

Portfolio Overview

Sida's Support to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 2012

In 2012, Sida contributed to 13 UNFPA projects and programmes, with a total amount of 462 MSEK. This was considerably higher than in the previous three years, largely due to one major multi-UN regional programme with UNFPA as recipient of a grant intended for further channelling to different UN agencies, including UNFPA itself. The contributions to UNFPA are predominantly categorized as health support but a number of programmes are recorded as contributing to democracy, human rights and gender equality. In 2012, 89 % of the funding to UNFPA was for the health sector. In addition to Sida's contribution, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs provided 446 MSEK as core support to UNFPA. Hence, Sweden's total funding of the agency amounted to 908 MSEK in 2012.

Sida contributes to the work of UNFPA in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights, including gender-based violence. Sweden's core support disbursed by the MFA in 2012 was 446 MSEK, which together with Sida's disbursements makes Sweden one of the largest donors to UNFPA.

The number of Sida contributions has been stable over the years, ranging between 10 and 15 during the five-year period 2008–2012 (Table 1). The total amount disbursed varied over the years, peaking in 2012 with 462 MSEK, due to a large multi-UN contribution channelled through and administered by UNFPA. This particular contribution somewhat skews the picture as only a part of the

contribution remains with UNFPA (exact figures not yet available). With the exception of 2008 and 2012 with significantly low and high disbursements, the annual contribution to UNFPA ranges from 82.5 to 109 MSEK.

Sida's Support to UNFPA by Region

Africa is the dominating region in terms of share of support over the five years; in 2008–09 disbursements to Africa accounted for 53 percent of Sida's support. In 2012, it was as high as 90 percent with support directed to regional programmes, Zimbabwe and Liberia. Given the remarkably strong focus on Africa in 2012, other

Contributions from Sida to UNFPA's projects and programmes are often entitled "Multi-Bi" (multi-bilateral) support. This should be distinguished from non-earmarked contributions to the organisation's regular budget, usually called core support and also labelled "multilateral aid". The latter is processed and decided upon by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

TABLE 1: SIDA ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS 2008–2012

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of contributions	12	15	10	13	13
Total amount (MSEK)	36.6	82.5	109	83	462

MANDATE AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

As the Population Agency of the United Nations, UNFPA promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programmes to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect.

UNFPA is guided by the Programme of Action adopted at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)

in Cairo. The Strategic Plan for 2008–2013 sets the framework for UNFPA support to programme countries to achieve their nationally-owned development objectives in three interrelated areas: (1) population and development, (2) reproductive health and rights, and (3) gender equality. UNFPA focuses on supporting national ownership, national leadership and capacity development, as well as advocacy and multi-sectorial partnership to promote the ICPD agenda.

regions as well as support to global programmes reached all time low percentages of the total. Latin America was the second largest recipient region at 4 percent of the total contributions to Guatemala and Bolivia. Europe and Asia accounted for a significantly low level of disbursements of a combined one percent of the total. Despite the large populations of Asia, UNFPA has received notably limited support from Sida in that region over the past years. Support to global programmes has declined to a low of 5 percent in 2012, due to the strong concentration on Africa. Support to the Maternal Health Thematic Fund is the single programme that received the most support.

Sida's Support to UNFPA by Sector

Health as a general statistical component relates to all health interventions, including Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and HIV/Aids. Health has been the predominant sector over the period as a whole, and peaked in 2012 with 89 percent of the disbursements. Support recorded to the democracy, human rights and gender equality sector has declined from 58 percent in 2009, to 11 percent in 2012 (Table 3).

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

Region	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Africa	70	53	43	53	90
Latin America	15	14	12	9	4
Asia	0	1	0	3	0
Europe	5	0	7	5	1
Global	10	32	38	30	5
Total	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3: SIDA ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS 2008–2012 BY SECTOR (PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR)

Sida main sector	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Health	33	37	59	59	89
Dem., HR & Gender Eq	41	58	37	36	11
Humanitarian Aid	16	4	4	0	–
Other	10	1	1	4	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Humanitarian assistance is a separate sector, and includes support to UNFPA in cases of emergency response in a particular country. In 2012, there were no disbursements to UNFPA for humanitarian support.

A small percentage of disbursement each year is classified as “Other”, which includes the financing of two Swedish Junior Professional Officers (JPOs). In 2012, there was one Swedish funded JPO in UNFPA.

The JPOs are midwives, and in this capacity they are an important part of support to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). The aim of the JPO programme is to increase the number of qualified Swedish staff at multilateral organizations in areas of strategic relevance to Sweden. A second objective is to build a well-trained Swedish resource base for international development cooperation.