



Sida's support to United Nations Organisations

In 2023, Sida disbursed SEK 7.9 billion to United Nations (UN) organisations for development cooperation and humanitarian assistance, which constitutes almost a third of Sida's overall budget. Sida's main UN partners are UNICEF, UNDP, WFP, UNOCHA, UN MPTFO UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNHCR and WHO.



SIDA'S PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS

UN organisations have a critical role in supporting countries in implementing Agenda 2030 and in humanitarian assistance. UN organisations are implementing programmes supported by Sida. They also have an important advocacy and convening power with regard to normative work on human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A significant part of Sida's development cooperation is implemented in contexts affected by fragilities and conflict. The UN system often has a long-standing in-country presence, access to key national stakeholders and capacity to take development actions, peacebuilding and humanitarian assistance to scale.

Sida's total support to UN partners is an outcome of several decisions taken to implement development cooperation strategies at country, regional and global thematic level. Funding decisions are managed by the responsible units in Sida and in Swedish Embassies in partner countries.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE UN

UNICEF is Sida's largest UN recipient of Sida contributions, followed by UNDP. In 2023, Sida disbursed in total SEK 1,39 billion to UNICEF of which humanitarian assistance amounted SEK 621 million, followed by global thematic support to water and sanitation, child protection and education; country programme support to Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda; and programmes in Mali and Yemen. For more information about UNICEF, see [unicef.org](https://www.unicef.org).

Sida supports UNDP programmes across all regions. In 2023, Sida disbursed SEK 1.1 billion to UNDP. A large part of Sida's cooperation with UNDP focuses on strengthening institutional capacities and processes for democratic governance as a means to contribute to sustainable development and sustainable peace. About half of Sida's contributions to UNDP are directed towards peace and justice and strong institutions (SDG 16). Both UNDP and Sida have engagement in countries affected by conflict where progress on poverty reduction is lagging behind. For more information about UNDP, see [undp.org](https://www.undp.org). Contributions through UNDP hosted Multi-Partner Trust Funds are accounted for separately, under UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO). Multi Partner Trust Fund is a modality for UN inter-agency pooled funding of activities in joint UN

development initiatives. In 2023, Sida disbursed SEK 525 million to MPTFO. See mptf.undp.org for more information.

FIGURE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS 2018-2023

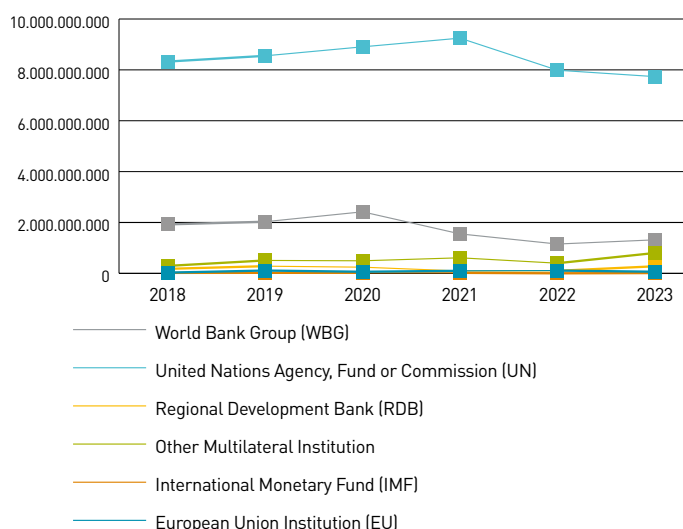
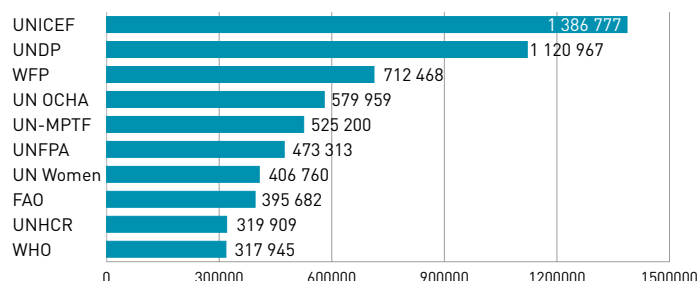


FIGURE 2: TOP 10 UN RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT FROM SIDA IN 2023 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



GEOGRAPHICAL AND THEMATIC DISTRIBUTION

Support through UN organisations is most frequent within the appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance, Africa and Sustainable Development. The sectors (as classified by OECD-DAC) receiving most multi-bilateral support through the UN are:

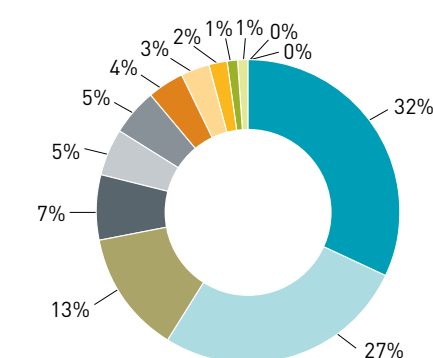
- 1) emergency response
- 2) government and civil society and
- 3) social sectors.

Figures

The countries receiving the largest amounts of Sida support through UN organisations in 2023 are included in figure 5 below.

Support to UN global programmes and initiatives targeting several countries across regions represents a relatively high share compared to country-specific contributions. This is due to the unique global mandates UN organisations have to serve both as platform for global policy-making and advocacy, as well as providers of expertise and concrete support to implement global policies and norms at country level, while also facilitating coordination of international community development efforts. Through global programmes, Sida reaches vulnerable and marginalised people, also in countries where Sweden does not have bilateral development cooperation.

FIGURE 3: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS PER APPROPRIATION IN 2023 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



Humanitarian assistance	2.487.019
Africa	2.109.660
Global Sustainable development	997.567
Asia	547.661
Middle East and North Africa	397.296
Reform cooperation in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey	375.068
Democracy and Human Rights	308.147
Latin America	199.161
Capacity Development and 2030 Agenda	138.332
Sustainable peace	87.000
Research cooperation	77.500
Support through Swedish organizations in civil society	9.744
Information and communication activities	946

TYPE OF AID

Sida is using a mix of financing modalities in its multi-bilateral support to the UN system. Approximately 80 per cent of Sida's funding to UN agencies are categorized as flexible multi-year funding in line with development effectiveness principles and UN Funding Compact commitments. Predictability and some level of flexibility in the funding arrangements enable the UN system to act quickly in emergencies and crisis and to adapt to sudden changes in the operating environment. Contributions in this category include UN joint initiatives involving several UN agencies working together, and broad programmes with a sectoral, thematic or geographical focus receiving funds from

several donors in pooled financing arrangements. Approximately 18 per cent is directed towards specific projects. The remaining 2 per cent is resources provided in the form of experts and technical assistance. Sida finances Swedish experts to the UN system through secondments at different levels of seniority spanning from UN youth volunteers and junior professional officers (JPOs) to mid-career or senior secondments.

FIGURE 4: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS – TOP 10 SECTORS IN 2023 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)

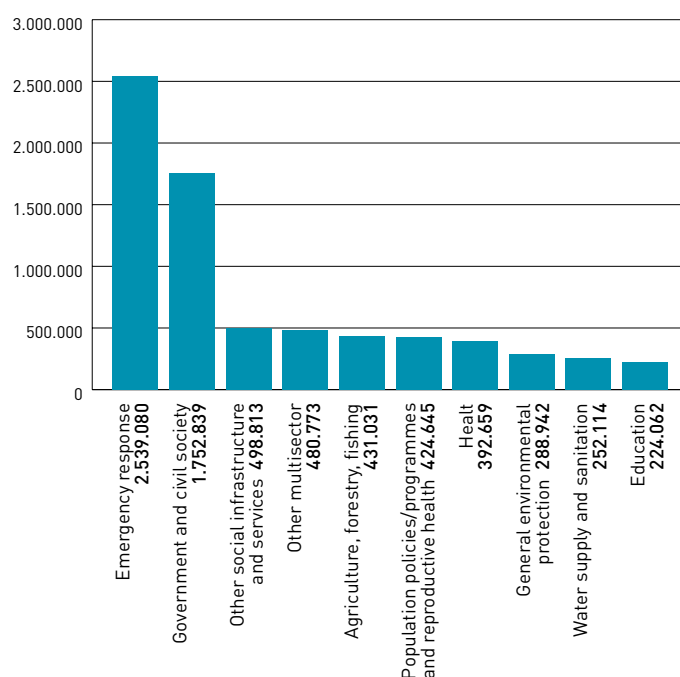
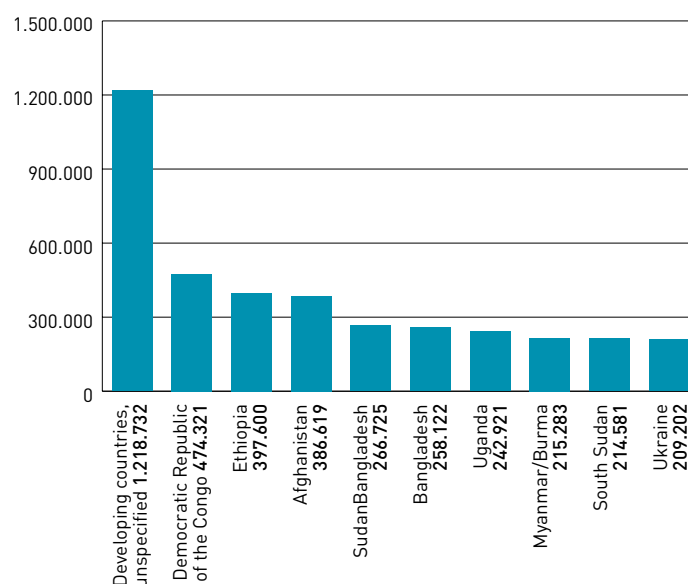


FIGURE 5: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS – TOP COUNTRIES IN 2023 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)

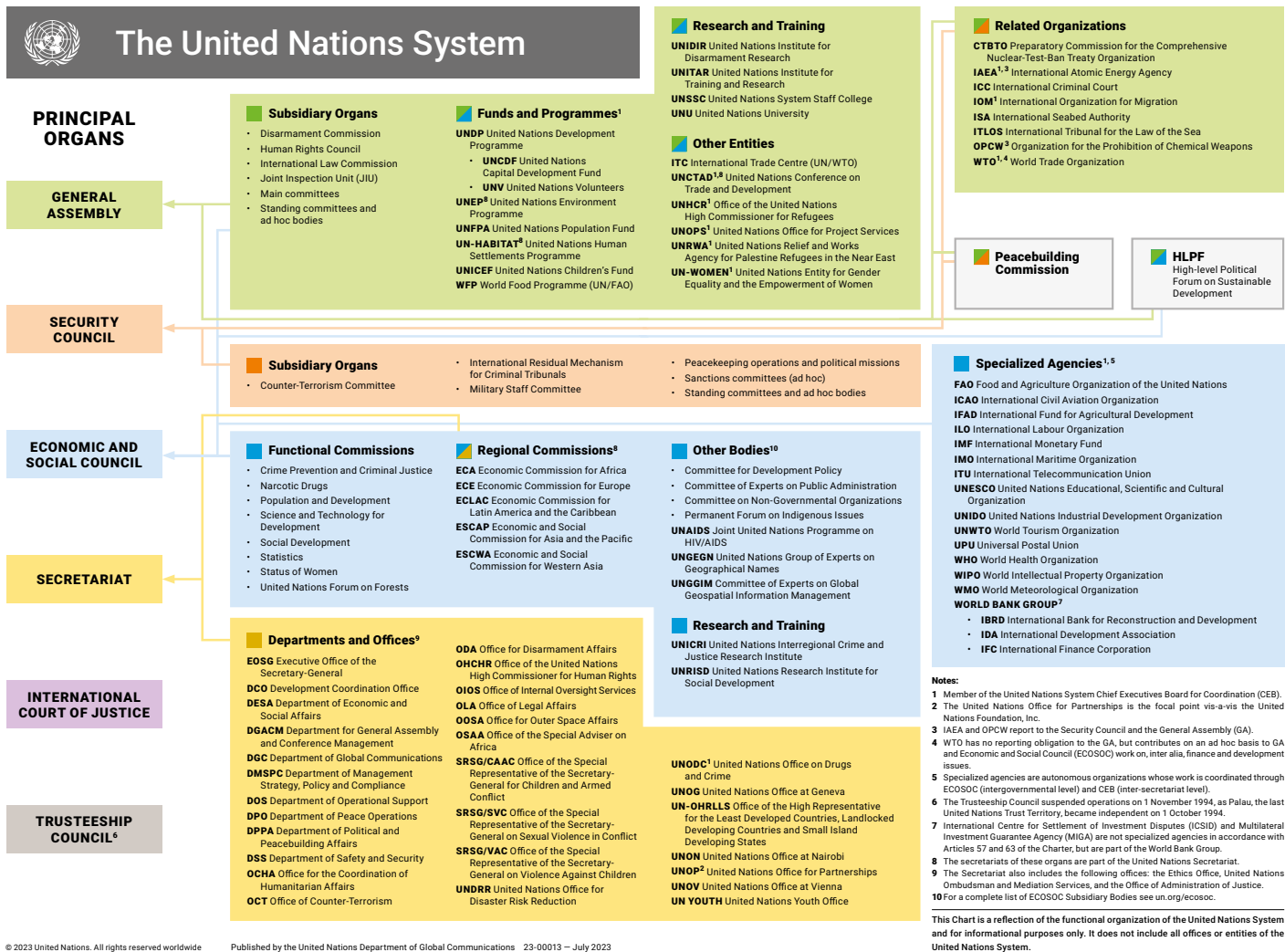


UN entities receiving support from Sida 2021-2023 (in thousand SEK)¹

Agreement Partner	2021	2022	2023
UNICEF - United Nations Childrens' Fund	1 753 906	1 370 415	1 386 777
UNDP - United Nations Development Programme	1 490 087	1 225 764	1 120 967
WFP - World Food Programme	842 933	792 880	712 468
OCHA - United Nations Office of Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs	398 000	500 339	579 959
UN-MPTFO - UN Multi Partner Trust Fund Office	721 115	867 997	525 200
UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund	743 902	560 417	473 313
UNWOMEN - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	481 940	387 075	406 760
FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation	384 019	443 700	395 682
UNHCR - United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	325 369	326 334	319 909
WHO - World Health Organisation - core voluntary contributions account	407 771	277 583	317 945
UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation	286 639	198 871	284 591
ILO - International Labour Organisation - Regular Budget Supplementary Account	140 895	123 648	193 433
OHCHR - United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (extrabudgetary contributions only)	165 944	143 500	191 641
UN - United Nations	119 310	165 817	176 145
UNOPS - United Nations Office for Project Services	279 144	168 650	172 313
IOM - International Organisation for Migration	92 860	128 868	142 885
UNDRR - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	35 000	35 000	95 000
UNRWA -United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	45 000	38 000	90 000
UNCDF - United Nations Capital Development Fund	71 716	37 424	66 450
UN - United Nations agency, fund or commission	53 703	63 398	65 573
UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organisation	85 391	44 288	49 939
UNHABITAT - United Nations Human Settlement Programme	89 420	81 650	44 034
WTO ITC - World Trade Organisation - International Trade Centre	64 104	11 635	38 495
UNDEF - United Nations Democracy Fund	30 000	30 000	30 000
UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	3 581	-3 048*	12 031
UNECA - Economic Commission for Africa		19 956	10 000
IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development	35 440	12 335	9 694
UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme	16 143	9 901	8 175
UNDPA - United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Trust Fund in Support of Political Affairs		2 884	3 120
UNSSC - United Nations System Staff College	8 929	9 164	2 346
UNU - United Nations University (including Endowment Fund)	8 000	8 000	2 000
UNMAS - United Nations Mine Action Service		-6*	
UNITAR - United Nations Institute for Training and Research	11 599	6 512	
UNFCCC - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	8 500	6 500	
UNAIDS - Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	2 837,55	4 336	
UNRISD - United Nations Research Institute for Social Development	9 000	6 000	
UNV - United Nations Volunteers	50 613	10 000	-1 843*
Grand Total	9 262 808	8 115 785	7 925 001

1. Descending från largest total disbursements in 2023

* Repayments



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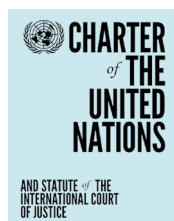
THE UN IS ITS MEMBER STATES

The United Nations was founded in 1945 to maintain international peace and security, promote human rights and fundamental freedoms, solve international problems and foster international cooperation. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The mission and work of the UN are guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter. The UN system, at times unofficially referred to as the “UN family”, is made up of the UN itself and several affiliated programmes, funds, and specialized agencies, all with their own membership, leadership, and budget. The UN specialized agencies are independent international organisations.



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Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres.



The UN charter:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/un-charter/un-charter-full-text/>

The UN system:

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