

Portfolio Overview

Sida's support to United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) 2013

UNOPS mission is to serve people in need by supporting the United Nations, governments and other partners in managing development projects and conducting infrastructure projects and procurements in a sustainable and efficient manner. In 2013, Sida made ten non-core contributions to UNOPS, totalling an amount of 120 MSEK. UNOPS is now Sida's eighth largest development partner in the UN system.

Financial Overview

Sida's support to UNOPS has been rather stable since 2009, apart from a substantial increase in 2012. The reason behind this peak is that UNOPS took over the management of a Multi Donor Trust Fund for water and sanitation from the World Bank.

Geographical and Thematic distribution

Sida's support to UNOPS is predominantly within the sector of Sustainable Infrastructure and Services. In accordance with UNOPS' mandate, most contributions are focused around the maintenance of roads, or water and sanitation. For example, the largest Sida contribution to UNOPS in 2013 was for improving rural roads in Afghanistan. The second largest Sida contribution was support to a multi-donor UN-fund, focusing on maternal and child health in Myanmar. Thus, looking at the geographical spread of the portfolio in 2013, the main part of the support went to Asia (63 percent). The reason for the increase in support to Africa in 2012 is mainly because UNOPS took over a large contribution from the World Bank as mentioned above (chart 2).

Results

Global Trends

With over 7,000 personnel spread across 80 countries, UNOPS offers its partners logistical, technical and management knowledge. Selected global results reported by UNOPS in 2013:

- UNOPS constructed or repaired 3,569 km of road, 31 schools, 26 hospitals or medical facilities, 35 government administration buildings, and 81 bridges.
- UNOPS supported its partners with cars, medical equipment, construction supplies and machinery, pharmaceuticals, security and demining-related goods, and furniture.
- UNOPS supported its partners by implementing 1,230 projects and training more than 47,000 people.

Projects and Programmes

Regarding Sida's support to Rural Roads in Afghanistan, the programme has overall achieved the objectives. In 2013, 78 km of road was built and 690 km road maintained. The programme is well established and has

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

Contributions from Sida to UNOPS 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 and also labelled "multilateral aid". The latter type of support is processed and decided upon by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or another ministry. UNOPS, however, does not receive any core support.

TABLE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS TO UNOPS 2009–2013

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
No. of contributions	5	8	12	6	11
Total Amount (MSEK)	119	123	169	241	120

CHART 1: SIDA'S SUPPORT TO UNOPS BY SECTOR 2009–2013 (MSEK)

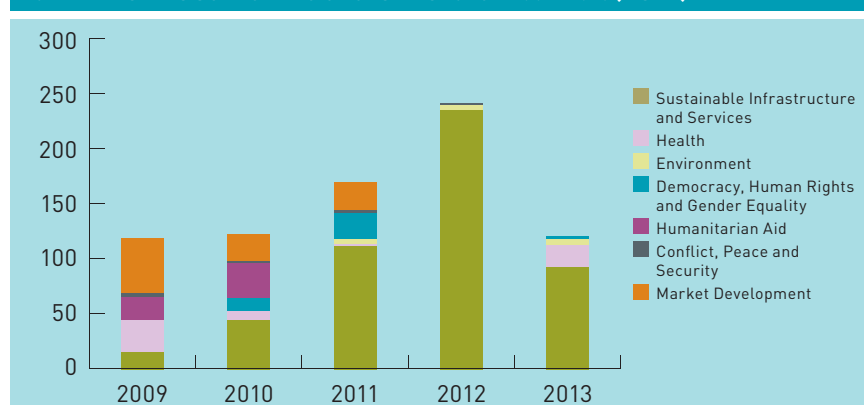
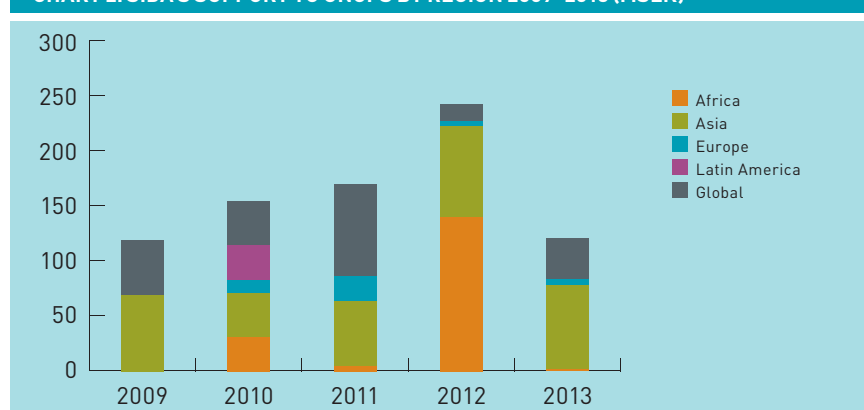


CHART 2: SIDA'S SUPPORT TO UNOPS BY REGION 2009–2013 (MSEK)



UNOPS – MANDATE AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

UNOPS mandate is to provide project management services in the areas of development assistance, conduct infrastructure projects and procurement for the UN system. UNOPS do not receive any core funding as the other UN funds and programmes but is financed fully from non-core contributions. The current

focus is to provide support services to partners in the following areas: Physical Infrastructure, Justice and Security Sector Reform, Census and Elections, and Environment and Health. UNOPS shares the Executive Board with UNDP and UNFPA.

developed methods for interaction with the local level, as well as authorities and political stakeholders. It has contributed to employment for women, with 21,240

working days regarding the work site, and at least 220 jobs through specific actions. A pilot model for the priority of road maintenance operations is now developed

by the project in order to launch the model nationally.