



# Donor spending

*Nutrition-specific and  
-sensitive disbursements*

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**The Global Nutrition Report tracks the progress of donors against the spending commitments they make as part of the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) process.**

Use the tables on this page to track and compare some of the nutrition disbursements that donors reported between 2010 and 2019. The totals include spending by donors who made financial commitments at the 2013 London Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit.

Full details of commitments made are available for all donors and entities. The 2019 totals are taken from the latest N4G survey. This latest data is presented alongside historic disbursement information, which has been compiled from previous surveys and Global Nutrition Reports.

Read more about the [nutrition-specific](#) and [nutrition-sensitive](#) actions these disbursements support.

**Table 1: Nutrition-specific disbursements (US\$ thousands) reported by donors to the Global Nutrition Report, 2010–2019**

DONORS	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Australia</b>	6,672	16,516	NA	20,857	NA	15,639	NA	17,902	11,609
<b>Canada</b>	98,846	205,463	169,350	159,300	108,600	97,628	93,099	106,386	66,560
<b>EU</b>	50,889	8	54,352	44,680	48,270	29,721	57,097	53,480	81,002
<b>France</b>	2,895	3,852	2,606	6,005	4,660	8,572	4,339	NR	20,334
<b>Germany</b>	2,987	2,719	35,666	50,572	51,399	18,047	19,621	28,934	61,517
<b>Ireland</b>	7,691	7,565	10,776	19,154	13,079	12,391	18,238	NR	32,154
<b>Netherlands</b>	2,661	4,007	20,216	25,025	31,604	46,331	32,837	67,879	44,427
<b>Switzerland</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
<b>UK</b>	39,860	63,127	105,000	87,000	92,400	156,000	188,294	159,586	53,638
<b>US</b>	82,613	229,353	288,649	263,241	382,891	296,974	195,921	177,948	278,984
<b>Gates Foundation</b>	50,060	80,610	83,534	61,700	96,500	96,616	144,532	NR	NR
<b>CIFF</b>	980	5,481	37,482	26,750	53,607	32,784	63,180	24,413	14,577
<b>World Bank</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Source: Based on data provided by the donors.

Notes: NR: no response to our request for data; NA: not applicable (meaningful totals cannot be calculated owing to missing data or data produced using a methodology other than the SUN Donor Network's). Data is in current prices. Most donors reported in US\$; where they did not, an annual average market exchange rate from OECD or the US Internal Revenue Service is used. CIFF: Children's Investment Fund Foundation; Gates Foundation: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Calculations and reporting often differ by country and donor. See below for donor-specific notes.

**Table 2: Nutrition-sensitive disbursements (US\$ thousands) reported by donors to the Global Nutrition Report, 2010–2019**

DONORS	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Australia</b>	49,903	114,553	NA	87,598	NA	128,706	NA	55,259	103,608
<b>Canada</b>	80,179	90,171	NA	998,674	1,271,986	1,309,732	1,102,545	1,081,706	857,030
<b>EU</b>	392,563	309,209	315,419	570,890	423,704	496,672	538,637	510,160	455,211
<b>France</b>	23,003	27,141	33,599	NR	23,781	16,446	25,991	NR	3,608
<b>Germany</b>	18,856	29,139	20,642	51,547	84,174	186,780	142,809	159,371	142,832
<b>Ireland</b>	34,806	45,412	48,326	56,154	54,217	54,248	56,843	NR	31,280
<b>Netherlands</b>	2,484	20,160	21,616	18,274	28,422	56,510	53,917	23,068	21,216
<b>Switzerland</b>	21,099	28,800	29,160	26,501	43,656	42,190	59,971	63,565	NA
<b>UK</b>	302,215	412,737	734,700	780,500	928,300	693,000	706,334	728,797	762,301
<b>US</b>	2,005,880	1,968,759	2,449,706	2,656,269	2,555,332	3,038,180	3,548,197	3,745,170	3,459,123
<b>Gates Foundation</b>	12,320	34,860	43,500	29,200	42,000	62,619	37,289	NR	NR
<b>CIFF</b>	0	0	854	154	20,725	21,595	38,538	49,409	70,132
<b>World Bank</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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**Table 3: Total nutrition disbursements (US\$ thousands) reported by donors to the Global Nutrition Report, 2010–2019**

DONORS	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Australia</b>	56,575	131,069	NA	108,455	NA	144,345	NA	73,161	115,217
<b>Canada</b>	179,025	295,634	NA	1,157,974	1,380,586	1,407,360	1,195,645	1,188,092	923,590
<b>EU</b>	443,452	309,217	369,771	615,570	471,974	526,393	595,734	563,639	536,213
<b>France</b>	25,898	30,993	36,205	NA	28,441	25,018	30,330	NR	23,943
<b>Germany</b>	21,843	31,858	56,308	102,119	135,573	204,827	162,430	188,305	204,349
<b>Ireland</b>	42,497	52,977	59,102	75,308	67,295	66,640	75,081	NR	63,434
<b>Netherlands</b>	5,145	24,167	41,832	43,299	60,027	102,841	86,754	90,948	65,643
<b>Switzerland</b>	21,099	28,800	29,160	26,501	43,656	42,190	59,971	63,565	96,499
<b>UK</b>	342,075	475,864	839,700	867,500	1,020,700	849,000	894,628	888,384	815,939
<b>US</b>	2,088,493	2,198,112	2,738,356	2,919,510	2,938,223	3,335,154	3,744,118	3,923,119	3,738,107
<b>Gates Foundation</b>	62,380	115,470	127,034	90,900	138,500	159,235	181,822	NR	NR
<b>CIFF</b>	980	5,481	38,336	26,904	74,332	54,379	101,718	73,823	84,709
<b>World Bank</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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**Australia:** disbursement figures are typically reported biennially to the Global Nutrition Report.

**Canada:** methodology 1) for nutrition-specific disbursements, used Creditor Reporting System (CRS) purpose code 12240-basic nutrition disbursements as reported to the OECD DAC; 2) for nutrition-sensitive, used a pre-identified subset of CRS codes linked to nutrition-sensitive outcomes to identify potential nutrition-sensitive projects, manually assessed each referred project according to the SUN criteria, and applied the associated proportional allocation to nutrition-sensitive CRS codes of validated projects. For the aggregate figure, it applied an annual average market exchange rate for 2016 to report in US\$.

**EU:** 1) for nutrition-specific disbursements, identified all disbursements reported to the DAC linked to nutrition-specific commitments made so far and applied the SUN methodology of 100% of the disbursement amount; 2) for nutrition-sensitive, identified all disbursements reported to the DAC linked to nutrition-sensitive commitments made so far and applied the SUN methodology of the proportional allocation of 100% or 25% of the disbursement amount depending on whether the related commitment had been categorised as 'nutrition-sensitive dominant' or 'nutrition-sensitive partial'. A commitment corresponds to a legally binding financial agreement between the EU and a partner. The disbursement figures reported by the EU are the total amounts of commitments contracted so far. Further disbursements of funds are made according to a schedule of disbursements outlined in individual contracts, progress in implementation and rate of use of the funds by the partner.

**France:** reported US\$4.7 million as nutrition-specific disbursements in 2015. The only difference between what France reported through the OECD DAC system and to the Global Nutrition Report is the SUN contribution, which was counted as a nutrition-specific disbursement for our reporting.

**Germany:** figures represent nutrition disbursements from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

**Japan:** The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA): data on JICA's nutrition interventions was sent separately to the Global Nutrition Report and does not include figures from any other Japanese government agency. In 2019, this was US\$90.9 million for nutrition-specific interventions and US\$487 for nutrition-sensitive interventions.

**Switzerland:** did not use the basic nutrition code and thus reports 0 for nutrition-specific spending from 2010 to 2018. For 2019, Switzerland reported disbursements as one combined value for nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-

specific disbursements and therefore specific values for nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific disbursements are not able to be calculated. The higher nutrition disbursements reported by Switzerland in 2019 are the result of 1) taking into account the OECD DAC CRS codes introduced in 2018 and 2) of taking into account projects from sectors 1–3 when searching SDC's project database for all projects potentially relating to nutrition (step 1 of SDN methodology). In previous years only projects from sector 1 were considered.

**UK:** figures represent nutrition disbursements from the Department for International Development (DFID) only; 2016 figure includes US\$45 million of nutrition-specific matched funding; 2017 figure includes US\$89 million of nutrition-specific matched funding; 2018 figure includes US\$35 million of matched funding; 2019 figure includes US\$54 million of matched funding. In November 2020, DFID merged with the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to form the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, who responded to this survey.

**US:** the nutrition-sensitive component is calculated differently from that of other countries. For nutrition-specific, the US government uses the OECD DAC CRS purpose code 12240, which includes activities implemented through the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program. It also includes the portion of 'emergency food aid' (CRS code 72040) and 'development food aid' (CRS code 52010) under the Title II Food for Peace Program identified as nutrition (programme element 3.1.9) in the US government's Foreign Assistance Framework. This programme element aims to reduce chronic malnutrition among children under 5 years of age. To achieve this goal, development partners use a preventive approach during the first 1,000 days – from pregnancy until the child is two. Programmes use a synergistic package of nutrition-specific and sensitive interventions that help decrease chronic and acute malnutrition by improving preventive and curative health services, including: growth monitoring and promotion; water, sanitation and hygiene; immunisation; deworming; reproductive health and family planning; and malaria prevention and treatment.

**World Bank:** does not submit disbursements to the Global Nutrition Report and reports only on commitments through the N4G process. For the Bank, these commitments are legally binding and can be considered disbursements. However, the reporting is not comparable to other donors' disbursement figures hence not presented in the table.