



Sida's Support to the World Bank Group in 2025

In 2025, Sida disbursed SEK 1.04 billion to the World Bank Group (WBG). Sida's financial support is mainly directed through a number of trust funds and financial intermediary funds. These funds have a global, regional or country focus with either a specific thematic or geographical aim.

THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD BANK GROUP

The World Bank Group (WBG) is one of the world's largest sources of funding and knowledge for developing countries. Sida supports the WBG's mission and twin goals: to end extreme poverty and to promote shared prosperity on a livable planet.

Sweden's cooperation with the WBG is guided by the Government's overarching policy - *Development assistance for a new era*. The capacity of multilateral development banks, and the lever effect that they can enable, through concessional loans, grants and other financial instruments, can contribute to comprehensive systemic changes and reforms in developing countries.

SIDA'S SUPPORT TO THE WORLD BANK GROUP

Sida's support to the WBG is channelled through trust funds (TFs) and financial intermediary funds (FIFs), promoting global public goods through addressing global challenges as well as piloting innovations. The trust funds should complement the World Bank's longer-term lending instruments and grants to countries affected by conflict. Sida's contributions to trust funds are often commingled with contributions from other donors in multi-donor trust funds.

The financial support from Sida in 2025 was flexible or unearmarked, which allowed Sida, in dialogue with the WBG and partners, to influence strategic planning of programmes under the trust funds.

Financial intermediary funds (FIFs) are hosted entities within the WBG and have their own governance structures. Sida's largest contributions to a FIF are to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Sida also finances secondments of Swedish senior experts and Junior Professional Officers, providing expertise in areas of mutual priority as well as strengthening the Swedish resource base.

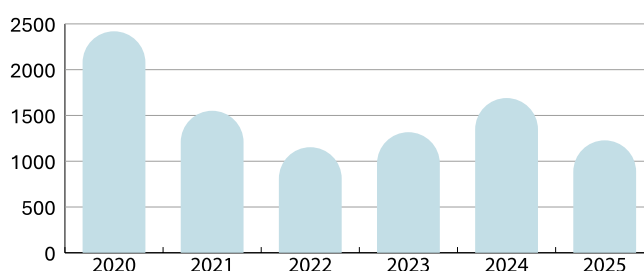
EVOLVING THE WORLD BANK GROUP

The President of the World Bank, Ajay Banga, prioritises job creation, climate change and energy, health, and private capital mobilisation. Banga has reinforced reforms such as "Evolving the WBG". The purpose is to become a "better and bigger" bank. Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Finance have the overall responsibility to represent Sweden in this reform process, with Sida contributing with its expertise.

FINANCIAL OUTCOME

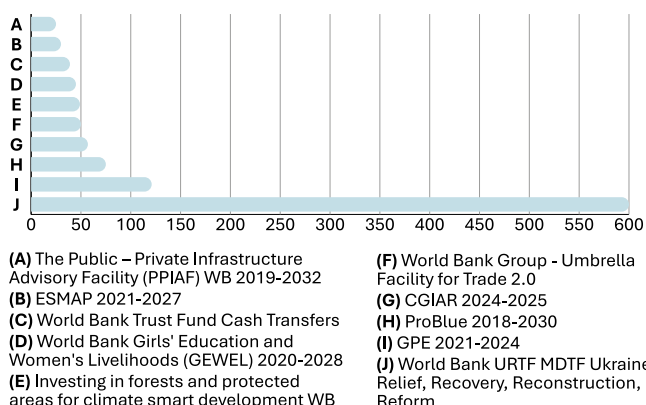
In 2025, Sida disbursed a total of SEK 1.04 billion to the WBG (Figure 1), making the WBG Sida's second largest partner.

FIGURE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT TO WBG 2020-2025 (MILLION SEK)



This is a decrease compared to 2024 when the total disbursement was SEK 1.7 billion. The decrease is mainly explained by the overall reduction of the Swedish aid budget and the Government decision to end Swedish bilateral development cooperation in several countries. Sida's ten largest contributions can be found in Figure 2 on the next page.

FIGURE 2: TOP 10 WBG TRUST FUNDS AND FIFS RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM SIDA IN 2025 (MILLION SEK)



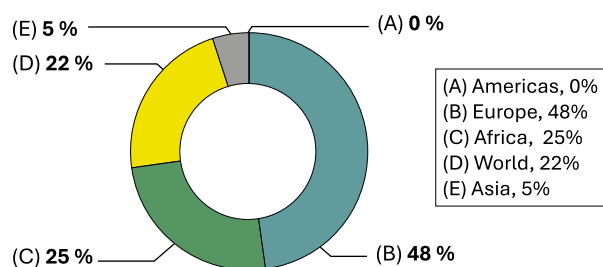
GEOGRAPHICAL AND THEMATIC DISTRIBUTION

The largest shares of Sida's support are directed to the WBG programmes in Eastern Europe and Africa, as well as through global thematic programmes (Figure 3). The biggest recipient countries were Ukraine, Mozambique, Zambia and Somalia. For thematic support, the main sectors are reconstruction relief and rehabilitation, energy, social infrastructure and services, education and agriculture, forestry and fishing.

STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

As part of "Team Sweden", Sida closely coordinates central engagement with the Bank together with the Swedish Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance, as well as with the Nordic-Baltic Constituency Office, which represents the Nordic and Baltic countries at the Board of the World Bank. Sida participates at the WBG/IMF Annual and Spring Meetings and contributes to other high-level dialogue, meetings or events, focusing on Swedish development priorities such as environment and climate, gender equality, private capital mobilisation and the WBG's efforts to work in conflict-affected contexts.

FIGURE 3: SIDA'S SUPPORT TO THE WBG BY REGION 2025



THE WORLD BANK GROUP'S INSTITUTIONS

The WBG has 189 member countries, staff from more than 170 countries and offices in over 130 locations.

The five institutions that form the WBG are the following:

1. International Development Association (IDA)
2. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
3. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
4. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
5. International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

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

PROGRAMMES RECEIVING FUNDING FROM SIDA

The Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) is a global knowledge and technical assistance trust fund administered by the World Bank that helps countries address their energy challenges, with a focus on affordable, reliable and modern energy while supporting environmentally sustainable development and poverty reduction.

Through grants and technical assistance ESMAP feeds directly into country policy dialogue and lending operations in the energy sector, helping shape planning, strategy development and project design.

The results reported for financial year 2024-2025 show that 21 million people gained access to electricity, 1.1 million gained access to clean cooking solutions, and 5,552 MW of renewable energy capacity enabled. Cumulatively, since 2020, ESMAP informed operations that enabled electricity access for 58 million people, clean cooking access for 2 million people, and 86,752 MW of renewable energy capacity. More information about ESMAP can be found at www.esmap.org/.

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