



Partnership for global development

17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Personal remittances received from across borders and foreign direct investment (FDI) reached \$2.7 trillion in 2015, representing 3.6 percent of global GDP. These transfers and official aid enable the poorest countries to lay the foundations for viable long-term development. Funding, capacity building, knowledge sharing, international outreach, debt sustainability, trade facilitation, domestic resource mobilization, effective public–private partnerships, and access to tools and technologies form the basis of Goal 17, which seeks to strengthen global partnerships to support sustainable development.

Rising aid flows

Members of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development extended \$131.6 billion in official development assistance (ODA) in 2015 (figure 17b opposite). After adjustment for inflation and exchange rate valuations, this represents an increase of 6.9 percent in real terms from 2014 and of 83 percent from 2000. But ODA still accounts for a small share of donors' gross national income (GNI), averaging 0.3 percent. Just six DAC countries exceeded the UN benchmark for ODA contributions of at least 0.7 percent of GNI (target 17.2). The three largest donors by volume—the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany—accounted for more than half of DAC ODA. Bilateral aid to the poorest countries rose 4 percent in real terms in 2015, reflecting the commitment by DAC donors to refocus aid where it is needed most. But much of the increase in flows was attributable to a rise in humanitarian aid rather than to development projects and programs.

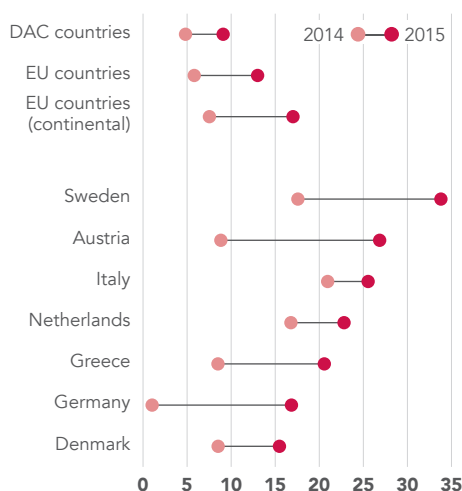
Addressing the cost of the refugee crisis

The share of countries' net ODA spent on hosting or processing refugees increased from 5 percent in 2014 to 9 percent in 2015, largely as a result of more refugees arriving in Europe.

In Germany, one of the most affected countries, in-donor country spending on refugees rose to nearly 17 percent of net ODA in 2015, up from 1 percent the previous year. In Sweden the comparable expenditures absorbed nearly 34 percent of net ODA, double that of the year before, and in Austria they accounted for 27 percent in 2015, triple that of 2014. In seven EU countries, in-country spending on refugees was greater than 15 percent of net ODA in 2015 (figure 17a).

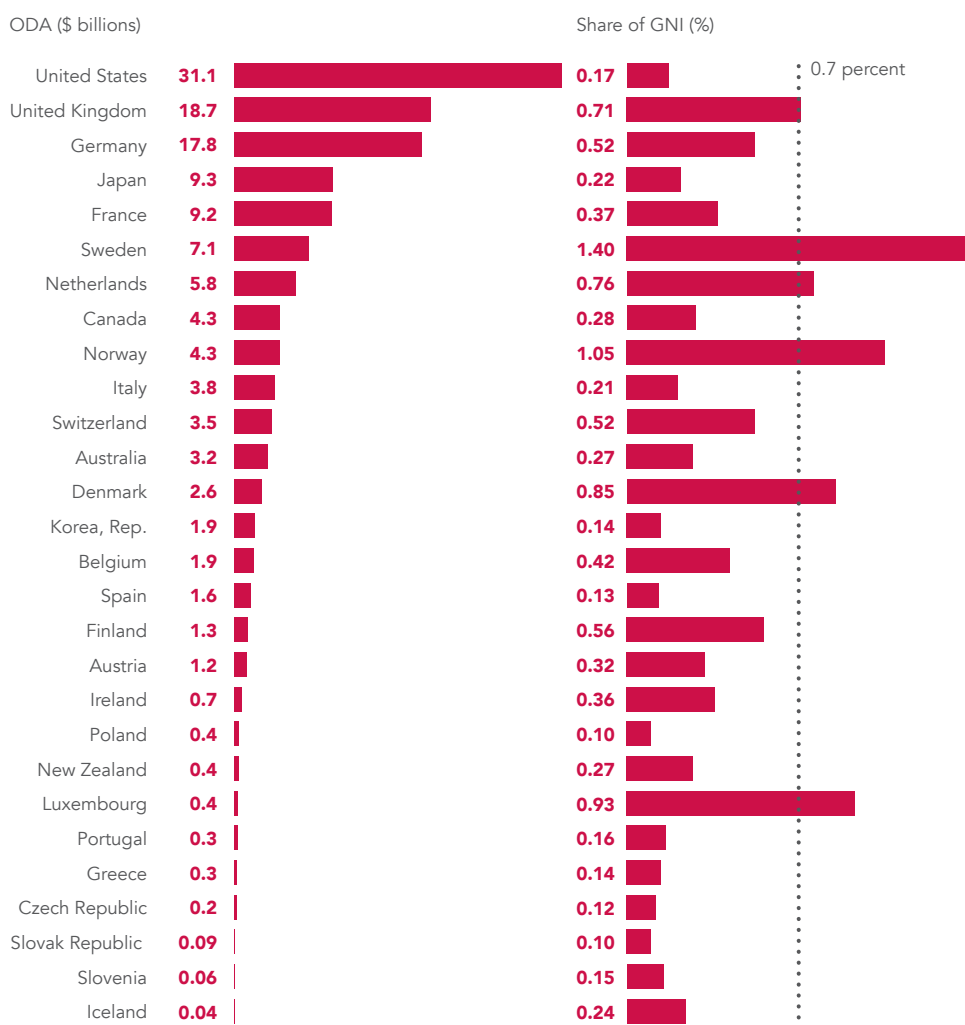
17a More aid is being spent in-country on refugee support

Share of aid budgets for in-country cost of refugees (%)



Source: OECD, Development Assistance Committee.

17b Only six countries exceeded the target of providing ODA of at least 0.7 percent of gross national income in 2015



Source: OECD–DAC.

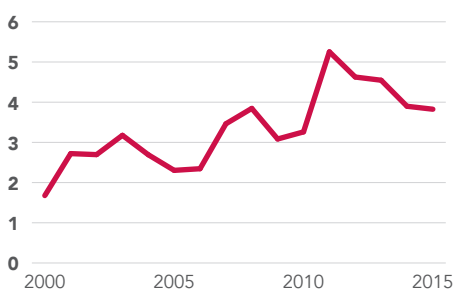
Increasing foreign direct investment

FDI flows to low- and middle-income countries have increased substantially over the past decade (figures 17c–17e). Such flows are attractive because they are in large part equity investment and thus non-debt creating. They bring such benefits as skills and technology transfer to

domestic firms and their labor force as well as productivity gains and greater access to domestic and export markets. Global flows of FDI rose an estimated 22 percent in 2015, to \$2.2 trillion, driven by a surge in mergers and acquisitions in high-income countries (figure 17g). FDI proved resilient with the majority of countries posting higher inflows in relation to GDP.

17c FDI flows to low-income countries have been falling since 2011 and stood at around 4 percent of GDP in 2015...

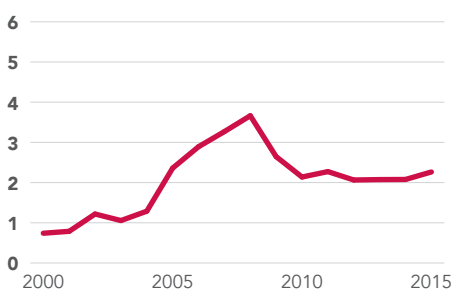
FDI, net inflows to low-income countries (% of GDP)



Source: IMF, International Financial Statistics and Balance of Payments databases; World Bank, International Debt Statistics; World Bank and OECD GDP estimates; WDI (BX.KLT.DINV.WD.GD.ZS).

17d ...and in lower-middle-income countries they averaged around 2 percent of GDP in 2015

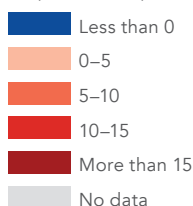
FDI, net inflows to lower-middle-income countries (% of GDP)



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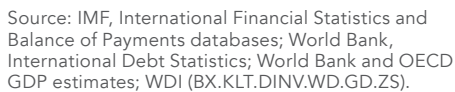
17g FDI net inflows were positive in most countries

FDI, net inflows, 2015 (% of GDP)

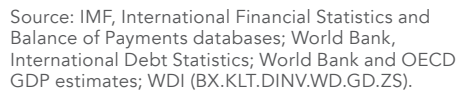


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FDI, net inflows to upper-middle-income countries
(% of GDP)



FDI, net inflows to high-income countries
(% of GDP)



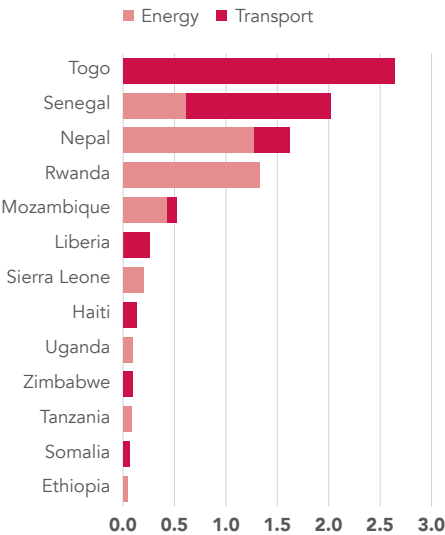
Financing infrastructure through public–private partnerships

Public–private partnerships (PPPs) can make an important contribution to the delivery of efficient public services (target 17.17). Between 1991 and 2015, investments in PPP infrastructure commitments totaled \$1.5 trillion in 118 low- and middle-income countries and covered more than 5,000 projects, such as the construction of roads, bridges, light and heavy rail, airports, power plants, and energy and water distribution networks.¹ The average investment in the 65 low- and middle-income countries with investments between 2011 and 2015 was 0.8 percent of GDP. In low-income countries, projects were split equally between the energy and transport sectors, the latter bolstered by a large port terminal in Togo, while in richer countries the energy sector was predominant. Water projects accounted for a negligible investment globally (figures 17h and 17i).

Nearly two-thirds of PPP energy investment in 2015 focused on renewable sources, with solar and wind energy sources accounting for over half (figure 17j).

17h PPP infrastructure investments in low-income countries are split between energy and transport

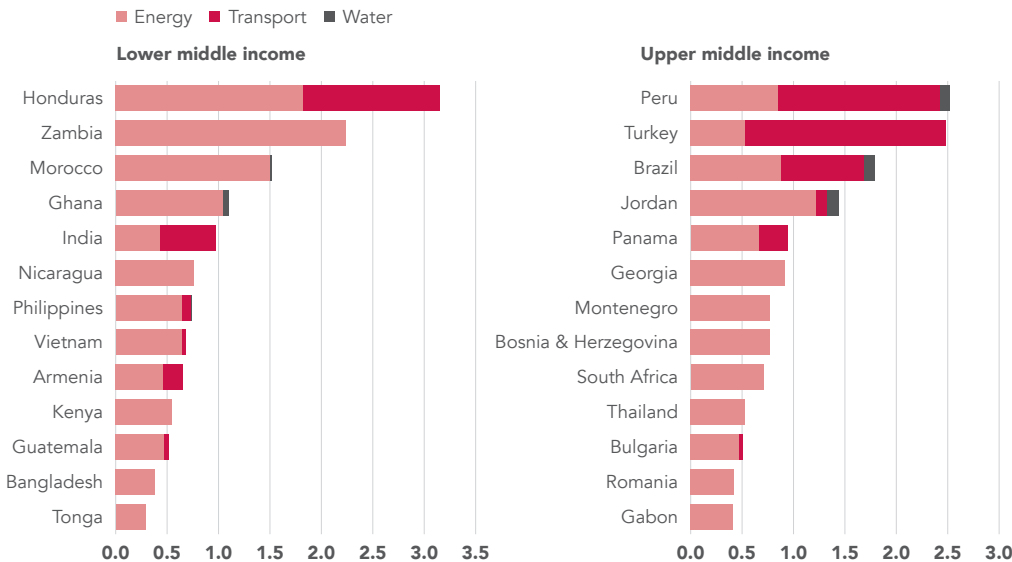
Average investment in PPP infrastructure projects, 2011–15 (% of GDP)



Source: World Bank Private Participation in Infrastructure Database.

17i PPP infrastructure investments in middle-income countries are dominated by energy projects

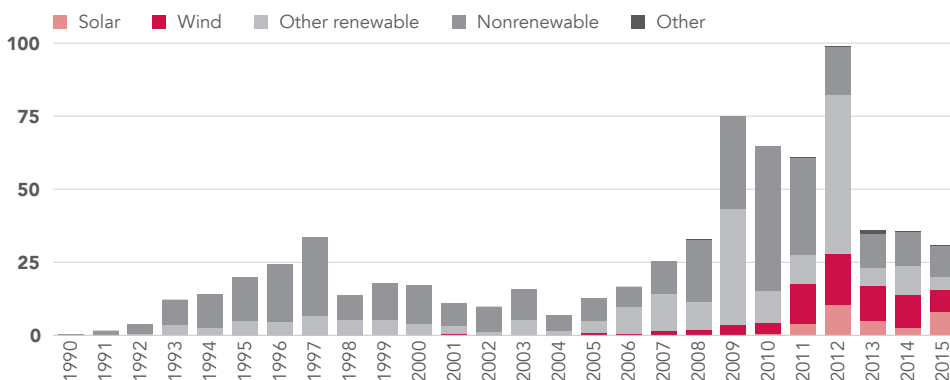
Average investment in PPP infrastructure projects, 2011–15 (% of GDP)



Source: World Bank Private Participation in Infrastructure Database.

17j Investments in wind and solar now account for more than half of PPP investments in energy

Investment in PPP infrastructure projects (\$ billions)



Source: World Bank Private Participation in Infrastructure Database.

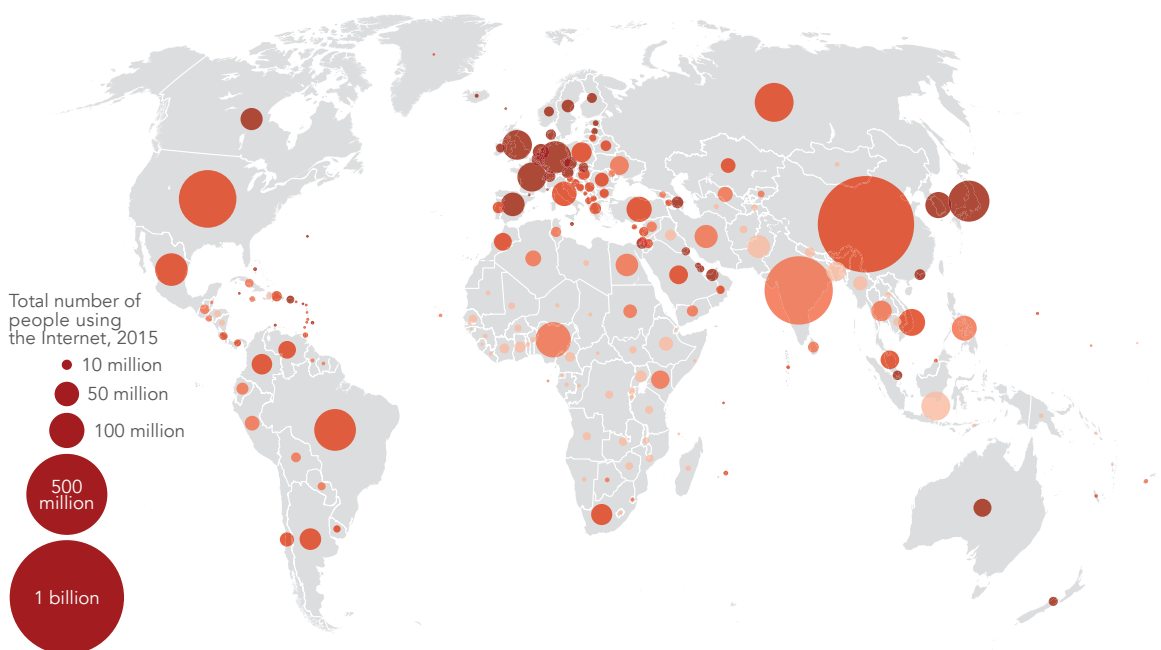
Expanding access to the Internet

In 2015 China had the most Internet users of any country: approximately 705 million. Nearly 44 percent of the global population used the Internet (figure 17k), and North America and Europe and Central Asia had the highest rate of users, of fixed broadband subscriptions and of secure Internet servers (target 17.6).

Goal 17 recognizes that enabling the use of information and communications technology in the poorer countries of South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa will bolster capacity building in science, innovation, and technology. Target 17.8 aims to increase access for people in the 48 Least Developed Countries, where on average, fewer than 13 percent of people have access to the Internet.

17k China has more Internet users than India and the United States combined, but only half its people have access

Individuals using the Internet, 2015 (% of population)



Note: The darker the shade, the greater the share of the population using the Internet. The larger the circle, the more Internet users in a country.

Source: ITU World Telecommunications ICT indicators database; WDI (IT.NET.USER.ZS).

Facilitating trade

Trade is paramount to sustaining development and advancing economic growth, and inclusive trade facilitation is a powerful tool to foster global competitiveness (targets 17.10, 17.11, and 17.12).

Effective and efficient customs processes are fundamental to good trade practices: delays in clearing customs for exports and imports increase costs to firms, interrupt production, interfere with sales, and may result in damaged supplies or merchandise. Clearing customs tends to take longer for imports than exports across most regions, with the longest delays in Sub-Saharan Africa (figures 17l and 17m). Easing the flow of imports into a country helps local manufacturers and businesses obtain component parts of better quality or at lower cost. Enhancing customs capacity to clear exports and imports enables firms to

benefit from a whole spectrum of productivity gains from trade.

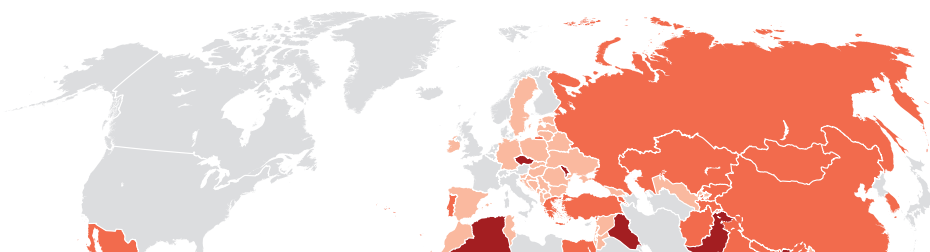
In addition to burdensome customs clearance, obtaining necessary documents can be time-consuming and costly for some exports. Within agriculture, cereal exports are subject to more documentation requirements and longer phytosanitary certification than are other product categories, taking on average five days to be processed, compared with just over two days for vegetables. Additionally, the documents necessary to export cash crops tend to be costly (figure 17n).

Traders spend less time on customs clearance in countries with fully operational electronic systems that allow customs declarations to be submitted and processed online. Around 70 percent of countries have fully or partially implemented electronic data interchange systems (figure 17o).

17l Exports take more than 10 days to clear customs in some African and Latin American countries

Days to clear direct exports through customs, most recent year available during 2005–16

0–5 6–10 11 or more No data



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