



Sida's support to United Nations Organisations

In 2024, Sida disbursed SEK 7.6 billion to United Nations (UN) organisations for development cooperation and humanitarian assistance. This constitutes almost 30 per cent of Sida's overall portfolio. The support to Ukraine has had a steep increase. Sida's main UN partners are UNDP, UNICEF, UNOCHA, WFP, UNFPA, UN MPTFO, UN Women, UNHCR, UNESCO and FAO.



SIDA'S PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS

UN organisations have a critical role in supporting countries in implementing Agenda 2030, humanitarian assistance and 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 fragility 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 the aggregated amount of several decentralized decisions by the thematic units at Sida and at Embassies of Sweden in partner countries and regional sections.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE UN

UNDP is Sida's largest UN recipient of the Sida portfolio, followed by UNICEF. Sida supports UNDP programmes across all regions. In 2024, Sida disbursed SEK 1.16 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 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. Contributions through UNDP hosted Multi-Partner Trust Funds are accounted for separately. Sida disbursed SEK 556 million to MPTFO. See mptf.undp.org. Sida disbursed in total SEK 1.14 billion to UNICEF of which humanitarian assistance amounted to SEK 584 million. Sida also have significant support to Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda as well as global support to Climate, WASH, Child Protection, Education and Social Protection. For more information about UNICEF, see unicef.org.

UN-OCHA manages country-based pooled funds for humanitarian assistance. Sida channelled SEK 722 million through OCHA.

FIGURE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS 2019-2024 (IN MILLION SEK)

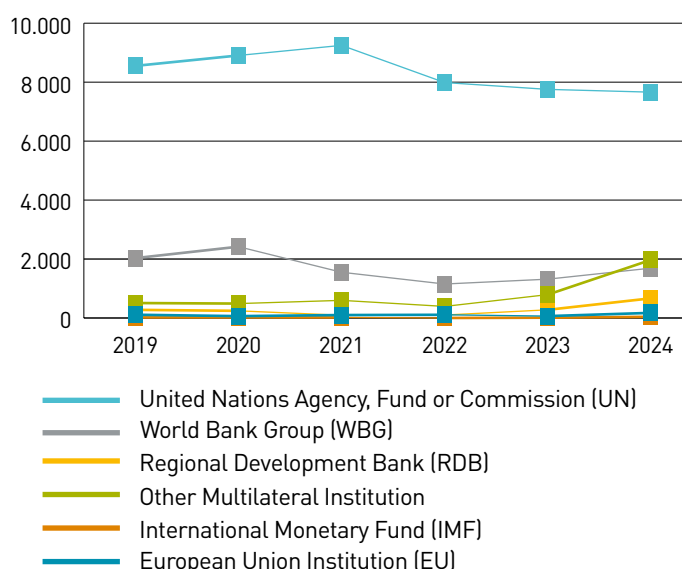
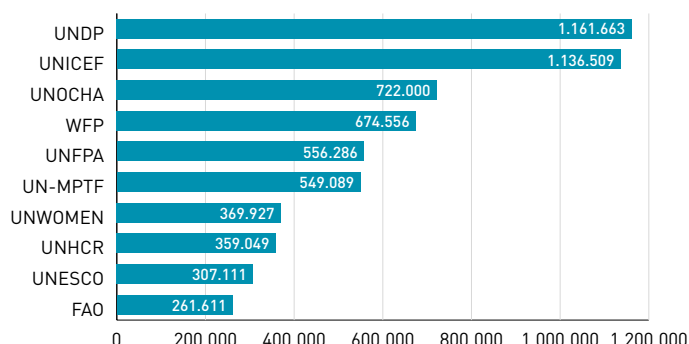


FIGURE 2: TOP 10 UN RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT FROM SIDA IN 2024 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



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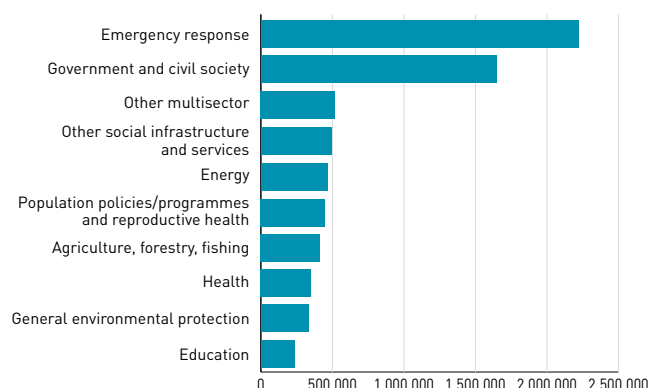
Support through UN organisations is most frequent within the appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance, Africa and Sustainable Development. The sectors (as classified by OECD-DAC) receiving most multi-bilateral support through the UN are:

1. Emergency Response
2. Government and Civil Society
3. Other multisector

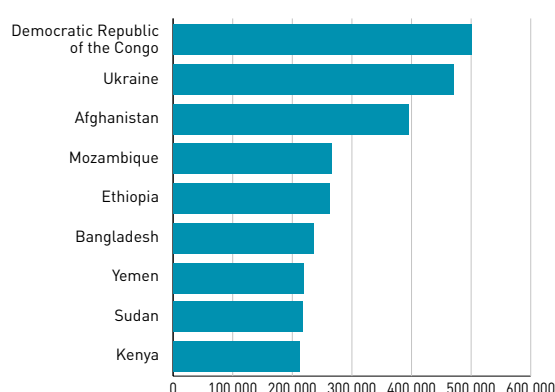
The countries receiving the largest amounts of Sida support through UN organisations in 2024 are included in Figure 4 below.

In addition, the support to UN global programmes are targeting several countries across regions. The unique global mandates of UN organisations serve countries both as a 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
– TOP 10 SECTORS IN 2024 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)**



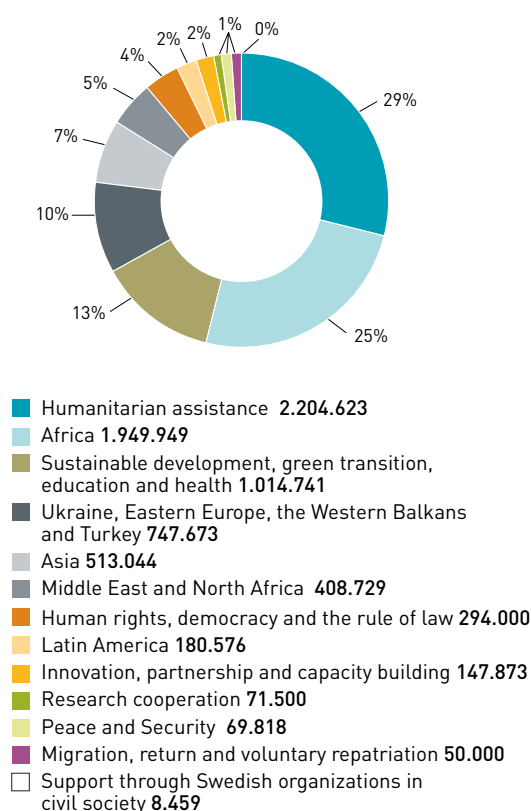
**FIGURE 4: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS
– TOP COUNTRIES IN 2024 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)**



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 categorised 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 17 per cent is directed towards specific projects. The remaining 2,35 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 5: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS
PER APPROPRIATION IN 2024 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)**

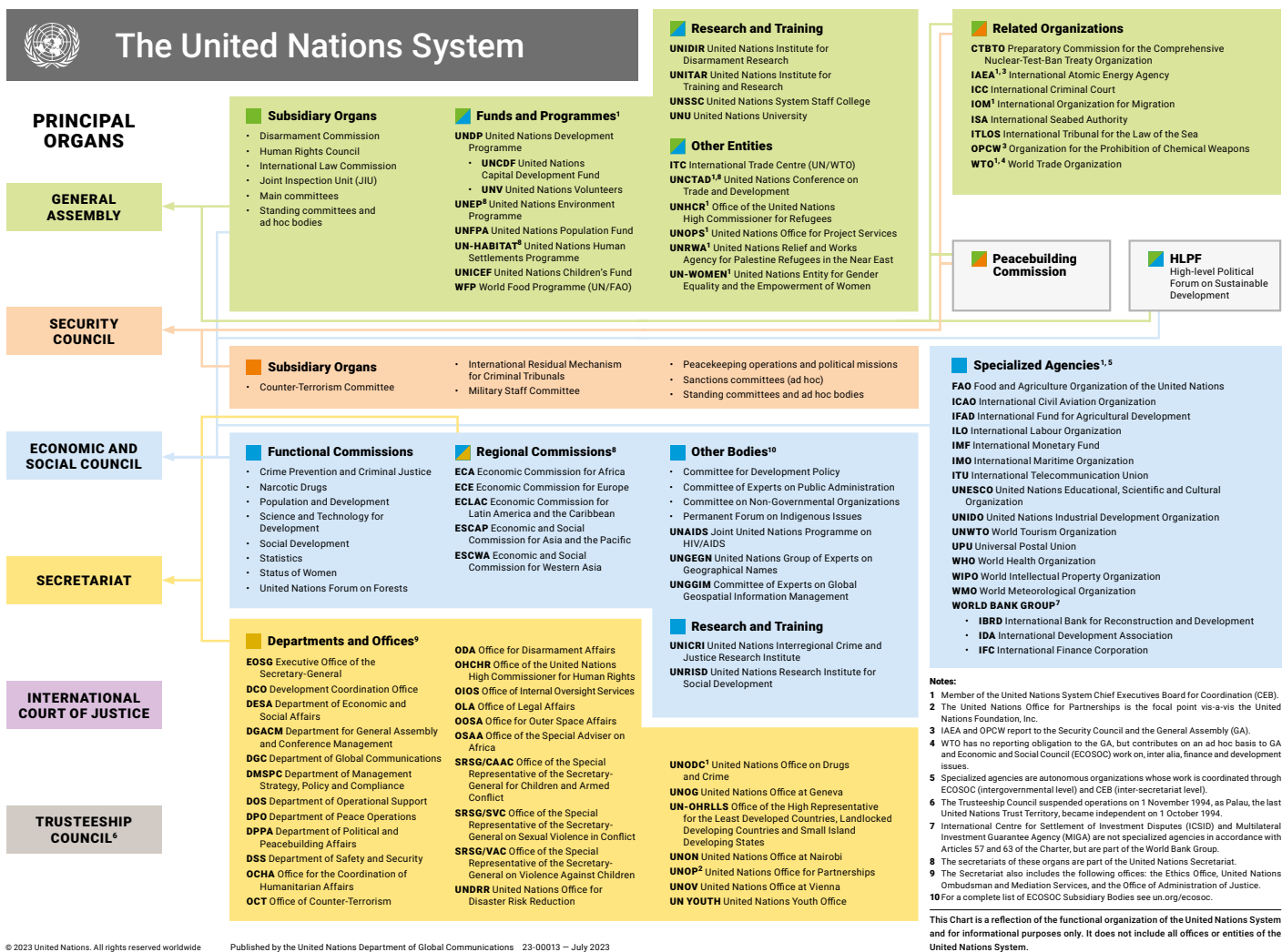


UN entities receiving support from Sida 2022-2024 (in thousand SEK)¹

Agreement Partner	2022	2023	2024
UNDP - United Nations Development Programme	1 225 764	1 120 967	1 161 663
UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund	1 370 415	1 386 777	1 136 509
UNOCHA - United Nations Office of Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs	500 339	579 959	722 000
WFP - World Food Programme	792 880	712 468	674 556
UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund	560 417	473 313	556 286
UN-MPTFO - UN Multi Partner Trust Fund Office	867 997	525 200	549 089
UNWOMEN - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	387 075	406 760	369 927
UNHCR - United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	326 334	319 909	359 049
UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation	198 871	284 591	307 111
FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation	443 700	395 682	261 611
ILO - International Labour Organisation - Regular Budget Supplementary Account	123 648	193 433	203 959
UNCDF - United Nations Capital Development Fund	37 424	66 450	187 514
UN - United Nations	165 817	176 145	171 119
UNOPS - United Nations Office for Project Services	168 650	172 313	154 552
IOM - International Organisation for Migration	128 868	142 885	137 860
UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organisation	44 288	49 939	128 036
OHCHR - United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (extrabudgetary contributions only)	143 500	191 641	120 500
WHO - World Health Organisation - core voluntary contributions account	277 583	317 945	89 500
UNHABITAT - United Nations Human Settlement Programme	81 650	44 034	79 866
UN - United Nations agency, fund or commission	63 398	65 573	67 445
UNDRR - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	35 000	95 000	55 000
UNRWA - United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	38 000	90 000	51 000
WTO ITC - World Trade Organisation - International Trade Centre	11 635	38 495	35 000
UNDEF - United Nations Democracy Fund	30 000	30 000	30 000
UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	-3 048*	12 031	17 400
UNECA - Economic Commission for Africa	19 956	10 000	14 240
IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development	12 335	9 694	10 000
UNV - United Nations Volunteers	10 000	-1 843*	9 310
UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme	9 901	8 175	4 927
UNSSC - United Nations System Staff College	9 164	2 346	970
UNFCCC - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	6 500		-126
UNDPA - United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Trust Fund in Support of Political Affairs	2 884	3 120	-2 250
Grand Total	8 115 785	7 925 001	7 660 985

1. Descending from* largest total disbursements in 2024

*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

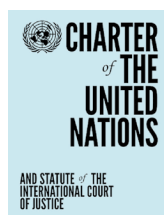
its founding Charter. The UN system is made up of the UN itself and several affiliated programmes, funds, and specialized agencies, all with their own membership, leadership, and budget. The UN specialized agencies are independent international organisations.

The UN reform addresses the need to be fit for the purpose for the opportunities and challenges presented by the 2030 Agenda.



Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres.

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The UN charter:

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

The UN system:

<https://www.un.org/>

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