

Portfolio Overview

Sida's Support to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 2012

In 2012, Sida contributed to 11 projects and programmes with FAO, to a total disbursed amount of MSEK 156. FAO is the seventh largest multilateral recipient organisation in terms of Sida's multi-bilateral disbursements. The agriculture and forestry sector accounted for over half of the disbursements in 2012, while the rest was allocated for humanitarian assistance. The Government of Sweden's contribution to FAO's regular budget in 2012 was MSEK 35.

José Graziano da Silva started his work as Director General for FAO in 2012. He continued with the reform process and a new strategic framework has been elaborated. The total annual budget of FAO is approximately 120 Bn USD, and close to 60% is voluntary extra budget support, while the rest is assessed contributions (member state fees). Sweden is the sixth biggest extra budgetary bilateral donor to FAO.

The significant reduction in annual disbursements between 2008 and 2009 is primarily due to the end of our Avian flu intervention. The reduction of number of contributions between 2011 and 2012 is mainly due to the introduction of a multi-country agreement for the humanitarian support.

Sida has a an ongoing four-year (2010–2013) agreement with FAO at central level, on 131 MSEK, supporting the three FAO Strategic Objec-

tives; (1) Sustainable management of land, water and genetic resources and improved responses to global environmental challenges affecting food and agriculture, (2) Enabling environment for markets to improve livelihoods and rural development and (3) Sustainable management and use of fisheries and aquaculture resources.

FAO is a key partner to Sida in providing humanitarian assistance, especially as regards food security. Some of the larger contributions in 2012 were for humanitarian assistance in conflict areas (Somalia 23 MSEK, Central Africa 20, Kenya 14, and Burundi 13). Sida did in 2012 agree with FAO on a two year support to the humanitarian department with a total of 73 MSEK for the following countries: Somalia 10 MSEK, Niger 7 MSEK, Chad 10 MSEK, Ethiopia 7 MSEK, Other Sahel/West Africa 10 MSEK, North Korea 6 MSEK, Not yet allocated 15 MSEK, Support

Definition of Multilateral and Multi-Bi Support (Core and non-Core Contributions)

Contributions from Sida to FAO for programmes and projects are often entitled "Multi-Bi" (multilateral bilateral) support or earmarked, non-core contributions. These should be distinguished from non-earmarked contributions to the organisation's regular budget, usually called core support or assessed contributions ("membership fees") and also labelled "multilateral aid". The latter type of support is processed and decided upon by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) but disbursed by Sida, or other Government Offices. In the case of FAO, the core support is disbursed by the Ministry of Rural Affairs.

TABLE 1: SIDA ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS 2008–2012

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of contributions	41	28	21	19	11
Total amount (MSEK)	275.5	155.7	166	156	155

MANDATE AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy. Achieving food security for all is its main task. FAO's mandate covers agriculture, rural development, forestry and fisheries. As a specialised agency of the United Nations, FAO is a normative, knowledge-based organisation.

Swedish priorities for FAO include the on-going modernisation and streamlining of FAO's organisation and work modalities, and enhanced capacity in order for it to (1) serve as a centre of

excellence; (2) monitor the global natural resources for agriculture, fisheries and forests in an ecosystem perspective; (3) propose relevant political improvements in the management of natural resources; and (4) provide a forum for intergovernmental cooperation and negotiation in order to promote food supply for present and future generations. FAO is at present in the middle of a major reorganisation process following an external independent evaluation. Together with a new way of programming of the FAO core activities, the reorganisation is expected to pave the way for more programmatic extra-budgetary cooperation.

to capacity development 6 MSEK. This reflects Sida's ambition to be more predictable and programmatic as a donor, even in the emergency context.

Sida also supports FAO through the financing of one Swedish Junior Professional Officer (JPOs) working for FAO. The aim of the JPO programme is to increase the number of qualified Swedish staff in areas of strategic relevance to Sweden. A second objective is to build a well-trained Swedish resource base for international development cooperation.

**TABLE 2: SIDA ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS 2008–2012 BY REGION
(PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR)**

Region	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Africa	42	30	55	51	66
Latin America	8	2	0	0	0
Asia	32	37	22	21	6
Europe	4	0	0	0	0
Global	14	31	23	26	28
Total	100	100	100	100	100

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