

Sida's support to WFP 2010*

In 2010, Sida disbursed a total contribution of MSEK 97.6 in support of 9 World Food Programme's (WFP) interventions. Sida provides support to emergency operations of WFP in the event of extraordinary humanitarian needs as a complement to the core support to WFP which amounted to MSEK 556.5 in 2010. This makes Sweden the seventh biggest donor to WFP. The core support is allocated to both emergency and rehabilitation projects and is distributed to countries based on an annual request from WFP.

Sweden's contribution to WFP is a non-earmarked regular contribution, to humanitarian efforts. The funds can only be used for development programmes if it has been incorporated in the country strategy. The Swedish core contribution should primarily be used for life-saving emergency and urgent recovery responses, and be used for the procurement of food aid in developing countries. It is only under special circumstances and for unforeseen major emergencies that Sweden can consider requests for additional contributions, that are not covered by the multilateral contribution.

Sida assesses additional requests in terms of urgent humanitarian needs

and operational response capacity of the humanitarian community. Disbursements and number of contributions from Sida therefore show extreme variations between years. (Table 1)

High annual disbursements reflect particular severe food shortages due to conflicts or natural disasters. Large disbursements were made in 2010 due to drought conditions in the Sahel area and the flooding's in Pakistan. The largest direct contribution from Sida amounted to MSEK 45 and was allocated to the floods in Pakistan. Two contributions of each MSEK 10 were directed to the programmes in Mali and Niger.

Contributions from Sida in support of WFP's 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.

Table 1: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of contributions	7	4	4	3	7	9
Total amount (MSEK)	135.8	6.7	23.0	33.6	52.7	98

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

Mandate and strategic priorities

WFP's strategic plan for 2008–2013 lays out five objectives for the organization:

1. Save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies
2. Prevent acute hunger and invest in disaster preparedness and mitigation measures
3. Restore and rebuild lives and livelihoods in post-conflict, post-disaster or transition situations
4. Reduce chronic hunger and undernutrition
5. Strengthen the capacities of countries to reduce hunger, including through hand-over strategies and local purchase

These objectives reflect the changing nature of food aid and hunger, and WFP's history, experience and comparative advantages.

The plan marks a historical shift from WFP as a food aid agency to WFP as a food assistance agency, with a more nuanced and robust set of tools to respond to critical hunger needs. Its overarching goal is to reduce dependency and to support governmental and global efforts to ensure long term solutions to the hunger challenge.

Sida's Contribution to WFP by Region

There is a great variation in Sida support between regions. In 2010, all the funds allocated directly from Sida were given mainly to Africa (54 %) and Asia (46 %).

Sida's Contribution to WFP by Sector

Humanitarian Assistance is the predominant sector in the WFP-contributions from Sida. (Table 3).

Two JPO's were recruited in 2010, to replace two persons who have left the organization in 2009. The two new JPOs work in the area of nutrition and cash. The aim of the JPO programme is to increase the number of qualified Swedish staff at multilateral organisations in areas of strategic relevance to Sweden. A second objective is to build a well-trained Swedish re-

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

Region/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Africa	70	35	87	0	74	54
America	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asia	29	65	0	84	26	46
Global	1	0	13	16	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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

Sida main sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Conflict, peace and security	0	0	87	0	0	0
Humanitarian aid	44	93	8	84	96	97
Other (B4D-Zambia)	56	7	5	16	4	3
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

source base for international development cooperation. In addition to this a Buissness for Development (B4D) contribution was given to a WFP project in Zambia.

In addition the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (SCCA), provides personnel and other support to WFP's interventions.