KEY CHANNELS OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH

Development banks

Focused on ending poverty in the world’s poorest countries, the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA) disbursed $1.1 billion of DAH in 2019, down 33.9% from 2018. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) is a global development cooperative owned by 189 countries. As “the world’s largest development bank,” the IBRD helps countries reduce poverty and extend the benefits of sustainable growth to all people. In 2019, the IBRD disbursed $11.1 billion of DAH, up 25.4% from 2018. Funds were targeted at reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health; vaccination programs; infectious diseases; and NCDs.

Collectively, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) disbursed $618.4 million for global health in 2019. AfDB funding was down 47.2% from 2018; ADB’s funding was down 51.6%; and IDB’s funding was down 28.2%.

These five organizations – the AfDB, the ADB, the IBRD, the IBRD, and the IDA – make up the development banks channel of DAH. In 2019, a total of $2.8 billion in DAH was channeled through these development banks; leading sources of funds were debt repayments and the governments of the United Kingdom and France.

Figure 1 shows development bank DAH provided by source in 2019, while Figure 2 shows trends in DAH by health focus area for the period 2010–2019. And per Figure 3, in 2017, 27.6% of DAH disbursed by development banks as group went to sub-Saharan Africa and 20.5% to North Africa and the Middle East.

**FIGURE 1** DAH disbursed by development banks from each source, 2019

- Other governments = Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, non-OECD Development Assistance Community countries, Norway, Portugal, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
- Other sources includes debt repayments
**FIGURE 2** DAH disbursed by development banks targeting each health focus area, 1990–2019

*2018 and 2019 estimates are preliminary.

“Other health focus areas” captures development assistance for health for which we have health focus area information but which is not identified as being allocated to any of the health focus areas listed.

HSS/SWAPS = Health systems strengthening and sector-wide approaches

Health assistance for which we have no health focus area information, or for which no recipient country or regional information is available, is designated as “Unallocable.” Due to data limitations, development assistance for health estimates are not available by recipient region for 2018 or 2019.