



Sida's Multi-bi Support

A considerable share of Sida's development cooperation is channelled through multilateral organisations and the EU. Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs decides on core support to the regular budget of these organisations while Sida manages the main part of the multi-bi support. In 2022, Sida disbursed more than SEK 9.7 billion through multilateral partners which corresponds to 41 % of Sida's total disbursements.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS

Multilateral organisations, including the UN, multilateral development banks including the World Bank Group, the EU, and the OECD, are key stakeholders for tackling the challenges the world is facing today and support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Sida's collaboration with the multilateral system is vital for Sweden's development cooperation. Through a strategic collaboration, Sweden can deliver better results in our development cooperation and also influence how the organisations operate. Multilateral organisations also maintain a key role in their close cooperation and dialogue with countries where Sweden lacks presence or bilateral state-to-state cooperation. In addition, multilateral institutions often play a central role in fragile and conflict affected contexts, for example when UN organisations work with both humanitarian and long-term development cooperation, including peacebuilding.

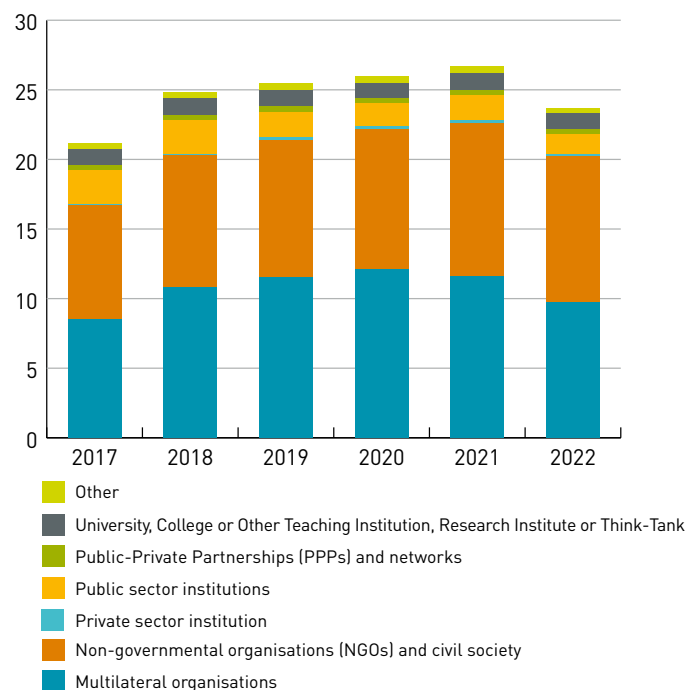
Sweden has a broad partnership with multilateral organisations, which is made possible through the "Team Sweden" approach. This entails that Sida works closely with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Swedish Embassies as well as our permanent missions to the UN and the EU.

SIDA'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Multi-bi support is defined as earmarked support through multilateral organisations (compared to core support). In 2022, Sida's contribution through multilateral organisations amounted to SEK 9.7 billion, or approximately 41 % of Sida's total development contributions.

Sida has increased its multilateral contributions during 2016–2021. This is partly due to the fact that the total Swedish aid budget has increased, because of economic growth in Sweden. However, the main reason is the multilateral organisations' ability to deliver good development results and outcomes, not least in fragile states and conflict-ridden contexts, including through humanitarian response. Finally, Sida's flexible and softly earmarked multi-bi support made it possible for these organisations to quickly adjust their operations to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

FIGURE 1: SIDAS CONTRIBUTIONS BY AGREEMENT PARTNER 2017–2022, BILLION SEK

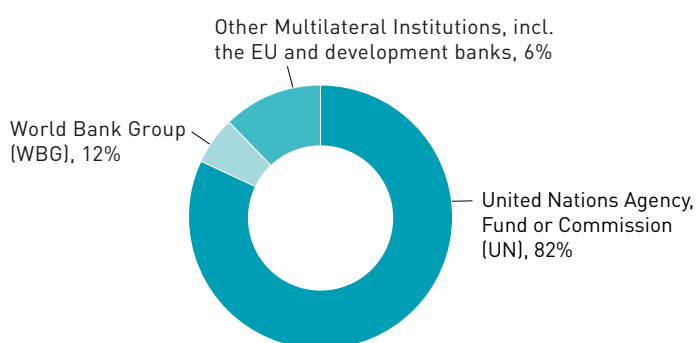


Multilateral organisations also continue to play an important role in achieving results in so-called headwind areas, for example sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). In this respect, UN organisations play an important 'double role', both as a voice bearer for agreed normative standards and as a key partner to governments and civil society organisations.

Sida's multi-bi support is more than just financial contributions. Sida also plays an important role in Sweden's cooperation and dialogue with multilateral organisations. Sweden serves as a board member in various organisations. As an expert agency, Sida contributes to this important work and attends board meetings as well as other high-level meetings with key UN agencies – for example UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA, as well as with the World Bank Group. Sida also contributes to Sweden's high-level dialogue with the EU Commission and other EU institutions.

Results

FIGURE 2: SIDA'S SUPPORT TO MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE EU IN 2022



In these dialogues Sida highlights good results and best practices from our development cooperation and also points out areas for improvement based on the experiences from the cooperation at country, regional and global levels.

SIDA'S SECONDMENT PROGRAMME

Sida is responsible for Sweden's multilateral and EU secondment programmes, with the purpose to strengthen our multilateral partners in areas of mutual priority and increase the knowledge of – and resource base for – multilateral institutions in Sweden. In 2022, the number of senior secondments in the multilateral system was 39, and 22 senior national experts were seconded to the EU.

The secondments further enhance the approach to draw upon Sida's operational experiences from our development cooperation at country, regional and global levels to contribute to Sweden's policy dialogue with the multilateral organisations and the EU. Three senior Sida policy experts are also posted at the Swedish UN and EU representations in New York, Geneva and Brussels.

COOPERATION THROUGH THE UN

The UN is Sida's largest development partner. In 2022, 82 % of Sida's multi-bi support was channeled through UN agencies, amounting to over SEK 7.99 billion. UN plays an important role in development cooperation in critical areas such as eradication of poverty, climate change, human rights, democracy and gender equality. For Sida and Sweden, the 17 SDGs and the 2030 Agenda are guiding Sida's cooperation with the UN at all levels. The top three UN partners and recipients of Sida's multi-bi support in 2022 were UNDP, UNICEF and WFP.



COOPERATION THROUGH THE EU

The European Union (EU) is Sweden's most important foreign policy platform, and a key reference point for the implementation of Swedish bilateral development cooperation. Through the Member State fee, Sweden contributed approximately SEK 3.035 billion to the European Commission's (EC) budget for international development cooperation in 2022. The EU development policy is aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The purpose is to eradicate poverty, promote democracy, and support economic and social development to ensure a sustainable future.



Sida cooperates with the EU institutions in Brussels and with the EU Delegations at partner-country level to find synergies and achieve common objectives. The Swedish Government is supported by Sida in its effort to advance the EU's development policy. The European Practitioners Network is a platform for coordination, knowledge exchange and policy harmonization, where Sida is a member alongside public development cooperation agencies from 16 European countries.



COOPERATION THROUGH THE WORLD BANK GROUP AND OTHER MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Multilateral development banks are important channels for Sida's development cooperation. Sida's main partners are the World Bank Group (WBG), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the African and Asian Development Banks (AfDB, ADB). Overall, in 2022, WBG was Sida's third largest development partner, receiving SEK 1.15 billion. The WBG's main objectives are to eliminate poverty and promote shared prosperity. Sweden holds regular bilateral high-level strategic consultations with the WBG in order to strengthen Sweden's strategic dialogue and cooperation with the WBG focusing on areas of mutual priority.