Country Brief: Nigeria

Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)

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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 mobilized 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 summarizes the key findings of both the TOSSD pilot study and the data survey for Nigeria. 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.

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

The data survey tested the TOSSD methodology and reporting feasibility with real world data. For Nigeria, the TOSSD figures obtained by the data survey (completed by estimates derived from OECD DAC statistics for non-respondents) amounted to USD 4.9 billion 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.

TOSSD TOTAL = USD 4.9 BILLION capturing additional information and activities

Examples of additional activities and information reported as cross-border flows (Pillar I of TOSSD)

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The additional data included activities in support of SDG 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) and SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth), as well as additional information on multilateral activities in support of SDG 15 (Life on land) and SDG 13 (Climate action).
TOSSD flows to Nigeria 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 Nigeria, the external official resources recorded in TOSSD target several SDGs, with the largest share allocated to SDG 1 (No poverty), followed by SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth) and SDG 3 (Good health and well-being).

Nigeria’s perspective on TOSSD

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.

Nigeria has been a very active member in the TOSSD Task Force since its inception and co-hosted the launching of the data survey in October 2019. The country has the largest economy and the largest population in Africa with over 200 million people in 2020 (UN World Population Prospects).

More generally, Nigeria is:

A. a regional and global leader on account of its economic and demographic importance;
B. one of the largest recipients of development assistance;
C. the second largest recipient of private finance mobilised through official development interventions; and
D. a country with a dual role as both a recipient and provider of development co-operation.

**Key benefits of TOSSD for Nigeria as a development co-operation recipient**

TOSSD provides a more complete picture of all officially supported resources for achieving the SDGs.

- Allows to triangulate data with that available in the Development’s Assistance Database and government departments
- Tracks external resources to achieve the SDGs, contributing to discussions on how providers can better align funds with national development plans
- Shows how development co-operation is able to mobilise other public or private resources

TOSSD provides greater transparency on development co-operation data, including resources not currently included in Nigeria’s Development’s Assistance Database.

- Transparency makes development co-operation better targeted, more effective and impactful
- Provides greater transparency on a broader set of developmental flows

**Examples of Nigeria’s development co-operation projects**

- **Technical Aids Corps Volunteer Programme**
  The Directorate of Technical Aid Corps sends experienced Nigerian professionals from a variety of sectors, such as medicine and academia, to serve as “volunteers” for a period of two years in other African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

- **The Scientific and Technical Exchange Programme (STEP)**
  Through funding from the Nigerian Technical Co-operation Fund, the Directorate of Technical Co-operation in Africa deploys Nigerian researchers to serve as “technical ambassadors” to other African countries in order to encourage research and development synergies across the continent.

**Key benefits of TOSSD for Nigeria as a development co-operation provider**

Nigeria is a country with a dual role: recipient and provider of development co-operation. As a provider, Nigeria plays an active role in South-South cooperation. It also has extensive experience in providing technical co-operation to other countries, mainly through the Directorate of Technical Aid Corps and the Directorate of Technical Co-operation in Africa, both in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and line ministries. A recent UN supported study is also helping Nigeria to implement the SDGs using South-South co-operation at country level.

TOSSD would allow Nigeria to report as a provider of development co-operation. It would also allow for the opportunity to develop a centralised database for this information.

**Main government institutions involved in development co-operation**

- Ministry of Budget and National Planning
- Ministry of Finance and related governmental agencies
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including the Directorate of Technical Aid Corps
- Other line ministries (Health, Power, Works and Housing, Infrastructure, Education etc.)
- National Bureau of Statistics
- Local Government Statistical Units and State Statistical Agencies
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