



Sida's Multi-bi Support

A considerable share of Sida's development cooperation is channeled 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 2024, Sida disbursed SEK 12.1 billion through multilateral partners. The support to Ukraine constitutes SEK 2.7 billion of Sida's multilateral portfolio.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



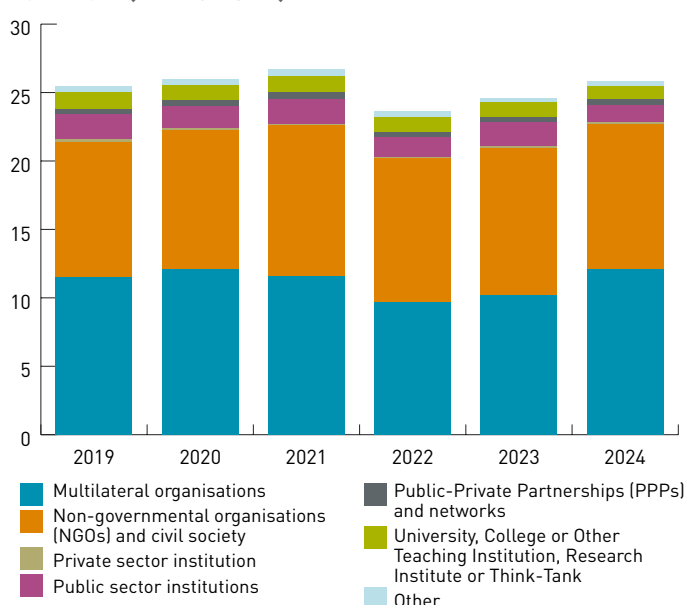
PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS

Multilateral organisations, include the UN, the EU, the OECD, multilateral development banks, and the World Bank Group, see complete distribution in figure one. The multilateral system is upholding a ruled based system between countries through its institutions, agreements and norms in order to tackle the challenges the world faces today. Multilateral organisations have a key objective of supporting governments' implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Sweden's approach to the partnership with multilaterals is through close coordination between Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Embassies of Sweden and permanent missions to the UN and the EU, also known as "Team Sweden".

Multilateral organisations are often chosen as partners by Sida to achieve results of Sweden's Development Strategies in countries affected by crisis, fragility and in need of humanitarian aid. Multilateral organisations have a key role in their cooperation and dialogue with partner countries where Sweden lacks bilateral state-to-state cooperation. They also have a solid capacity to strengthen governments capacity to deliver results and outcomes.

FIGURE 1: SIDA'S CONTRIBUTIONS BY AGREEMENT PARTNER 2019–2024 (BILLION SEK)

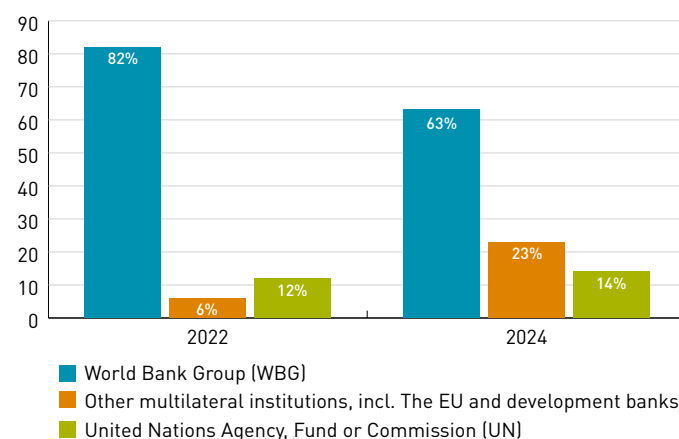


SIDA'S CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2024, Sida's contribution through multilateral organisations amounted to SEK 12.1 billion, or 47 per cent of Sida's total development budget.

Over the period 2014–2024, Sida's share to multilaterals of the total has been fluctuating between 40–45 per cent. In 2024, the share of Sida's disbursement to UN has decreased from 75 per cent to 63 per cent of the total multilateral support whereas the share to other multilateral organisations, EU and WBG has increased.

FIGURE 2: SIDA'S SUPPORT TO MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS IN 2022 AND 2024 (PER CENT)



More than a fifth (22 per cent) of Sida's multi-bilateral support is distributed to Ukraine amounting to SEK 2.7 billion, mainly consisting of infrastructure investments.

Sida's multi-bi support is defined as earmarked support through multilateral organisations. The majority of the support are programme based, e.i flexible and softly earmarked. Programme support enable the multi-bi-lateral organisations to quickly adjust their operations to new circumstances, for example respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Multilateral organisations continue to have a great impact and achieve results in "headwind areas", for example in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Results

As an expert agency, Sida is part of the Swedish Delegation to board meetings and high level meetings with UN agencies, World Bank Group, EU Commission and EU institutions.

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

SIDA'S GUARANTEES

In addition to grant funding, Sida issues guarantees to share risk with public and private entities in order to mobilise capital and attract new partners to reach development impact targets. Read more about Sida's guarantee instrument on sida.se

SIDA'S SECONDMENT PROGRAMME

Sida is responsible for Sweden's multilateral and EU secondment programmes, with the purpose to strengthening our multilateral partners in areas of mutual priority and increase the knowledge of – and resource base for – multi-lateral institutions in Sweden. In 2024, 27 senior secondments in the multilateral system was deployed, and 24 senior national experts were seconded to the EU.

The secondments draw upon Sida's operational experiences to contribute to Sweden's policy dialogue with the multilateral organisations and the EU. Two senior Sida policy experts are also posted at the Swedish UN and EU representations in New York and Brussels.

COOPERATION THROUGH THE UN

The UN is Sida's largest development partner. In 2024, 63 per cent of Sida's multi-bi support was channelled through UN agencies, amounting to over SEK 7.6 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 aligned with 2030 Agenda. Sida partner with UN organisations for the comparative advantage of mandates of humanitarian and long term development cooperation, including peacebuilding. The UN also have a normative mandate and comparative advantage as convening power between governments, civil society, private sector, academia, member states and UN.

The top three recipients of Sida's multi-bi support in 2024 were UNDP, UNICEF and OCHA.



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.



The EU development policy is aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 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 Practitioner's Network for European Development Cooperation is a platform of 25 European organisations from 19 countries which supports knowledge exchange, joint action and strategic dialogue among members and with EU institutions, with the aim of strengthening cooperation and promoting synergies and efficiency in the implementation of the collective development cooperation of Team Europe. On 1st of May, 2025, Sida took over the one-year presidency together with the Belgian development agency Enabel.



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 2024, WBG was Sida's second largest development partner receiving SEK 1.7 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.

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