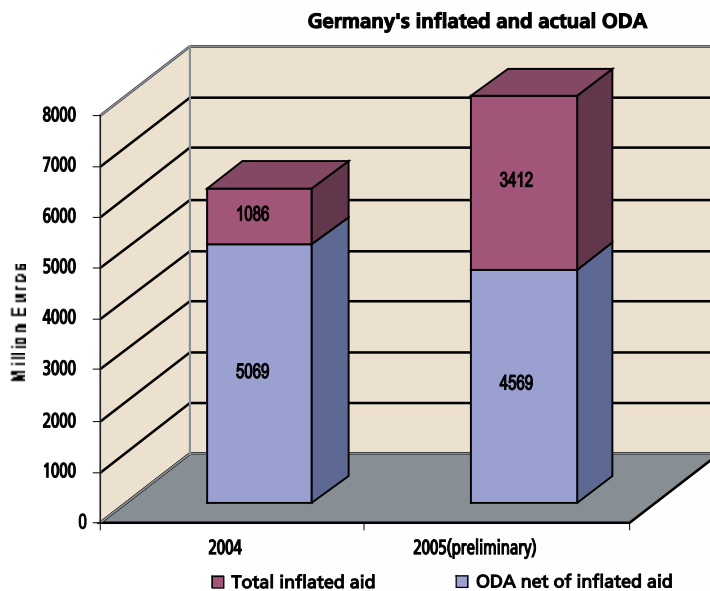




# GERMANY

According to the latest OECD figures German is currently on track to reach its EU 2006 aid target, registering 0.35% ODA/GNI in 2005. However, €3.4 billion (43%) of German ODA in 2005 delivered no new aid resources for developing countries, according to our calculations. Once this inflated aid is removed, not only is Germany significantly below the EU minimum target, registering just 0.20% ODA/GNI, but the amount of genuine aid it gave has actually decreased since 2004.

German NGOs are hugely disappointed at their Government's dismal performance in 2005 and are deeply concerned that their Government has actually decreased the amount of genuine aid it gave in 2005. They call upon their Government to make a real effort this year to ensure that they deliver substantial genuine new resources to the world's poor in order to meet the EU target. They also demand that Germany immediately stops inflating its ODA figures.



Source: OECD (2006); OECD (2005)

For detailed information:  
[www.weltweite-aktion-gegen-armut.de/docs/DSGA-VENRO-positionpaper.pdf](http://www.weltweite-aktion-gegen-armut.de/docs/DSGA-VENRO-positionpaper.pdf)

## Will Germany meet its minimum EU aid target by 2006 without inflating its aid?

### NGO Prediction : UNLIKELY

According to OECD figures, over one third - €2.9 billion - of German ODA in 2005 was spent on cancelling debt, with the large majority of this to Iraq and Nigeria. Debt cancellation is likely to make up significant part of Germany's ODA in future years and is not just a one off problem.

In addition, if we draw on Germany's official aid trends over the last four years €487 million, 6%, of its ODA was spent on educating foreign students in German universities, making it the worst EU country for inflation on this item. A further €49 million of German ODA in 2005 was spent on housing refugees in Germany.

### German NGOs calls on the German Federal Government to:

- Increase German development assistance so that it provides genuine new resources to developing countries.
- Exclude cancellation of non-concessional debt from official aid figures.
- Introduce innovative financing instruments.
- Raise the effectiveness of German development cooperation and co-ordinate it more efficiently on an international level.