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Total Official Support for
Sustainable Development (TOSSD)

Country Brief: **Costa Rica**



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TOSSD is a new statistical measure for the SDG era

Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD) is a new international statistical measure that provides a complete picture of all official resources and private finance mobilised by official interventions in support of sustainable development in developing countries.

In order to scope the potential of TOSSD as a global framework and refine the methodology to better respond to recipient countries' information needs, the International TOSSD Task Force Secretariat conducted several country and thematic

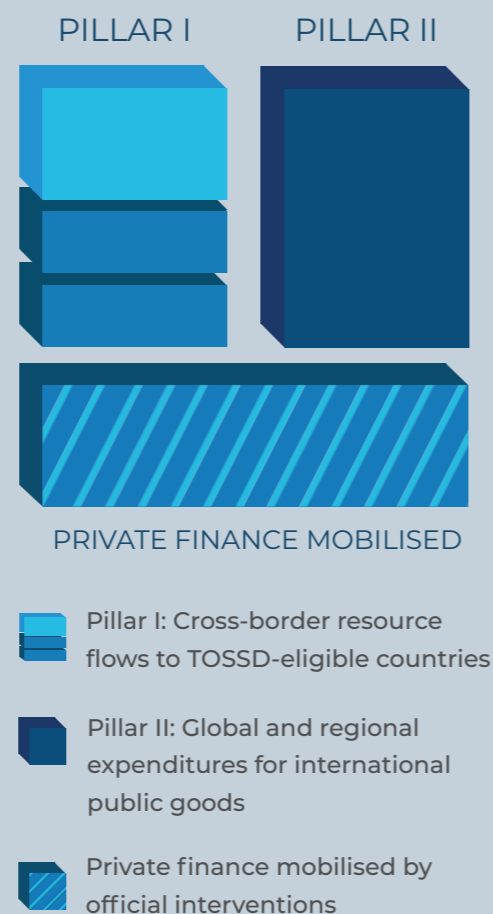
pilots (Philippines, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Indonesia and Peace and Security). In 2019, the International Task Force launched the first survey to collect TOSSD data, which provided a "proof of concept" for the emerging TOSSD methodology.

This country brief summarises the key findings of both the TOSSD pilot study and the data survey for Costa Rica. It highlights the key benefits that the TOSSD framework can offer to increase transparency on external resources for sustainable development to, and from, TOSSD eligible countries.

The TOSSD framework

TOSSD complements the ODA measure by capturing other types of support, including non-concessional flows, South-South co-operation, triangular co-operation, expenditures for international public goods and private finance mobilised by official interventions, with a focus on sustainable development.

TOSSD data is presented in two pillars: cross-border resources (Pillar I) and support to international public goods and global challenges (Pillar II). Private finance mobilised by official development interventions is presented separately.



TOSSD data survey findings for Costa Rica as a recipient of development co-operation

The data survey tested the TOSSD methodology and reporting feasibility with real world data. For Costa Rica, the TOSSD figures obtained by the data survey (completed by estimates derived from OECD DAC statistics for non-respondents) amounted to USD 673 million in official resources. The survey showcased the additionality of TOSSD: it was able to capture both activities that were previously not reported, as well as provide additional information on activities reported by multilateral institutions.

The additional data included activities in support of SDG 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) and additional information on multilateral activities in support of various SDGs, such as SDG 12 (Sustainable production and consumption) and SDG 15 (Life on land).

TOSSD TOTAL = USD 673 MILLION
capturing additional information and activities

EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION REPORTED AS CROSS-BORDER FLOWS (PILLAR I OF TOSSD).

| PROVIDER | ACTIVITY | SDG FOCUS |
|----------|--|---|
| CANADA | Combatting transnational organized crime in Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly the illicit trafficking through container cargo into and through the region | 16 PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS |
| | Strengthening institutions to combat human trafficking in Costa Rica | 16 PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS |
| UNDP | Promoting a dynamic multi-sectorial management process of official environmental information in order to increase collective action for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity | 15 LIFE ON LAND |
| | Demonstrating the application of an ammonia/ carbon dioxide refrigeration system in replacement of HCFC-22 for the medium-sized producer and retail store of Premezclas Industriales S.A | 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION |

TOSSD flows to Costa Rica by SDG focus

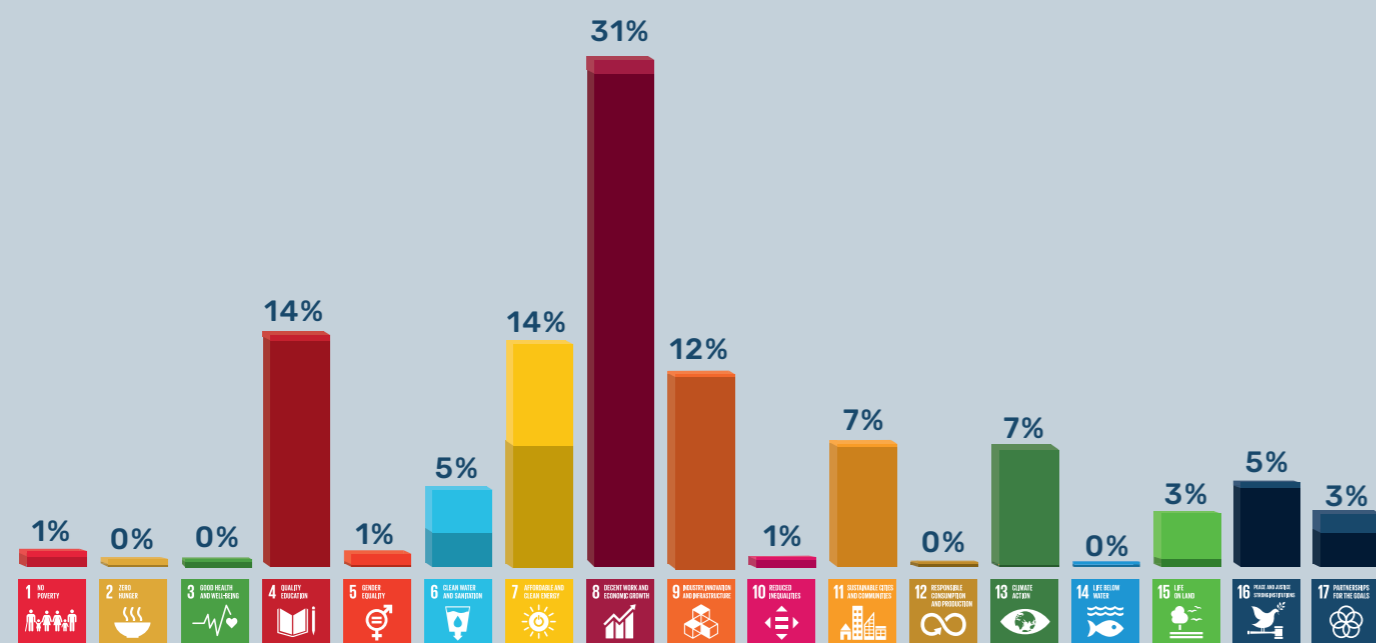
TOSSD provides a more complete picture of all official resources and private finance mobilised by official interventions in support of sustainable development and the SDGs. TOSSD activities are allocated to the 17 SDGs and 169 targets, allowing countries to view, monitor and track all officially supported resources by SDG focus.

In Costa Rica, the external official resources recorded in TOSSD target several SDGs, with the largest shares allocated to SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth), followed by SDG 4 (Quality education), SDG 7 (Affordable and clean energy), and SDG 9 (Industry, innovation and infrastructure).



- 1 Lighter shade: TOSSD activities allocated to multiple SDGs
- 1 Darker shade: TOSSD activities exclusively allocated to one SDG

Totals within the chart add to more than 100% as each activity can be allocated to more than one SDG.



Costa Rica's perspective on TOSSD: Key findings from the TOSSD Pilot Study¹

Six country pilots and one thematic pilot have been conducted as of 2020 to scope the potential of the TOSSD statistical framework, refine the methodology and better respond to recipient countries' information needs.

Costa Rica was one of the first countries that expressed interest in testing the TOSSD methodology. The country has a strong focus on sustainable development, actively contributes to the development of the TOSSD methodology and has organised one meeting of the TOSSD Task Force.

More generally, Costa Rica is:

A uniquely committed to the SDGs (it was the first country to sign a

national pact for delivering SDGs and SDGs are incorporated in its national development plans);

B a global leader in biodiversity, environment and sustainable development (Costa Rica is home to nearly 6% of the world's biodiversity and is the only tropical country that is reversing deforestation and planning to become carbon neutral by 2050);

C a large regional recipient of private finance mobilised (Costa Rica is the 7th largest recipient in Latin America); and

D a country with a dual role as both a recipient and provider of development co-operation.

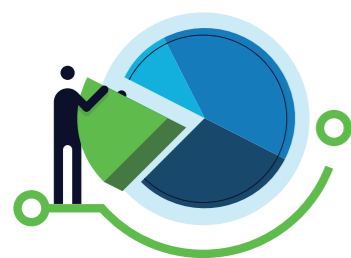
¹ Costa Rica's Perspective on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD). M Berbegal-Ibanez, J. Casado-Asensio, F. Ruhmann, A. Bejrroui and J. Benn. OECD Development Co-Operation Working Paper 56, December 2018

Key benefits of TOSSD for Costa Rica as a development co-operation recipient



TOSSD provides a more complete picture of all officially supported resources for national development planning.

- ✓ TOSSD supports the country's strong commitment to favour activities that are consistent with sustainable development.
- ✓ Provides data to facilitate the links between development co-operation activities and development plans.
- ✓ Provides information on all the external resources that are available to pursue the SDGs.
- ✓ Provides new opportunities to better coordinate with development partners.



TOSSD provides greater transparency of development co-operation data, including commitments not currently included in Costa Rica's Co-operation Project Management System.

- ✓ Facilitates comparisons with co-operation flows in other countries in the region.
- ✓ Provides information on how other countries fill their external funding gaps.
- ✓ Provides information on private finance mobilised.
- ✓ Better identifies who implements development co-operation activities (NGOs or other stakeholders) and which actors are engaged in development co-operation domestically.



TOSSD enhances Costa Rica's visibility as a world leader on sustainability, potentially boosting external resources for this agenda.



Key benefits of TOSSD for Costa Rica as a development co-operation provider

Costa Rica is a country with a dual role: recipient and provider of development co-operation. As a provider, Costa Rica plays an active role in South-South co-operation, particularly in the form of technical assistance to countries that face similar development challenges.

Costa Rica uses an International Co-operation Project Management System to report on development co-operation. The country has recently developed a methodology to quantify in-kind technical co-operation, which includes an estimation of the value of knowledge acquired by experts over time.

Main government institutions co-ordinating development co-operation

- Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Finance

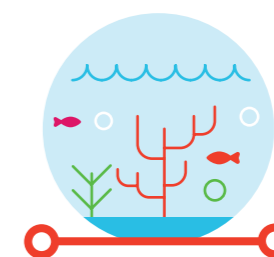
Examples of Costa Rica's development co-operation projects



Peru

Promoting energy efficiency for tourist service providers in Peru

Objective: To bring capacity building in energy management and good environmental practices to tourism service providers in hotels and restaurants.



Dominican Republic

Development of an innovative financial mechanism for the conservation of coral reefs in the Dominican Republic

Objective: To channel private sector investment for the conservation of reef ecosystems by paying a fee for coral reef-related services.



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