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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):

1. *"How much money has the New Zealand Government received from USAID between 1 January 2021 and 1 January 2025?"*
2. *On what was the money spent?*
3. *How much was given to NZ media?*
4. *what are the names and amounts received by each outlet*
5. *How much was given to non media projects?*
6. *How much has Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade given away in foreign aid from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2025?*
7. *Who were the recipients and what was the amount received by each recipient?"*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has received no funding from USAID between 1 January 2021 and 1 January 2025. The Ministry is not in a position to respond on behalf of other agencies. Accordingly, parts 1-5 of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

In response to part 6 of your request, the Ministry provided NZ\$3,894,008,478 of International Development Cooperation (IDC) funding between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2024.

Part 7 of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available. DevData (<https://devdata.mfat.govt.nz/>) is a website launched by the Ministry aimed at improving the transparency of New Zealand's IDC activities. DevData is interactive, allowing users to find and download detailed information, updated monthly.

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:

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

There is information on DevData on 1353 activities in the period of your request (1 January 2021 – 31 December 2024). In total DevData contains information on over 2400 activities implemented from 2012 onwards.

The following activities are excluded from DevData: 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. Excluded activities are a small sub-set of the IDC Programme – they account for 2.2% of total expenditure for the period 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2024.

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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