

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT AID



Allocating ODA funds to international research has allowed the UK to play a major part in tackling global challenges, providing evidence-based responses to problems such as **global health pandemics, conflict, migration and displacement, poverty and climate change.**



In an interconnected world, UK research power makes both UK citizens and the wider world **safer and more prosperous.**

The UK government has announced they will **cut ODA spending by 50%**. This goes against their 2019 Manifesto promise, and contradicts their strategic objectives for becoming '**Global Britain**'.



Canceling existing research commitments **undermines our international trustworthiness**, and **damages trust** between government and UK higher education institutions.

The cuts will undermine UK productivity: every £1 spend on research in the UK reaps a return of £1.60, **costing our economy millions.**



In the year that the UK hosts the **upcoming G7 Summit and COP26**, the cuts will leave the UK out of step with global efforts to tackle grand challenges.

We urge MPs and peers to scrutinise the impact of these cuts, **oppose these cuts, and support the full reinstatement of ODA funding** for the UK Research & Innovation (UKRI) budget for 2021-22.