

Sida's support to UNESCO 2010*

In 2010 Sida made 3 contributions to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The amount disbursed to global UNESCO initiatives was MSEK 21. Sida's cooperation with UNESCO has mainly been focused on basic education, higher education, research and secondments. UNESCO is lead agency and is appointed as coordinator of Education for All. In 2010, the Government of Sweden's contribution to the regular budget of UNESCO was MSEK 23.7.

Sida's cooperation with UNESCO is governed by the Swedish Government's strategy for cooperation with UNESCO for 2008–2013.

Both the volume of disbursements and the number of contributions varied considerably from year to year during the period 2004–2010 (Table 1).

Sida's contribution to UNESCO by Sector

In 2010, 100 % of the support has been directed to the Education sector. It is notable that the other sectors did not receive any support in 2010 (See table 2). This support has been fairly

Contributions from Sida in support of UNESCO's institutes and programmes are often entitled "multibi" (multi-bilateral aid). These should be distinguished from non-earmarked or core contributions to the regular budget of multilateral institutions, which are called "multilateral aid". The latter type of support is disbursed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or another ministry, and only in exceptional cases by Sida. In the case of UNESCO the core support is disbursed by the Ministry of Education and Research.

Table 1: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of contributions	13	20	15	12	13	3
Total amount (MSEK)	46.3	74.9	49.5	39.9	45.6	21

Table 2: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010 by sector (percentage of total amount per year)

Sida main sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Education	48	54	46	75	72	96
Research	31	10	9	19	0	4
Democracy, human rights & gender equality	4	19	19	0	30	0
Sustainable infrastructure & services	15	7	12	0	0	
Environment	0	7	5	0	0	0
Other	3	3	9	6	2	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

* The statistics refer to all contributions up until 31 dec 2010. Returning funds have been excluded.

Mandate and strategic priorities

UNESCO is the United Nations agency for education, the natural sciences, the social and human sciences, culture, communication and information. As a UN organisation it has the authority to play a major role as standard setter

and catalyst for international cooperation. It also plays an important role in certain sectors as capacity developer. As a specialised agency of the United Nations, UNESCO is a normative, knowledge-based organisation.

constant over the years until 2010 when it was reduced by 50% (Table 2).

The education support includes contributions to the program Education for All (EFA) Global Monitoring Report and a secondment to Education for sustainable Development and one secondment to Gender.

The cooperation has also included support to Cap EFA, a special commitment to accelerating the Education for All campaign. The largest support from Sida was directed to the International Institute for Edu-

cational Planning, IIEP, followed by UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning.

The Research sector was the second-largest in terms of Sida disbursements throughout the period 2004–2008.

However, in 2010 only a small contribution of 830 000 SEK was made.

Sida's contribution to UNESCO by Region

As reflected in table 3, all Sida's contributions was directed to Global level.

Table 3: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010 by region (percentage of total amount per year)

Region/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Africa	5	25	0	28	0	0
Asia	0	0	0	5	0	0
Global	95	75	100	67	100	100
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100