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I refer to your email of 31 July 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *In the 2022/23 Financial Year, how much (if any) was given in foreign aid to the following countries:*
  - *Argentina*
  - *Bangladesh*
  - *Brazil*
  - *China*
  - *India*
  - *Indonesia*
  - *Malaysia*
  - *Mexico*
  - *Pakistan*
  - *Philippines*
  - *Singapore*
  - *Thailand*
  - *Vietnam*
  
- *Please explain what the aid was for.*

On 28 August 2023, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 25 working days because responding to your request necessitated the review of a large quantity of information (section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA refers).

Please find attached a list of foreign aid activity, by country, for the 2022/23 financial year. We have withheld some parts of the information under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Please note, China and Singapore received no foreign aid from Aotearoa New Zealand during the 2022/23 financial year.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information

removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## Foreign aid activity, by country, for the 2022/23 financial year

Country	Sum of Amount in NZD	Foreign Aid Activity Name
Argentina		Collection and purification of rainwater and use of alternative energies in Almafuerte
Argentina		Building menstrual health
Argentina		Africa, Latin America and Caribbean Trade Policy Course - Short Term Training Scholarship
Argentina		Water education for sustainable local development in the Calchaquí Valley of Tucuman Province
Argentina		Building renewable energies for school villages in the Argentine Patagonia
Argentina		Replace the use of wood and coal with renewable energy sources in low-income communities
<b>Argentina Total</b>	<b>52,193.26</b>	
<b>Bangladesh</b>		2021 Rohingya Cox's Bazaar Humanitarian Response
<b>Bangladesh</b>		Asian Mega Deltas initiative
<b>Bangladesh</b>		2023 Bangladesh Rohingya Refugee Response
<b>Bangladesh Total</b>	<b>5,948,511.00</b>	
<b>Brazil</b>		Africa, Latin America and Caribbean Good Governance Course - Short Term Training Scholarship
<b>Brazil</b>		Africa, Latin America and Caribbean Trade Policy Course - Short Term Training Scholarship
<b>Brazil</b>		Headquarters of the Rio Negro Chelonian Conservation and Management Project
<b>Brazil</b>		Themis- Gênero, Justiça e Direitos Humanos - Popular legan Promoters - Breaking Barriers
<b>Brazil</b>		Instituto Verdescola - Circular - educar para reduzir
<b>Brazil</b>		Nossa Terra Nossa Mãe – Desenvolvimento Sustentável e Segurança Alimentar Indígena
<b>Brazil</b>		Brasilia Scholar and Alumni Event Fund 2022-2023
<b>Brazil Total</b>	<b>93,242.08</b>	
<b>India</b>		Asian Mega Deltas initiative
<b>India Total</b>	<b>1,178,000.00</b>	
<b>Indonesia</b>		ASEAN: Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance Executive Training 2017-2022
<b>Indonesia</b>		Eastern Indonesia Young Leaders Programme
<b>Indonesia</b>		Indonesia: Improved Agricultural Livelihoods for Remote Communities in Eastern Indonesia
<b>Indonesia</b>		Colombo Plan Membership 2018-2023
<b>Indonesia</b>		ASEAN Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative
<b>Indonesia</b>		English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) ASIA Management Fee

**Indonesia** Indonesia: Improving Access to Legal and Social Services for Women Facing Violence in Papua  
**Indonesia** Indonesia Renewable Energy Programme Resourcing  
**Indonesia** Renewable Energy: Accelerated Transition in Indonesia (RE-ACT)  
**Indonesia** MF3-03 Enhancing Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities in Timor-Leste  
**Indonesia** Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 1: Transition to Education New Zealand

**Indonesia** Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 2: Education New Zealand Delivers Interim State  
**Indonesia** English Language Training for Officials: International Security Trends (Intake 54)  
**Indonesia** s9(2)(f)(iv)  
**Indonesia** Jakarta Scholar and Alumni Event Fund 2022-2023  
**Indonesia** English Language Training for Officials: Good Governance: Intake 55  
**Indonesia** Manage Scholarships Operations Phase 3 Future State Project  
**Indonesia** Scholar Enrichment Events Tertiary Education Institutes 2023  
**Indonesia** Water for s6(a), West Manggarai, ENT  
**Indonesia** Clean water supply in s6(a), Sumba Barat regency, ENT  
**Indonesia** Rain-friendly village development in s6(a), WNT

**Indonesia** From Stingless Bee Honey Cultivation toward Prosperous Community and Green Environment- N Lombok  
**Indonesia** Improving local peanut processing for the people of s6(a), Maybrat, South Papua  
**Indonesia** Developing Family Support Groups with Children with Disabilities - Grassroots key actors of ID  
**Indonesia** Opening Employment Access to Peoples with Disabilities in s6(a), South Sulawesi  
**Indonesia** Cybersecurity and online harassment prevention education programme for children and youth  
**Indonesia** Strengthening Copra Efforts for the Community of s6(a), Biak Papua  
**Indonesia** Early Warning System for Mitigation of Earthquake Disasters, Cianjur Regency, West Java  
**Indonesia** From Noken to woman empowerment for strong and resilient community, Jayapura, Papua  
**Indonesia** Building self-sufficiency through Food Sovereignty for the s6(a) Indigenous Communities, Maluku  
**Indonesia** A programme to build anticorruption ecosystem at school - Sekolah Jujur, Sekolah Saya  
**Indonesia** Support acceleration of geothermal development in Indonesia (Geo-INZ): Energy  
**Indonesia** ASEAN In-Country English Language Training  
**Indonesia** Improve access to Energy in Maluku (NZMATES): Energy  
**Indonesia** New Zealand Support for Training in the Indonesia Geothermal Sector (NZSTIGS)  
**Indonesia** Indonesia: Better Warehousing and Logistics  
**Indonesia** Indonesia Scholarships

**Indonesia Total** **25,068,402.67**

**Malaysia** ASEAN: Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance Executive Training 2017-2022  
**Malaysia** Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 1: Transition to Education New Zealand

**Malaysia** Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 2: Education New Zealand Delivers Interim State  
**Malaysia** Manage Scholarships Operations Phase 3 Future State Project  
**Malaysia** Scholar Enrichment Events Tertiary Education Institutes 2023  
**Malaysia** Malaysia Scholarships

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**Malaysia Total** **137,998.22**

**Mexico** Traditional Rarámuri garment: a way of preserving the cultural identity and promoting the economy of the Mogotavo community

**Mexico** Access to water, health and traditional knowledge for indigenous Tseltal children in Chiapas, Mexico  
**Mexico** The LGBTIQ+ population in prisons in Mexico: Initiatives to diminish the differentiated impact and the consequences of the criminal justice system.

**Mexico** Collective construction of food sovereignty through Mayan agroecology

**Mexico** Africa, Latin America and Caribbean Good Governance Course - Short Term Training Scholarships.

**Mexico** Africa, Latin America and Caribbean Trade Policy Course - Short Term Training Scholarship

**Mexico** Mexico Scholar and Alumni Event Fund 2022-2023

**Mexico** ADECO, Acciones para el Desarrollo Comunitario AC - Living gardens, healthy homes. Strengthening food sovereignty of families in the Nahua community.

**Mexico** Nenemi Paxia Sinergias Educativas - Learning in my language. Strengthening education systems serving indigenous children in Chiapas

**Mexico** Fundacion Bioma - Biocultural rescue of Melipona bees from highly biodiverse coffee plantations in the north-eastern Sierra of Puebla, Mexico.

**Mexico** Construyendo Esperanzas A.C. - Captando agua - Collecting water and rebuilding hope for the families of La Rabia, municipality of Mineral de Reforma, Hidalgo, Mexico.

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**Mexico Total** **141,329.28**

**Pakistan** 2022 Pakistan Floods Response

**Pakistan** 2023 Pakistan Humanitarian Response

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**Pakistan Total** **3,500,000.00**

Philippines	Philippines: Mindanao Young Leaders Programme
Philippines	ASEAN: Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance Executive Training 2017-2022
Philippines	PF 10-587 Cacao Production in East Samar AMS #12852
Philippines	Colombo Plan Membership 2018-2023
Philippines	ASEAN Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative
Philippines	ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center - Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
Philippines	Philippines: Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) Contribution
Philippines	Philippines COVID-19 Response
Philippines	Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 1: Transition to Education New Zealand
Philippines	Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 2: Education New Zealand Delivers Interim State
Philippines	ASEAN and Timor-Leste Hybrid Food and Agribusiness STTS
Philippines	s9(2)(f)(iv)
Philippines	Manila Scholar and Alumni Event Fund 2022-2023
Philippines	Likas-kayang Enerhiya para sa Sambayanan Project (Renewable Energy for All Project)
Philippines	Manage Scholarships Operations Phase 3 Future State Project
Philippines	Learning Effectively Through Enhanced & Evidence Based Pedagogies for ECCD
Philippines	Second Chance Program - Aftercare
Philippines	Scholar Enrichment Events Tertiary Education Institutes 2023
Philippines	UP Mindanao - NZ Girls Football Development Project
Philippines	Philippines Scholarships
<b>Philippines Total</b>	<b>19,309,906.40</b>
Thailand	ASEAN: Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance Executive Training 2017-2022
Thailand	ASEAN: Support to the Mekong River Commission
Thailand	ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center - Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
Thailand	Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 1: Transition to Education New Zealand
Thailand	Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 2: Education New Zealand Delivers Interim State
Thailand	ASEAN and Timor-Leste Hybrid Food and Agribusiness STTS
Thailand	Bangkok Scholar and Alumni Event Fund 2022-2023
Thailand	Manage Scholarships Operations Phase 3 Future State Project

Thailand	Scholar Enrichment Events Tertiary Education Institutes 2023
Thailand	Thailand Scholarships
<b>Thailand Total</b>	<b>552,552.37</b>
Viet Nam	ASEAN: Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance Executive Training 2017-2022
Viet Nam	Colombo Plan Membership 2018-2023
Viet Nam	ASEAN Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative
Viet Nam	ASEAN: Support to the Mekong River Commission
Viet Nam	English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) ASIA Management Fee
Viet Nam	Viet Nam Climate-Smart Fruit Value Chain
Viet Nam	Negotiated Partnership: ChildFund New Zealand Implementation
Viet Nam	ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center - Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
Viet Nam	Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 1: Transition to Education New Zealand
Viet Nam	Scholarships Programme Operational Management Phase 2: Education New Zealand Delivers Interim State
Viet Nam	Asian Mega Deltas initiative
Viet Nam	English Language Training for Officials: International Security Trends (Intake 54)
Viet Nam	ASEAN and Timor-Leste Hybrid Food and Agribusiness STTS
Viet Nam	s9(2)(f)(iv)
Viet Nam	Youth mental health and well-being post-COVID through improved access to safe outdoor spaces
Viet Nam	I Believe I Can - Rethinking Development
Viet Nam	MF4-07 Increase economic resilience and empowerment for women and children in Northern Vietnam
Viet Nam	Ha Noi Scholar and Alumni Event Fund 2022-2023
Viet Nam	Forest Symphony in Soc Trang Province
Viet Nam	English Language Training for Officials: Good Governance: Intake 55
Viet Nam	Manage Scholarships Operations Phase 3 Future State Project
Viet Nam	Scholar Enrichment Events Tertiary Education Institutes 2023
Viet Nam	Viet Nam Dam Safety Project
Viet Nam	Mekong Institute Food Safety Capability Activity
Viet Nam	Viet Nam Scholarships
<b>Viet Nam Total</b>	<b>20,418,713.44</b>