



Sida's support to United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

In 2016, Sida support through UNDP amounted to a total of SEK 1.36 billion. UNDP is thereby Sida's largest development partner in the UN system. Sweden's core support to UNDP, provided by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA), amounted to SEK 615 million, out of which SEK 470 million was disbursed in advance in late 2015 and SEK 145 million in 2016.



THE PARTNERSHIP WITH UNDP

Sida and UNDP have a long-standing partnership which spans across UNDP's current strategic plan 2014–2017. The Swedish Government Strategy for Sweden's Cooperation with UNDP guides Sida's collaboration with UNDP. Financial contributions are decided in accordance with thematic and/or geographic priorities set out by the Government of Sweden in Results Strategies.

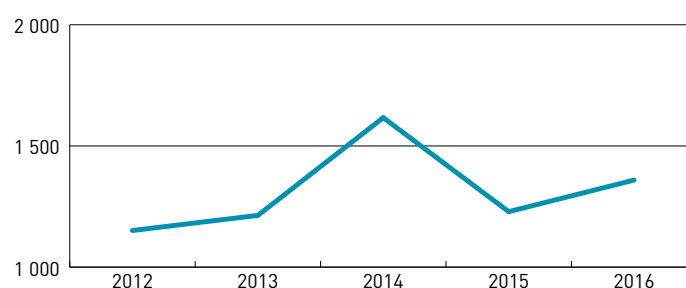
UNDP's scope of work matches Swedish development priorities, including in the areas of poverty eradication, gender equality, democratic governance, human rights, sustaining peace and stability and tackling challenges related to climate change and environmental degradation.

UNDP is also a key partner in Sweden's support to multilateral collaboration and joint functions within the UN. Sweden's support through UNDP contributes to UNDP's work in some 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. UNDP helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and to build resilience in order to sustain development results.

FINANCIAL OUTCOME

The support through UNDP comprise of core contributions from Ministry for Foreign Affairs and non-core/earmarked contributions primarily through Sida. Swedish development cooperation managed by Sida in partnership with UNDP amounted to SEK 1.36 billion in 2016, disbursed through

FIGURE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT TO UNDP, MSEK



91 contributions in 36 countries and regions. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs provided SEK 615 million in core support, out of which 145 million was disbursed in 2016, totalling the total amount paid to UNDP in SEK 1.6 billion. An estimated SEK 570 million was allocated to programmes implemented directly by UNDP.

A significant share of Sida's UNDP support in 2016 was for UN joint funding arrangements managed by UNDP's Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office. The MPTF's facilitates UN coherence and development effectiveness in addressing multifaceted issues. The main pooled mechanisms currently used by the UN system are Multi-Partner Trust Funds (MPTF's), Joint Programmes (JP's), One UN Funds and Common Humanitarian Funds. In pooled funding arrangements, UNDP often serves both as an administrative agent and as an implementing agency.

THE GLOBAL GOALS

The Global Goals for Sustainable Development include everyone – and we can all contribute. The goals are interdependent and therefore indivisible. Sida's main contribution is to implement development cooperation, thereby reducing poverty and saving lives. Together we can build a better future where no one is left behind.



Results

UNDP MANDATE AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

UNDP's mandate is to empower lives and build resilient nations. UNDP supports national processes to accelerate the progress of sustainable human development. It aims at eradicating extreme poverty, and reducing inequalities and exclusion. UNDP's main priorities and focus areas emphasized in the 2014–2017 Strategic Plan are: [1] Sustainable development; [2] Democratic governance and peace-building; and [3] Climate and disaster resilience. UNDP works in more than 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. UNDP help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results. UNDP also has a unique and close relationship with national governments. Within the UN family UNDP is the administrator of the Resident Coordinator System, promoting overall coordination of the development activities of the UN system, both at the country and global level. UNDP is therefore a key actor in the on-going UN reforms, aiming to make the UN system more effective.

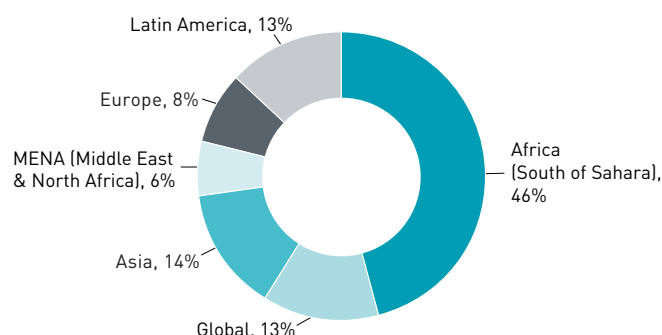
GEOGRAPHICAL AND THEMATIC DISTRIBUTION

Half of the total amount to UNDP in 2016 was for programmes in Africa. Africa is thereby the region which received the largest share followed by the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA), Asia and to Global support (see chart 2). Support to Africa has generally increased since 2006. This trend is not unique to the funding of UNDP, but a reflection of the overall development assistance from Sida.

Most UNDP contributions are within the sector of Democracy, Human Rights and Gender Equality (SEK 414 million) 31% was distributed to 46 different programmes) followed by Conflict, Peace and Security (16%). Since UNDP took on the role of fund manager for larger humanitarian pooled funds in 2006, the funding provided by Sida to UNDP for humanitarian assistance through these funds has comprised of 25–40 % of the total UNDP contribution. In 2016 SEK 440 million was disbursed through humanitarian country-based pooled funds. UNDP's role in these is mainly administrative, whereas the main implementing agencies are WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR and other agencies with humanitarian field operations.

The sector named "Other" in chart 3 includes the financing of Swedish Junior Professional Officers (JPOs) and secondments as part of the Swedish Multilateral Secondment Programme. The "other" sector also includes Sida's support to UN reform at country level, either as support to One UN funds or to the Special Assistant to the UN Resident Coordinator (SARC) programme, in an effort to strengthen UN coordination and UN reform efforts at country levels.

FIGURE 2: SIDA'S SUPPORT TO UNDP BY REGION



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UNDP is one of the most – according to Aid Transparency Index the most – transparent UN agency. UNDP offers detailed information about projects and programmes at <http://open.undp.org>. UNDP's annual reports and evaluation reports can be accessed through <http://www.undp.org/>.

Results from pooled funding arrangements managed by UNDP's Multi Partner Trust Fund Office are available at <http://mptf.undp.org/>.