



What does the *Global Philanthropy Tracker* measure?

The *Global Philanthropy Tracker* (GPT) measures cross-border donations from individuals and organizations around the world. The resources the *GPT* tracks originate in one country and are sent abroad. The report compares **cross-border philanthropy** with three externally tracked cross-border financial resource flows: **official development assistance**, **remittances**, and **private capital investment**.<sup>1</sup>

*The GPT demonstrates how civil society, government, business, and individuals collaborate to find sustainable solutions for societal issues globally.*

## PHILANTHROPIC OUTFLOWS

**Philanthropic outflows** are contributions by individuals, corporations, foundations, religious organizations, or any number of private sources toward philanthropic organizations that are based abroad, or to domestic philanthropic organizations that focus on international issues.

**Data source:** A combination of publicly available sources and data shared by research partners around the world. Public sources include datasets or research reports published by a variety of actors, such as umbrella organizations, government agencies, or research centers. A detailed list of the data sources for each country is available in [Appendix A](#).



## OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

**Official development assistance** (ODA) is government-sponsored assistance to foreign countries that are on the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list of ODA recipients or to multilateral agencies.

**Data source:** The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) collects, verifies, and publicly shares data on ODA based on official reports of government aid by DAC members and around 80 development cooperation partners.

## REMITTANCES

**Remittances** are money sent by migrants to family or friends in their country of origin.

**Data source:** The World Bank publishes remittances outflow estimates based on data from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and central banks. These estimates are based on two key aspects: "compensation of employees" and "personal transfers."

## PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT

**Private capital investment** are financial flows from the private sector, including foreign direct investment and the purchase of private equity abroad.

**Data source:** The OECD measures private capital investment as private flows at market terms. This estimate is comprised of foreign direct investment to aid-recipient countries only, international bank lending, bond lending, and investment in other securities (including equities).

<sup>1</sup> For more information on how these terms are defined within the scope of the *GPT*, please see the [2023 Global Philanthropy Tracker](#) report (p. 8-9, 66).