



UK ODA cuts and FCDO Merger

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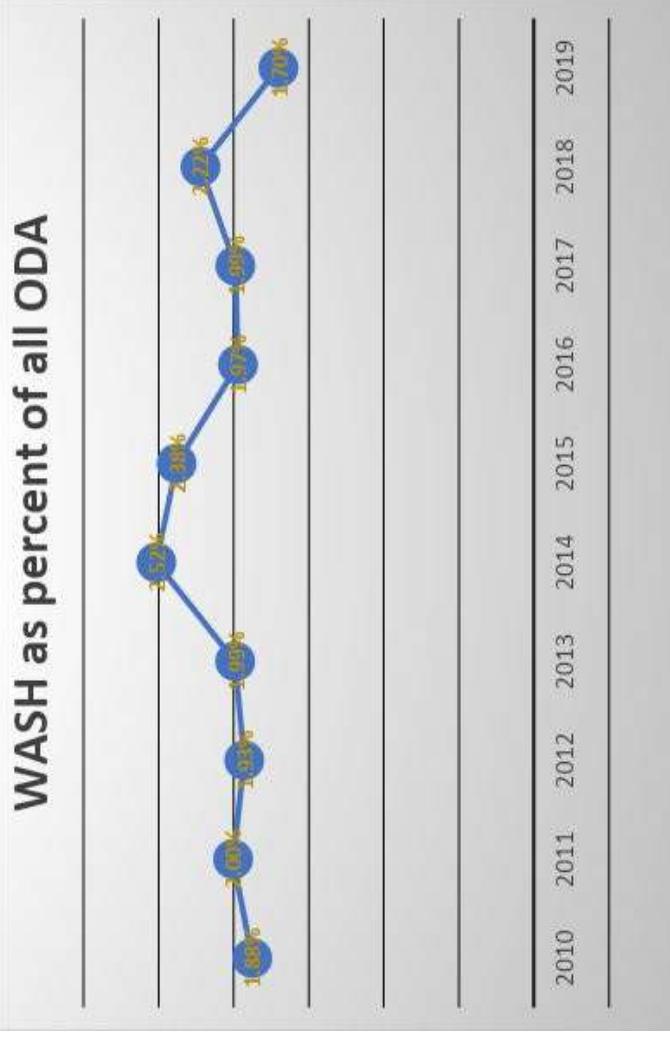
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Rank	Category	Amount	Percent
1	Unallocated	26.54%	£1423.1m
2	Health	16.51%	£885.4m
3	Banking and Financial Services	10.03%	£538.1m
4	Government and Civil Society	7.48%	£401.1m
5	Industry	7.26%	£389.2m
6	Disaster relief	6.44%	£345.5m
7	Education	6.05%	£324.3m
8	Multisector	5.85%	£313.9m
9	Environment	3.61%	£193.3m
10	Agricultural	2.32%	£124.6m
11	Other Social Infrastructure and Services	2.05%	£109.7m
12	Water	1.82%	£97.8m
13	Transport and Storage	1.30%	£69.6m
14	Trade	1.05%	£56.3m
15	Business	0.67%	£35.8m
16	Communications	0.48%	£25.5m
17	Budget	0.47%	£25.1m
18	Administration	0.08%	£4.3m
19	Debt		0

Source – DevTracker (FCDO - GBP)

NB: FCDO ODA allocations for 2021/22 were announced on 21 April 2021. Changes to individual programmes are underway. The information on this website may not reflect the latest allocated budgets for this year. This information will be updated in due course.

NB: Water includes sanitation, don't @ me



140: 1.4. Water Supply & Sanitation, Total

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Value	252	256	231	235	275	226

Source – OECD-DAC CRS (disbursements in USD)

What it could mean:

- Currently at about 1.70% - 1.82% of aid budget, approx. 150-250m USD
- Reported 80% cut, would mean to 30-50m USD total to WASH
- Not confirmed, and unlikely to be confirmed (but we continue to push for sector analyses)
- Being pitched as moving to 'systems' - borrowing from systems strengthening agenda language

Wendy Morton's response: overall approach

The time has therefore come to move **beyond supporting the delivery of WASH facilities** targeting individual households and communities.

We need to **focus our resources on strengthening national WASH systems** that are able to deliver and sustain inclusive and resilient WASH services at scale.

Responses so far:

- Open letter
- IDC enquiry response
- UK Private sector (British Water, Alliance for Water Stewardship)
- Conservative MP allies

Key Points

- Links from WASH to stated global priorities
- Impact
- Pandemic-related impacts
- FCDO's decision making has negatively impacted:
 - UK NGOs
 - Partners
 - Communities
 - UK's credibility as a global leader for international development

UKWN urged

- Restoration of funding for existing programmes and those already planned on WASH, water and climate resilience;
- Working with stakeholders to develop and deliver a coherent and comprehensive UK strategic response to the global water and sanitation crisis;
- Commitment to a transparent timescale for returning ODA to 0.7% GDP, and maintenance of operational capacity to manage delivery of this statutory commitment within FCDO and its partners.

Short term goal - FCDO merger and the cuts call for a new strategy...

Working with stakeholders to develop and deliver a coherent and comprehensive UK strategic response to the global water and sanitation crisis.

Andrew Mitchell (at BOND conference):

“DFID hasn’t just been merged, it’s been destroyed... even Thatcher had a separate department within FCO”
i.e. it is important for institutional capability to be retained

“Foreign Office is good at words, DFID is (was) good at money”
i.e. big risk to quality of aid in future – value for money has been compromised by both the speed and nature of the cuts, and the speed and nature of the merger

Wendy Morton's Response: Hygiene

WASH, and in particular, hygiene promotion, is universally recognised as a key element in helping tackle the threat of COVID-19.

This is why we have worked with Unilever, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UN organisations and many NGOs to promote hand hygiene, reaching 1 billion people ... this unique programme is set to continue until its planned end date in December this year.

Documents

- Open letter (sign-on still open):
<https://waterwitness.org/news-events/2021/4/28/open-letter-to-foreign-secretary-on-80-cuts-to-uk-wash-oda-budget>
- IDC enquiry submission:
<https://waterwitness.org/news-events/2021/6/4/uk-wash-submission-to-idc-select-committee-inquiry-into-aid-cuts>
- Response from FCDO to open letter:
https://waterwitness.org/s/response_from_wendy_morton_4th_june.pdf