted to USD 14.16 billion and it represented 9.44% of total ODA.

Bilateral net ODA to the group of least developed countries reached USD 45.8 billion (USD 42.8 billion in 2017). Net ODA to Africa amounted to USD 55.1 billion in 2018 (USD 53.7 billion in 2017), of which USD 47.3

¹ For Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 source: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-data/statistics-on-resource-flows-to-developing-countries.htm>

² DAC member-states: Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Greece, USA, UK, Japan, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Iceland, Canada, Korea, Luxemburg, New Zealand, Norway, Netherlands, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Finland and the EU.

billion was allocated to sub-Saharan Africa. Net ODA to America, the Middle East and Asia amounted to USD 10.4 billion, USD 27.3 billion and USD 49.1 billion, respectively. Net ODA to Europe totaled USD 6.4 billion, with the following countries as major recipients: Ukraine (USD 1.2 billion), Turkey (USD 1.19 billion) and Serbia (USD 1.06 billion).

Within total net ODA, contributions by DAC countries to multilateral organizations added up to USD 44.68 billion (in 2017 amounted to USD 41.6 billion), of which the amount of USD 15.2 billion represents funds allocated to EU institutions.

Bilateral Donor Performance

The United States continued to be the largest donor by volume in 2018, with net ODA flows of USD 33.78 billion, representing a decrease of 4.9% in real terms over 2017. Its ODA as a percentage of GNI also decreased from 0.18% in 2017 to 0.16% in 2018. The largest DAC donors by volume, following the United States were: Germany (USD 25.67 billion), the United Kingdom (USD 19.46 billion), France (USD 12.84 billion), Japan (USD 10.06 billion), Sweden (USD 5.8 billion), Netherlands (USD 5.6 billion) and Italy (USD 5.1 billion). Sweden (1.04%), Luxembourg (0.98%), Norway (0.94%), Denmark (0.71%) and the United Kingdom (0.7%) met or exceeded the United Nations' ODA target of 0.7% of GNI.

Net ODA rose in seventeen countries, with the largest increases recorded in Hungary (80.6%), New Zealand (25.6%), Iceland (7.8%) and Slovak Republic (7.8%). Net ODA fell in twelve countries, with the largest decreases noted in Italy (18.1%), Finland (14.5%), Japan (13.4%), Austria (12.3%) and Greece (12%).

Many donors that are not members of DAC³ have a tradition of development cooperation. Amongst these, according to the 2018 reported to the OECD, both Turkey and the United Arab Emirates exceeded the 0.7% ODA/GNI target, with 1.1% and 0.95% respectively. The largest non-DAC donors, according to their ODA flows reports to the OECD are the following: Turkey (USD 8.61 billion), United Arab Emirates (USD 3.9 billion) and Russia (USD 1 billion).

³ Non DAC members are not obliged to follow the DAC guidelines and standards regarding the reporting on development assistance.

2. AGGREGATE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF GREECE

Total Official Development Assistance of Greece (bilateral and multilateral ODA) in 2018 reached USD 290.44 million (0.13% of Gross National Income, GNI 2018=218 billion USD), which represents a decrease compared to 2017 (USD 314 million, i.e. 0.16% of Gross National Income).

According to the statistical record of Greece's international development assistance, the aforementioned SDG-related fields were completed for 113 Programs out of 299 Programs declared in total (i.e. 37.8%), notably with regard to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 1 (No Poverty), 4 (Quality Education), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

Total Development Assistance resource flows (Year 2018)

In USD million

Type of Aid	2018	
Bilateral (ODA)	38.64	0.02% GNI
Multilateral (ODA)	251.80	0.11% GNI
TOTAL	290.44	0.13% GNI

GNI 2018: USD 218 billion

3. BILATERAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF GREECE

Total bilateral ODA granted by Greece in 2018 was USD 38.64 million (2017 – USD 85 million). Bilateral ODA is provided by various Ministries. The amount of USD 27.92 million was granted for in-donor refugee costs, USD 6.62 million for international organizations' programmes and funds (out of which the amount of USD 6.5 million was contributed to the EU "Facility for Refugees" in Turkey for the refugees) and USD 2.6 million for scholarships to foreign students from developing countries in order to study in Greek universities.

Categorizations of bilateral aid according to OECD/DAC statistical directives:

Aid Allocation by Geographical Region (in USD):

- Europe: 8.96 million

- Africa: 1 million (Sub-Saharan Africa 0.31 million)
- Asia: 0.6 million
- Developing countries, unspecified: 28 million (including, inter alia, in-donor refugee costs in Greece)

Aid Allocation by Main Recipient Countries (in USD):

- Turkey: 6.75 million
- Albania: 1.5 million
- Egypt: 0.4 million
- Ukraine: 0.38 million
- West Bank and Gaza Strip: 0.2 million
- Serbia: 0.2million

Humanitarian assistance expenditure amounted to USD 6.54 million.

4. MULTILATERAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF GREECE

Total multilateral ODA granted by Greece in 2018 amounted to USD 252 million (2017 – USD 209 million). Multilateral ODA is provided by line Ministries which, depending on their scope of competences, provide funds for international development purposes via International Organizations. These Organizations support developing countries and provide assistance in emergency situations. Total flows granted by Greece to EU institutions for foreign development assistance amounted to USD 213 million, including Greece’s contribution to the European Development Fund (EDF) which amounted to USD 76 million. ODA amounting to USD 16 million was also granted through the United Nations system, the amount of 12 million to World Bank Group, of which USD 2 million to the International Development Association /IDA of the World Bank and the amount of USD 11 million to diverse international organizations.

5. HELLENIC AID ACTIVITIES

A. Humanitarian Action

1. Annual update of the United Nations Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformation on the Progress of Implementing Commitments at the WHS World Summit (Istanbul, 23-24.5.2016). This set of data refers to the progress of the implementation of our humanitarian commitments undertaken by our country during 2017 and communicated in 2018 to the United Nations Platform for Action Commitments and Transformation

(PACT) in question. It is noted that the relevant Ministries are involved in the drafting of the final text of the commitments.

2. Monitoring of Actions Aid report on the implementation of EU Aid Volunteers Programme and recommendations on the future of the initiative post 2020. Participate in the debate on the European Commission's proposal for the integration of European Aid Volunteers into the European Solidarity Corps.

3. Suggesting the national policy for:

- Monthly meetings of the EU Council Working Group on Humanitarian and Food Aid issues (COHAFA) in Brussels.
- United Nations meetings in Geneva and New York on humanitarian issues.
- 37th Session of the Human Rights Council of Yemen.
- EU Humanitarian Aid Heads Meeting (Vienna, 2.10.2018).
- World Food Program (WFP) Annual Regular Meeting in Rome.
- Preparation of information dossier for Greek MEPs on humanitarian subjects - European Parliament Plenary July 2018.

4. Preparing Greek positions for adoption of humanitarian resolutions at the UN General Assembly on (indicatively):

- International Cooperation for Humanitarian Assistance in Case of Natural Disasters from Relief to the Development.
- Empowerment of Emergency Humanitarian Aid Coordination (OMNIBUS Resolution).
- Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

5. Propose our country's response to calls for contributions to International Organizations:

- International Brussels II Donor's Conference "Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region".
- UNRWA Extraordinary Ministerial Conference "Preserving Dignity and Sharing Responsibility-Mobilizing Collective Action for UNRWA Rome (15.3.2018).
- Transfer of unused contributions of Greece, after WFP's request, to a Direct Reaction Account.

6. Completion of the procedure and funding for the transport of medicines (EUR 8,427.12) to Zambia, offered by the Ministry of National Defence as humanitarian aid to tackle cholera epidemic in the country.

7. Providing 30,000 Euros in humanitarian aid to the Indonesian government to relieve tsunami-hit areas of the country.

B. Participation in Development Cooperation Ministerial Councils, ACP-EU Council and Meetings of Directors-General of Development Cooperation.

- Informal Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs/Development Cooperation.
- Meetings of Directors-General of Development Cooperation.
- Councils of Ministers for Foreign Affairs/Development Cooperation.
- 43rd ACP-EU Joint Ministerial Council Meeting (Lome, 31 May-1 June 2018)
- Ministerial Council EU-CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States).
- Informal Meeting of Directors-General for European Affairs, on Global Issues.

C. Preparation of Memos and Interventions for European and International Meetings

- International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq (12-14 February 2018) with the participation of the Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Informal Meeting of Heads of State or Government for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), the long-term EU budget and the institutional issues (Brussels, 23 February 2018).
- Donor Conference for "Gaza Central Desalination Plan", with the participation of the Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs (Brussels, 20 March 2018).
- Deputy Minister's Visit to Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia (4-10 April 2018)
- Ministerial "CEDRE" Conference for supporting Lebanon (Paris, 6 April 2018), with the participation of the Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- 10th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (Brussels, 27-28 September 2018).
- High Level Meeting (Tokyo, 5 October 2018) and Ministerial Meeting of "Tokyo International Conference on African Development" (TICAD) (Tokyo, 6-7 October 2018) with the participation of the Hellenic Embassy in Tokyo.
- 12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) High Level Meeting (Brussels, 18-19 October 2018), with the participation of Prime Minister.

- 7th EU-South Africa Summit (Brussels, 15 November 2018).
- Permanent Representatives Committee (COREPER II) Meeting (Brussels, 21 November 2018).

D. Working Parties of the Council of the European Union, UN Second Committee and Development Cooperation Committee (DAC)/ OECD

1. Working Parties of the Council of the European Union

Active participation in the meetings of the following Working Parties (WPs) of the Council of the EU:

- CODEV (Council WP on Development Cooperation).
- Agenda 2030.
- ACP (Council WP on EU's cooperation with Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific).
- NDICI (Council Attachés Ad Hoc WP on the Regulation for the establishment of the new Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument).
- COHAFA (Council WP on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid)

Key positions on (indicatively):

- New European Consensus on Development.
- ACP-EU relations beyond 2020
- EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF)
- Orientation of the future work of the European Council on Agenda 2030.
- European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD)
- Council Conclusions.

2. UN Second Committee (Economic and Financial) and other fora (indicatively).

Positions and interventions:

- Participation and Positions on 9 draft Resolutions of the 73rd UN General Assembly.
- Participation to UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (Geneva, 1-2 March 2018).
- Regular Session of ECOSOC Committee on NGOs - Applications for consultative status (New York, 29 January-7 February 2018).

- 37th Human Rights Council (Geneva, 26 February 2018) Draft Resolution "Faithful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".
- Prime Minister's Meeting with UN Secretary General (New York, 24-28 September 2018).
- Drafting the intervention of the Head of the Greek Delegation during the General Discussion of the 73rd Meeting of UN General Assembly (September 2018).

3. Development Assistance Committee (DAC)/ OECD

- Forwarding dossiers (memos and talking points) for:
 - (i) Senior Level Meetings,
 - (ii) Monthly regular meetings of DAC members,
 - (iii) Working Party on Statistics (WP-STAT)
- Completion of OECD questionnaires.
- Preparation of positions for the annual OECD Ministerial Meeting (Paris 30-31 May 2018).
- Contribution to Greece's accession on "Tidewater Joint Statement on Combating Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in the Development and Humanitarian Sectors" (Maryland, 5 June 2018).
- Contribution to OECD Report on "Promoting and enabling responsible business conduct for development and through development co-operation efforts. Stocktaking of initiatives by donor agencies and national development financing institutions" (September 2018).
- Contribution to OECD edition "ODA Casebook on Conflict, Peace and Security Activities" with successful case studies of members (Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA) donating development assistance on Conflict, Peace and Security activities (August 2018).
- Active participation in the new DAC Chair election (candidates from Denmark and UK) (November 2018).
- Participation in the "Results Community Workshop" and the "Results approaches for the SDG era: shared challenges and collective solutions" (Paris, 29-30 October 2018).

E. 4th Peer Review of Greece by OECD/DAC

In the context of the 4th Peer Review of Greece's development co-operation policies and programmes by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD (April-November 2018), the following actions took place:

1. Organizing 4 Preparatory inter-ministerial Meetings (30 January, 27 April, 15 May, 17 June).
2. Drafting the Greek Memorandum in cooperation with other Ministries.
3. Preparing the five-day visit of the DAC Inspectors team to Athens (June 11-15, 2018), by organizing meetings with the hierarchy and members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Parliament, the General Secretariat of the Government, Ministries and other public entities.
4. Participating in the Closing Meeting (Paris, 28 November 2018). The Greek delegation which was headed by the deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, consisted also of the Secretary General of Immigration Policy, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and from the Ministry of Migration Policy.
5. Ex-post evaluation of Greece's multilateral development assistance, with a view to implementing the DAC/OECD recommendation on Greece's international development cooperation system.
6. Ex-post evaluation of the Greek scholarships' programme, with a view to implementing the relevant DAC/OECD recommendation on Greece's international development cooperation system.
7. Initial stages of the formulation of the new Hellenic Aid institutional framework, in the context of the DAC/OECD recommendations.
8. Finalization of the Strategy for granting foreign students scholarships pursuant to the DAC/OECD recommendation for 2019.

F. Voluntary National Review (VNR)

Voluntary National Review (VNR) was carried out with regard to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the framework of the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development (New York, 9-18 July 2018), which was presented by the Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy, in the framework of the Ministerial Segment of the HLPF 2018 (July 2018).

G. Events and Meetings

Presentation of the International Development Cooperation System of Greece to Students of the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of the Peloponnese (13 December 2018)

H. Evaluation of Programs

In 2018, HELLENIC AID continued the research of uncompleted bilateral development and humanitarian assistance programs/projects of the 2002-

2010 period, providing relevant information to the Inspection and Judicial Authorities.

I. Assistance to Inspection and Judicial Authorities –Evaluation of Programs

HELLENIC AID staff evaluated past programs, and provided relevant information to competent Inspection and Judicial Authorities (Anti-Money Laundering Authority, Public Financial Services) for cases of NGOs registered in the Special Registry, in the framework of ongoing investigations.

J. HELLENIC AID NGO Registry

HELLENIC AID continued the process of updating (contact details, representatives, new boards, statutes etc.) the Special Registry of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The effort to update the Registry had limited results due to the poor response from NGOs. So far, more than 300 letters requesting an update have been dispatched to NGOs already registered on HELLENIC AID's Registry.

K. Other activities

1. Hellenic Aid's Annual Report 2017.
2. In the framework of a prior multiannual commitment, a credit of a total amount of 8.760,06 Euros was transferred from the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the budget of the Ministry of Health, with the aim to provide scholarships for foreign resident doctors originating in recipient countries and practicing in hospitals of Greece.
3. Participation in the processes, in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Government, to develop a National Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development Goals
4. Participation in the 3rd Inter-Ministerial Coordination Meeting on the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals, organized by the General Secretariat of the Government (20 November 2018)
5. Participation in Parliamentary Control Activities, by submitting data for the Special NGO Registry.
6. Communication of recommendations to pertinent branches of the Public Sector and the Armed Forces , in relation to leave of absence requests submitted by civil servants or member of the Military, on account of their participation in NGOs, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 14 and 16 of Law 2731/1999.

7. Communication of recommendations on correspondence with Independent Authorities concerning the arrangement of requests by civil clerks and army officers for a leave.