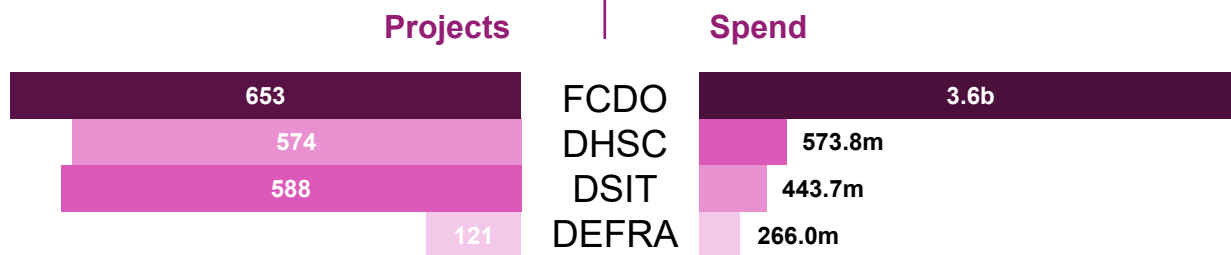


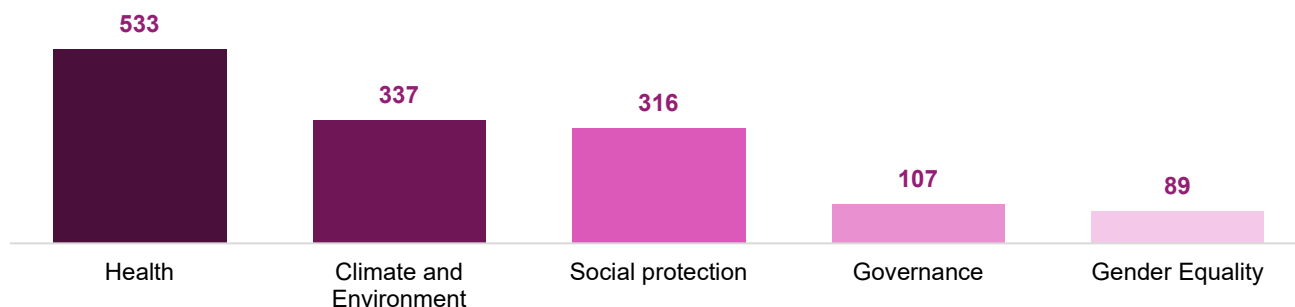
The **Mapping ODA research and innovation (MODARI) tool** collates data on the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) spend on international development research across government departments. This briefing summarises data from the most recent MODARI update in March 2025.

Active ODA research projects:
1932

Total Active Spend:*
£4.9 Billion











The top research themes are **Health, Climate and Environment, and Social Protection**

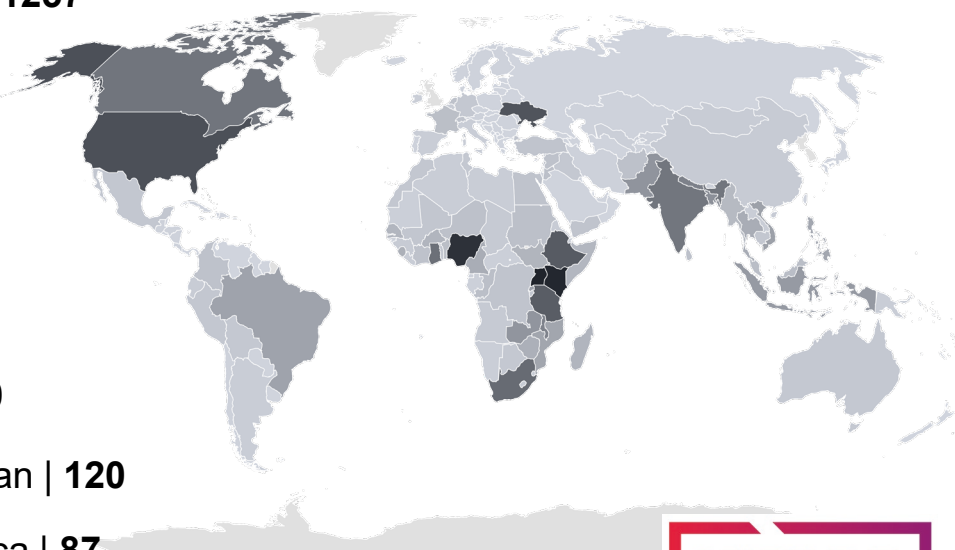


The regions with the most active projects are **Europe and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and North America**

One project may be coded to multiple regions.

Click on the red icons to jump to regional funding analysis

-  Europe and Central Asia | **1257**
-  United Kingdom | **1188**
-  Sub-Saharan Africa | **866**
-  North America | **268**
-  South Asia | **265**
-  East Asia and Pacific | **260**
-  Latin America and Caribbean | **120**
-  Middle East and North Africa | **87**



*Spend information comes from [IATI](#). Follow the links in the dashboard table for raw financial data and see [data notes](#)

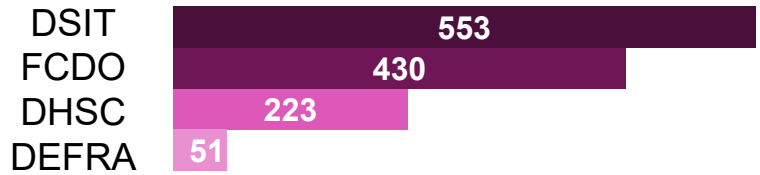
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Active ODA research projects*:

1257

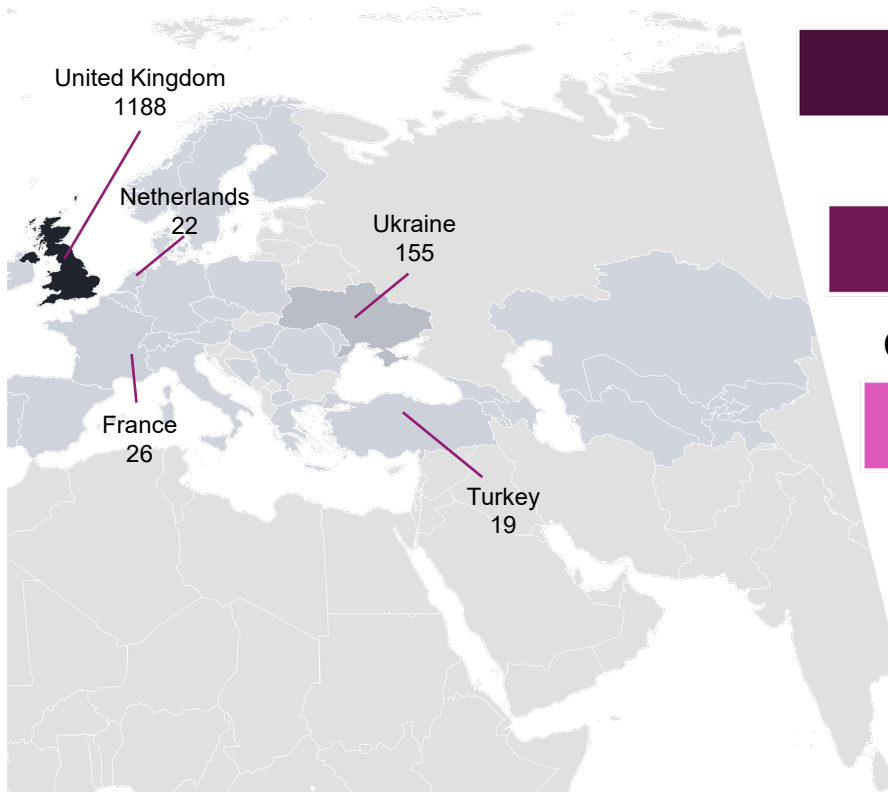
**One project may be active across multiple regions.*

Projects by funder



Of active ODA-funded research projects, **65%** target Europe and Central Asia. Other than the UK, **Ukraine, France, and the Netherlands** conduct the highest number of research projects, while **Ukraine and Turkey** are targeted by the highest number of projects as beneficiaries. **DSIT** funds the largest number of projects in this region, followed by FCDO and DHSC.

Social Protection is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Health and Climate and Environment.



Social Protection

267

Health

240

Climate and Environment

208

Unknown

171

Governance

72

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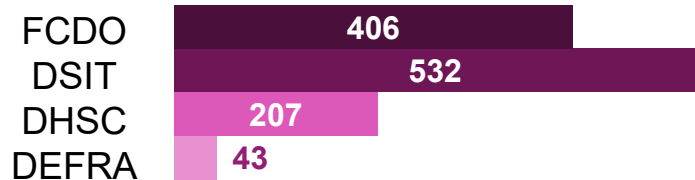
This briefing summarises **ODA-funded research in the United Kingdom**. It provides a regional analysis of research projects by i) HMG funders, ii) research themes, and iii) recipient countries.

Active ODA research projects*:

1188

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Projects by funder



Of active ODA-funded research projects, **61%** involve organisations based in the United Kingdom. While **DSIT** funds the highest amount of UK projects, the top delivery partners are **FCDO**, the British Academy, and the National Institute for Health and Care Research. While this summary focuses on the United Kingdom, many of these projects are a collaboration with partners in the Global South to deliver ODA-funded research.

Social Protection is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Health, and Climate and Environment. This spread aligns with European regional funding themes. UKCDR is working to increase the accuracy of themes in upcoming MODARI updates.



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Social Protection

251

Health

229

Climate and Environment

190

Unknown

166

Governance

69

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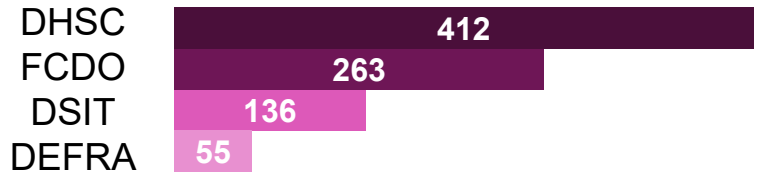


This briefing summarises **ODA-funded research in Sub-Saharan Africa**. It provides a regional analysis of research projects by i) HMG funders, ii) research themes, and iii) recipient countries.

Active ODA research projects*:
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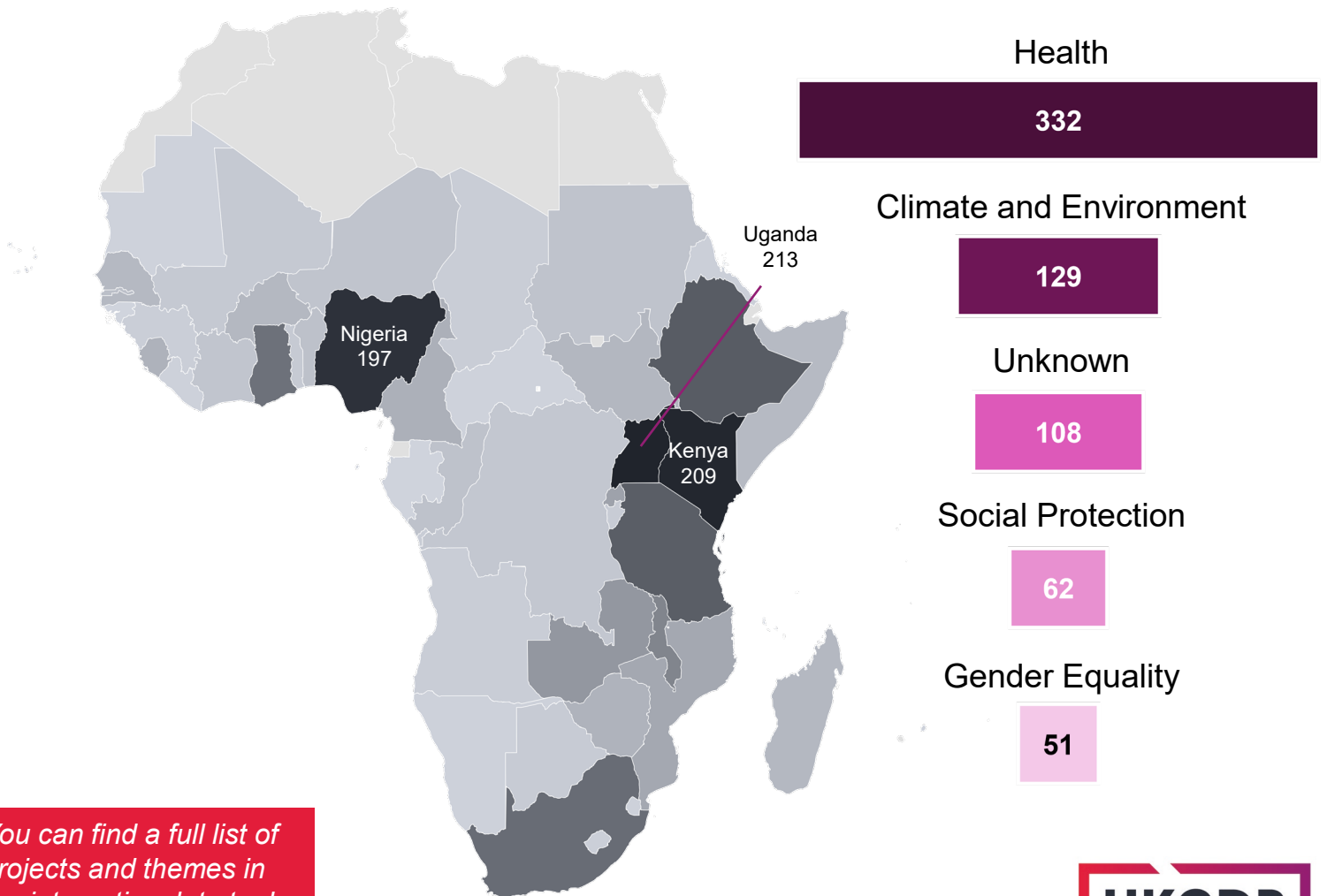
Projects by funder



Of active ODA-funded research projects, **45%** target Sub-Saharan Africa.

Uganda, Kenya, and Nigeria participate in and are targeted by the highest number of research projects as beneficiaries. **DHSC** is the top funder in this region, followed by FCDO and DSIT.

Health is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Climate and Environment, and Unknown. In addition to health, gender equality projects comprise a higher proportion of overall funded projects in these region when compared to others.



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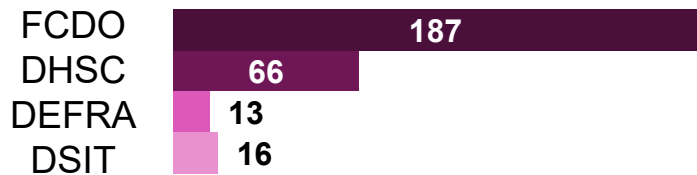
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Active ODA research projects*:

268

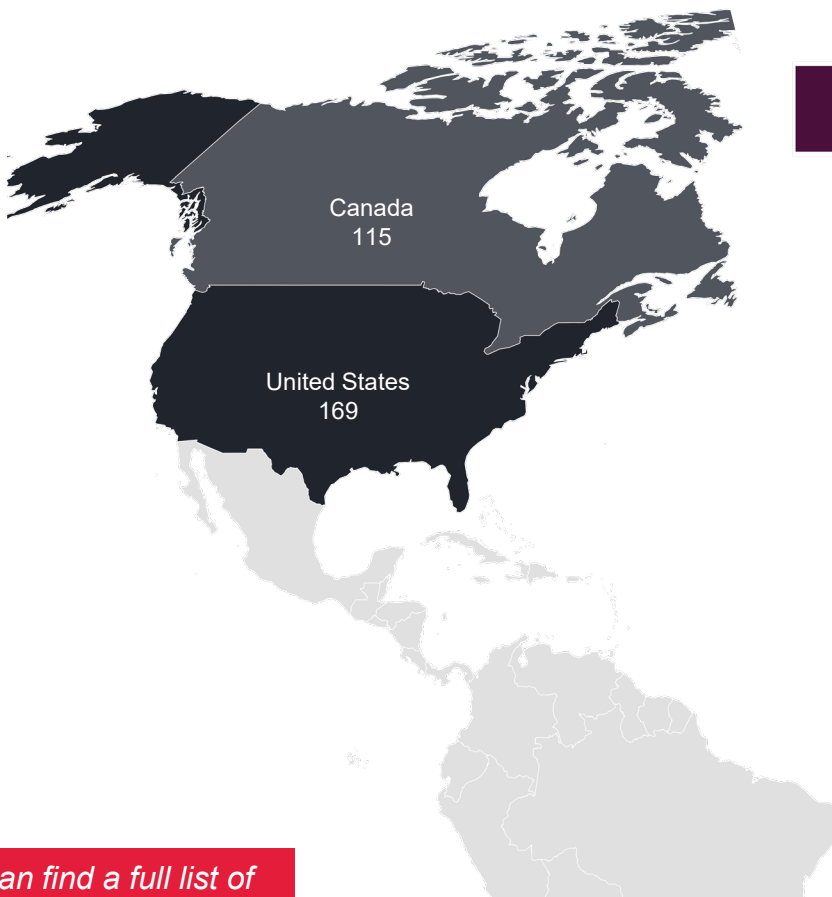
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Projects by funder

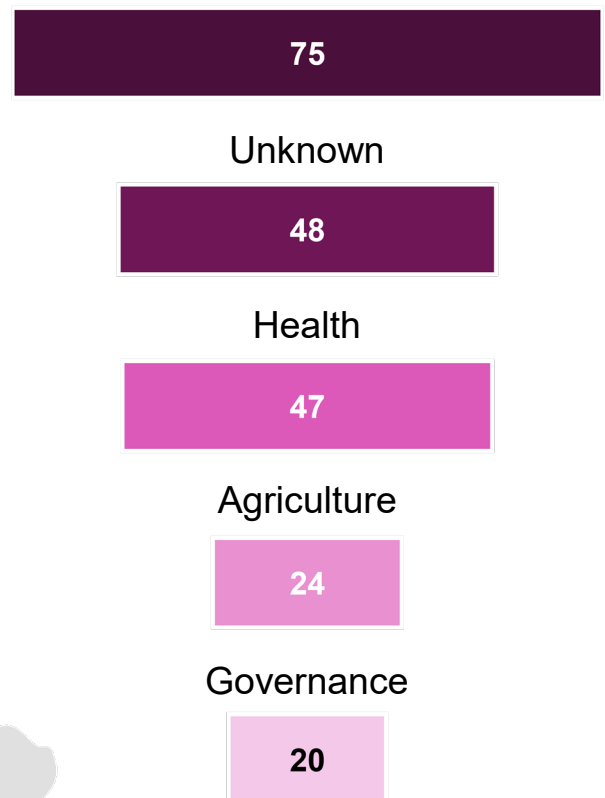


Of active ODA-funded research projects, **14%** involve North America, and the **United States** is involved in the highest number of projects followed by **Canada**. **FCDO** funds the largest number of projects in this region, followed by DHSC.

Climate and Environment is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Health and Agriculture. Climate and environment and agricultural projects comprise a higher proportion of overall funded projects in these region when compared to others.



Climate and Environment



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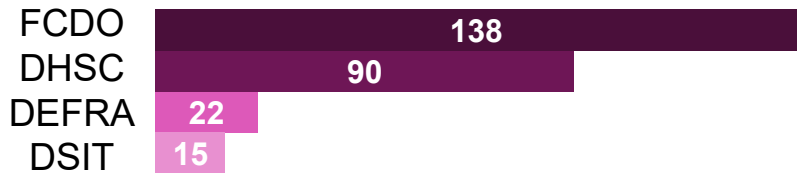
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Active ODA research projects*:

265

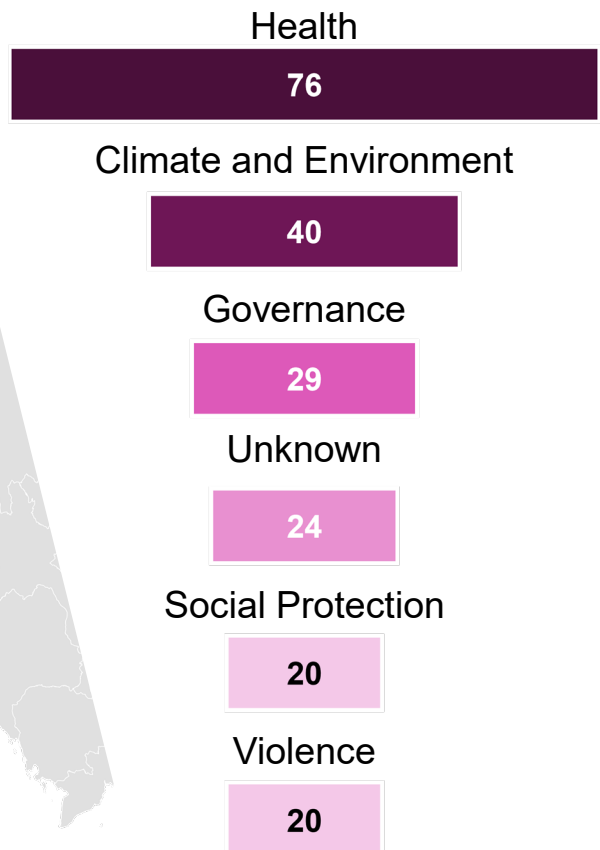
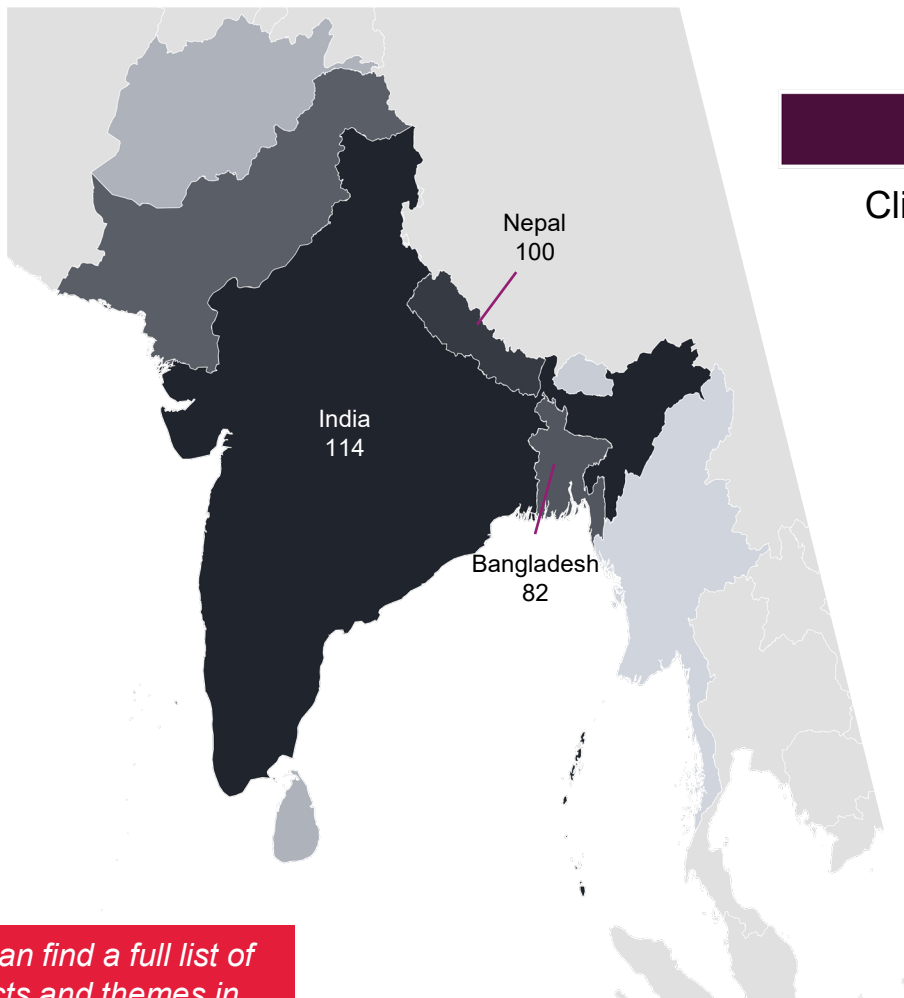
**One project may be active across multiple regions.*

Projects by funder



Of active ODA-funded research projects, **14%** target South Asia. **India**, **Nepal**, and **Bangladesh** are involved in the highest number of research projects. **FCDO** funds the largest number of projects in this region, followed by DHSC and Defra.

Health is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Climate and Environment and Governance. More projects target governance as a proportion of the total number of active projects in a region here than in any other region.



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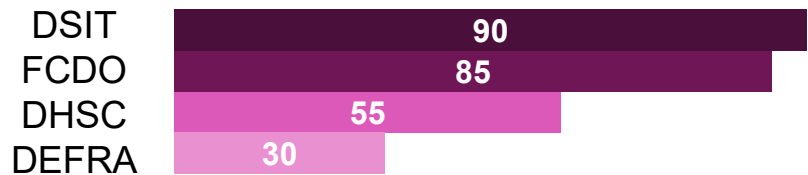


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Active ODA research projects*:
260

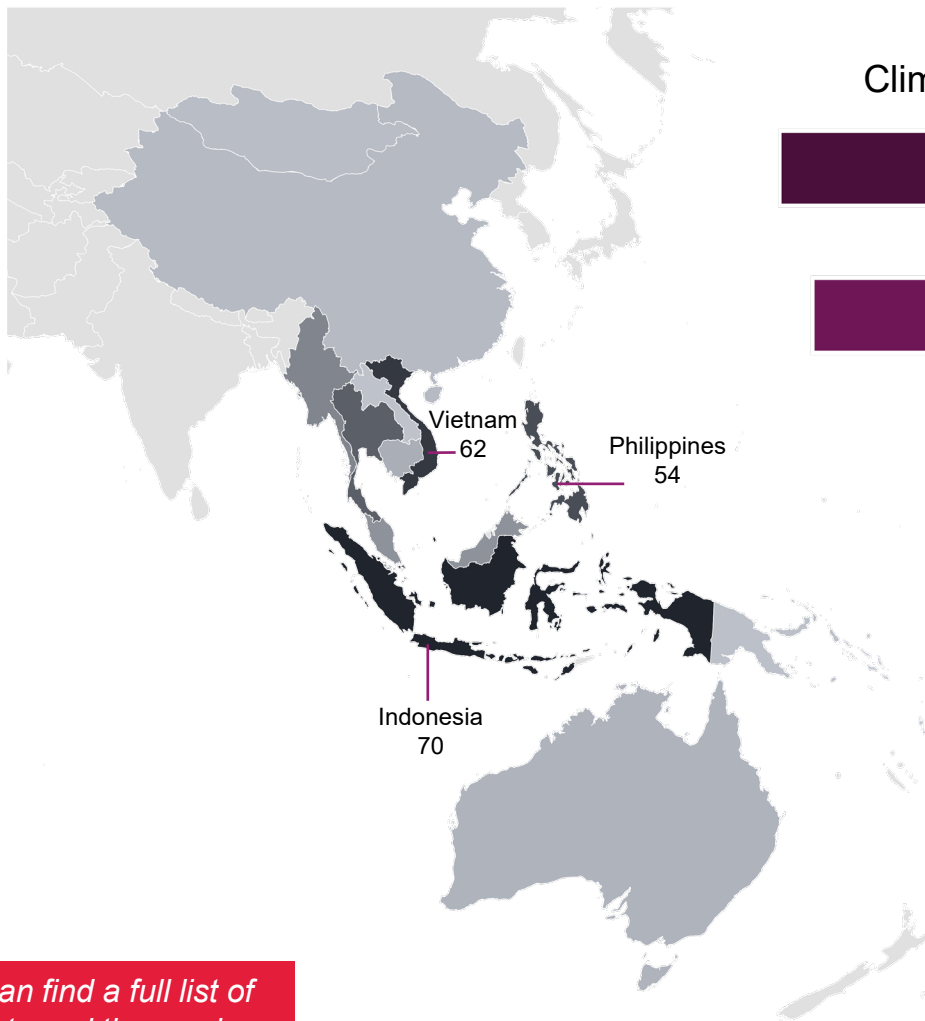
**One project may be active across multiple regions.*

Projects by funder



Of active ODA-funded research projects, **13%** target East Asia and the Pacific. **Indonesia, Vietnam**, and the **Philippines** both participate in and are targeted by the most research projects as beneficiaries. **DSIT** funds the largest number of projects in this region, followed by FCDO and DHSC.

Climate and Environment is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Health and Education.



Climate and Environment

71

Health

63

Education

21

Unknown

20

Governance

16

Violence

16

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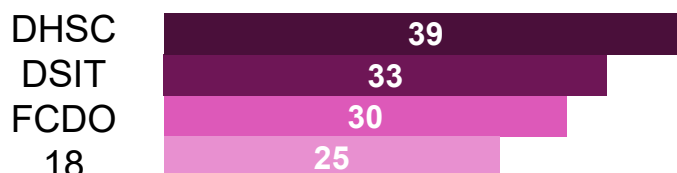
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Active ODA research projects*:

120

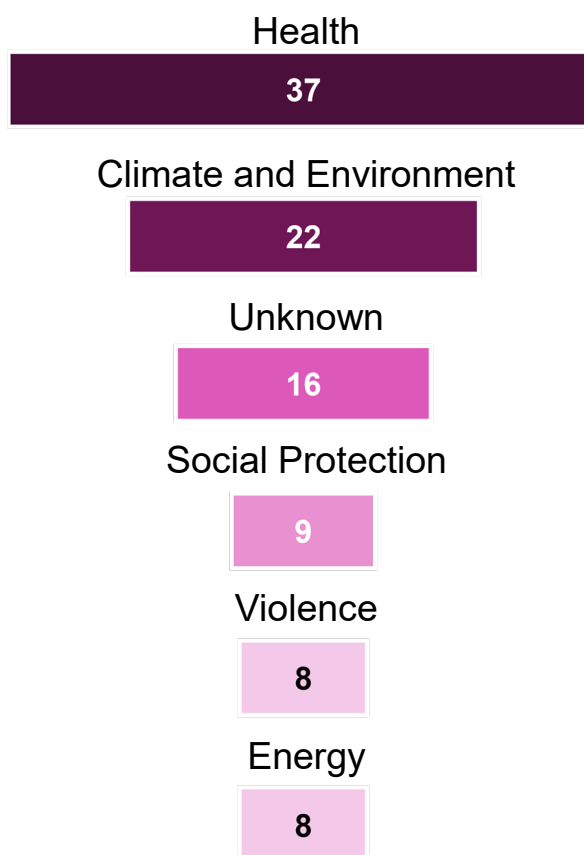
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Projects by funder



Of active ODA-funded research projects, **6%** target Latin America and the Caribbean, and **Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico** both participate in and are targeted by the most research projects as beneficiaries. **DHSC** funds the largest number of projects in this region, followed by DSIT and FCDO.

Health is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Climate and Environment and Social Protection. More projects target Energy as a proportion of the total number of active projects in a region here than in any other region.



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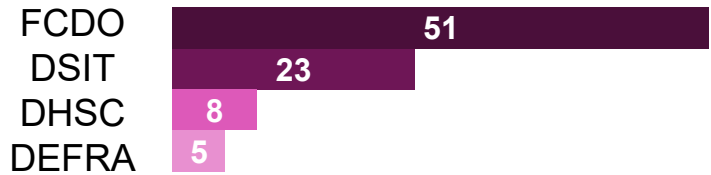
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Active ODA research projects*:

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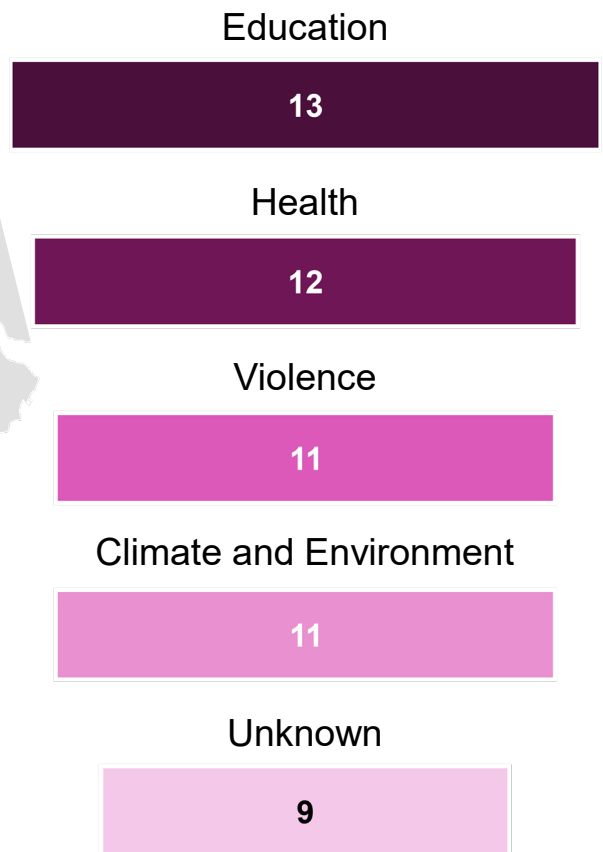
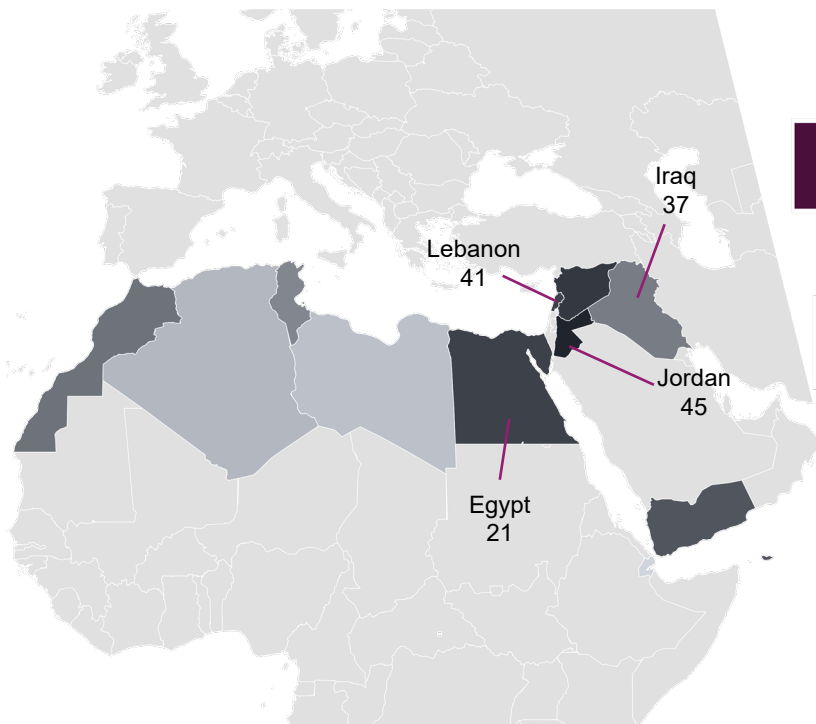
**One project may be active across multiple regions.*

Projects by funder



Of active ODA-funded research projects, just **5%** target the Middle East and North Africa. **Jordan, Syria, Lebanon,** and **Egypt** both participate in and are targeted by the most research projects. **FCDO** funds the largest number of projects in this region, followed by DSIT.

Education is the most common regional funding theme, followed by Health, Violence, and Climate and Environment. More projects target education, humanitarian issues, infrastructure, and violence as a proportion of the total number of active projects in a region here than in any other region.

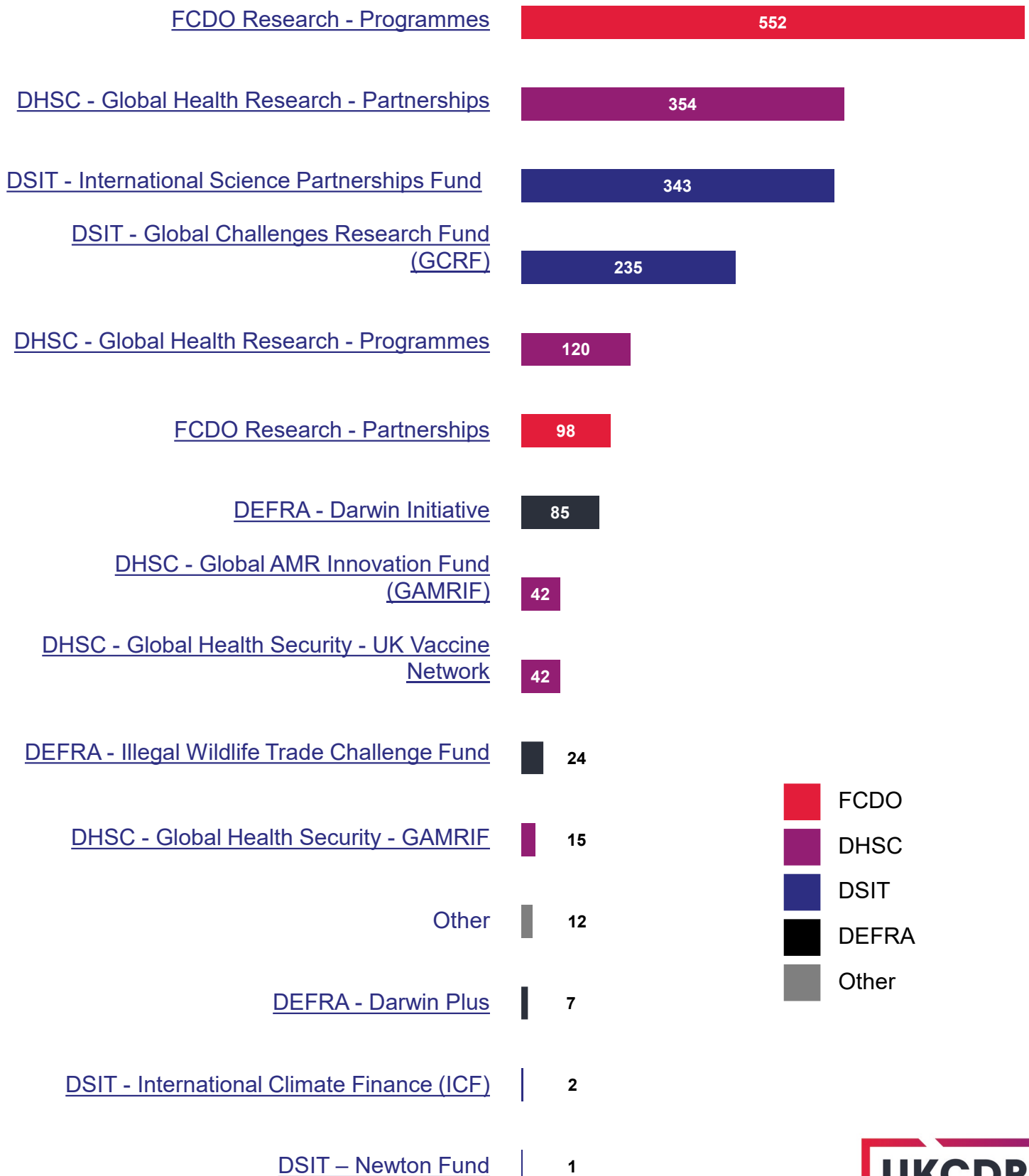


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This briefing summarises the number of research projects supported by individual UK funds. Click the fund name for more information.



The Gap Map shows the spread of ODA-funded research projects across themes and regions.* There is a clear concentration of ODA-funded research on Health in Sub-Saharan Africa and Social Protection and Climate and the environment in Europe and Central Asia.

Across all regions, fewer infrastructure projects are being funded. There are also fewer projects targeting MENA and Latin America and the Caribbean.

		Regions							
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Middle East and North Africa	Europe and Central Asia	North America	Latin America and Caribbean	South Asia	East Asia and Pacific	
Themes	Health	332	12	240	47	37	76	63	807
	Humanitarian assistance and conflict mitigation	56	19	75	18	9	28	19	224
	Governance	40	4	72	20	5	29	16	186
	Social protection	62	8	267	11	9	20	15	392
	Infrastructure	4	1	14	1	1	2	2	25
	Education	33	13	58	10	1	18	21	154
	Climate and the environment	180	16	289	101	35	58	95	774
	Gender Equality	51	5	71	12	7	10	9	165
	Unknown	108	9	171	48	16	24	20	396
		686	71	978	181	91	215	180	

*The 12 theme tags in the MODARI tool have been regrouped into the 8 themes above to give a more representative view of research focuses and gaps. See the 'Data Notes' page for methodology and a table mapping these themes against the tags in the MODARI tool.



Completeness – Some fields on country information and names/countries of partner organisations are missing from the MODARI dataset. While the information sourced from funders and open access databases may not be complete, there is ongoing work to increase coverage across UK government funders and delivery partners.

Spend figures – Due to limited availability of partner project data for FCDO projects, both funder and partner data have been included in the dataset to avoid information gaps. To mitigate spend inflation, FCDO partner entries are not included in this analysis.

Regional project count – Where one project targets more than one region, it will be included in the project count and summary briefing for each of those regions. For example, if a project targets China and India, it will be included in the regional summary for East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia.

Themes – The most recent MODARI update (March 2025) tagged each project against only one theme. For projects working across multiple themes or similar themes, this might make it appear that some topics are being funded at lower levels than expected. To mitigate this, we have grouped the 12 MODARI theme tags into 8 master themes for analysis in the Gap Map (table 1).

Table 1: Gap Map themes mapped against MODARI theme tags

Gap Map themes	MODARI themes
Health	Health
Humanitarian assistance and conflict mitigation	Humanitarian
	Violence
Governance	Governance
Social protection	Social protection
Infrastructure	Infrastructure
Education	Education
Climate and the environment	Agriculture
	Climate and Environment
	Energy
Unknown	Unknown
Gender Equality	Gender Equality

Regions – Regions for this analysis were selected in line with world bank definitions. They were mapped against sub-regions in the MODARI data as shown in table 2.

Table 2: Analysis regions against MODARI region tags

World Bank Regions	MODARI regions
South Asia	India and Indian Ocean
	Afghanistan-Pakistan
Latin America and Caribbean	Central and South America (incl. Caribbean)
Sub-Saharan Africa	Eastern and Central Africa
	Southern Africa
	Western Africa
Europe and Central Asia	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
	Europe (North, Central and West, and West Balkans and Mediterranean)
Middle East and North Africa	Middle East
	North Africa
North America	North America
East Asia and Pacific	North-East Asia and China
	Oceania (incl. Pacific)
	South-East Asia (incl. ASEAN)