

FRANCE

DONOR PROFILE 2023

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Key Facts:

%GNI/ODA 2022	2022 ODA	2021 DAMH
0.56%	US \$ 15.9 billion	US \$470k

France spent US\$16.7 billion in official development assistance (ODA) in 2022, representing 0.55% of its gross national income (GNI). The countries France prioritises for its ODA are in sub-Saharan Africa, especially the Sahel.

France's global health strategy has the following priorities: 1) health systems strengthening; 2) global health security; 3) promoting public health for all populations; and 4) promoting expertise, training, research and innovation. The fight against climate change is another major priority of the French government.

GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

While France has no specific mental health strategy, mental health is incorporated into its [Global Health Strategy](#) as a fundamental part of universal health coverage (UHC), and as a component of child and adolescent health.

Aside from providing support through multilateral channels, the majority of French aid is provided bilaterally via the French Development Agency (AFD). In the run up to the France-hosted 2023 Rugby World Cup and the 2024 Olympics, AFD have supported a number of sports and development projects in Africa, with the aim to improve mental wellbeing, gender equality and other sustainable development goals through the medium of sport. In 2022, the AFD also funded NGOs improving access to mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. In the past, the AFD have also supported MHPSS projects in Jordan and Iraq, and worked with the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health to improve access to healthcare, psychosocial and education services for vulnerable people in Lebanon and Jordan.

As a member of the Alliance of Champions for Mental Health and Wellbeing, France hosted the third Global Ministerial Mental Health Summit on 5 and 6 October 2021.



DOMESTIC MENTAL HEALTH

In September 2021, President Emmanuel Macron [announced](#) that French citizens who have prescribed consultations with a psychologist will be fully reimbursed. To strengthen mental health services, France will create 800 additional job vacancies at mental health centres. Furthermore, €80 million will be spent on mental health research. A key part of France's national health strategy is improving mental health by both focusing on both the determinants of mental health and improving mental health treatment and support.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Interministerial Committee for International Cooperation and Development ([CICID](#)): in charge of setting international development strategy

French Development Agency ([AFD](#)): bilateral policy and implementation

Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs ([MAE](#)): in charge of a yearly report to the president and prime minister on the implementation of planned ODA increases.

KEY DECISION MAKERS

President: [Emmanuel Macron](#)

Prime Minister: [Elisabeth Borne](#)

Minister of European and Foreign Affairs: [Catherine Colonna](#)

Finance Minister: [Bruno Lemaire](#)

Health Minister: [François Braun](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

According to data from IHME, France contributed \$470k in development assistance to mental health (DAMH) in 2021. This figure is only representative of government resources.

The majority of French ODA is channelled bilaterally through the AFD and there are often calls for projects advertised on the AFD website. France also contributes to the following multilateral organisations:

Funds supported by France:	
UNFPA	UNFPA calls for the realization of reproductive rights for all.



Global Fund	The Global Fund invests US\$4 billion a year to defeat HIV, TB and malaria. The Global Fund strategy includes a significant commitment to mental health as a comorbidity and key point of intersectionality with the 3 diseases. You can apply for funding on their website.
GAVI	Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is focused on increasing the sustainable and equitable use of vaccines worldwide. The current strategy (2021-2025) is narrowly defined with no reference to mental health.
Global Environment Facility	The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is a multilateral fund dedicated to confronting biodiversity loss, climate change, pollution, and strains on land and ocean health. They fund government projects.
Green Climate Fund	The GCF is the world's largest climate fund, mandated to support developing countries raise and realize their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) ambitions towards low-emissions, climate-resilient pathways. Like the GEF, the GCF is also driven by government-identified national priorities.
World Food Programme	The World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian organization saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity, for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change.
WHO	France has a strong relationship with the WHO and is currently working with the organisation to create a WHO health academy to improve training for health professionals.
UNHCR	The UN refugee agency. France was one of the top 10 donors in 2021 and welcomes 5000 refugees a year as a resettlement country.
UNITAID	Unitaid is a global health agency focused on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases in low- and middle-income countries. Mental health is not a part of UNITAID's 2023-2027 strategy.
UNICEF	The United Nations Children's Fund. France is a strong supporter of the work of UNICEF and has acceded to all international texts that protect and promote children's rights.
UNRWA	The UN organisation providing assistance and protection to Palestinian refugees. France's support to UNRWA has covered core services as well as specific initiatives tackling food insecurity in Gaza.
IFAD	The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialised UN agency investing in rural people to increase food security, improve nutrition and increase incomes. France is a founding member of IFAD and focused on the priority areas of climate change, gender equality and rural finance.



KEY RESOURCES

- [Interministerial International Cooperation and Development Committee \(CICID\) 8 February 2018](#)
- [France's Strategy for Global Health](#) Directorate-General for Global Affairs, Culture, Education and International Development (2017).
- [France's Humanitarian Strategy 2018-2022](#)
- WHO Mental Health Atlas 2020 [Country Profile](#)
- WHO [MiNDBank](#)
- The [Agence Française de Développement](#) (AFD) website

