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Thank you for your email of 11 February 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I note in the 2024 Budget, over a billion dollars appears to be allocated to international aid and development programmes.

Can you please summarise in a table all the funded international aid or development programmes the department runs or funds, including the cost, location, measured outcomes or desired objectives for each programme. Please note any programme that MFAT is directly running vs via a partner agency."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has launched a website aimed at improving the transparency of New Zealand's International Development Cooperation (IDC) activities. DevData (<https://devdata.mfat.govt.nz/>) is interactive, allowing users to find and download detailed information, updated monthly, on over 2,400 activities.

You can run an enquiry on DevData based on location (by country) and timeframe (financial or calendar year) that will provide the following detailed information on activities since 2012:

- total expenditure
- current status
- activity description
- sector
- modality; and
- implementing partner.

A small subset of activities are excluded from DevData. This includes activities where we have specific concerns relating to security/safety, privacy, sensitive/confidential information, or harm to operations and small-scale activities delivered through Head of Mission/Embassy funds.

In addition to the activity-level data available above, you can find information on New Zealand's IDC Programme as a whole at the sources below:

- The Ministry website provides a breakdown of approved IDC funding for the 2024-27 triennium by allocation group here: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/our-approach-to-aid/where-our-funding-goes/our-planned-idc-expenditure>.
- The Minister of Foreign Affairs produces an annual report on New Zealand's IDC Programme that provides breakdowns of expenditure by key priorities, sector, and country/region; as well as measured outcomes and demonstrated results. The link to the 2023/24 Report is here: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/Aid-Prog-docs/Policy/Annual-Report-23-24-IDC-standalone-lower-res.pdf>.
- The Ministry's evaluation programme assesses achievement of outcomes and desired objectives at an activity and programme level. All our programme level evaluations, and some of our activity level evaluations, are published, and can be found at: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/our-approach-to-aid/evaluation-and-research>.

Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information is publicly available.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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