



Sida's Multi-bi Support

Sweden's development cooperation channelled through multilateral organisations and the EU has increased in recent years. The amount was close to SEK 24 billion in 2017, which constitute 51 % of total Swedish official development assistance (ODA). Core support to multilateral organisations' regular budgets is decided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while Sida manages the main part of Sweden's multi-bi support, which in 2018 totalled SEK 11 billion, constituting 44 % of Sida's total disbursements.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



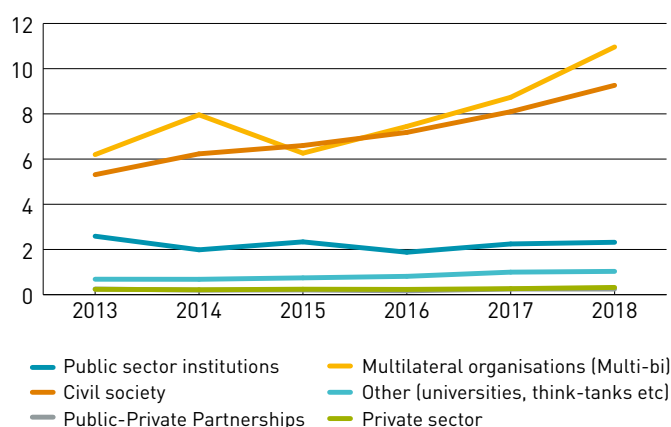
THE PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS

Multilateral organisations, including the UN, the World Bank, the OECD, and the EU, are key stakeholders for tackling challenges in the world, especially for supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the 2030 Agenda. Thus, Sweden's collaboration with them is vital. By actively and strategically working with these organisations, Sweden's development cooperation delivers better results and can influence how the organisations operate. Multilateral organisations also maintain a vital role by enabling dialogue with countries where Sweden lacks bilateral state-to-state cooperation. Sweden's broad partnerships with multilateral organisations are made possible through a so-called "Team Sweden" approach. This means that the Government Office, specifically the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Sida work in close cooperation with Swedish Embassies and our permanent missions to the UN, the EU and the OECD.

SIDA'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Multi-bi support is defined as earmarked support that goes through multilateral organisations (as compared to core or budget support). Financially, Sida contributed with a total of SEK 11 billion in 2018 to – and through – multilateral organisations, which equals 44 % of Sida's total development contributions in 2018. Sida's increasing support to

FIGURE 1: SIDA'S CONTRIBUTIONS BY IMPLEMENTING PARTNER, BILLION SEK



multilateral institutions can be explained by several factors. For example, economic growth in Sweden, which increase the total Swedish aid budget. Another factor is the increasing trust in multilateral organisations and their delivery of development results and outcomes, not least in fragile states and conflict-ridden contexts, including through humanitarian response.

Sida's multi-bi support is more than financial contributions. Sida plays an important role in Sweden's overall dialogue and cooperation with multilateral institutions.

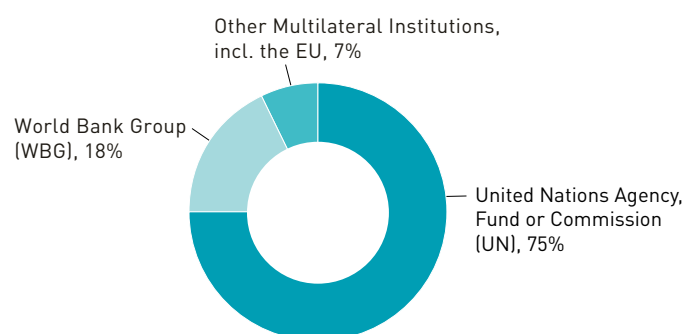
THE GLOBAL GOALS

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

FIGURE 2: SIDA'S SUPPORT TO MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE EU IN 2018



Sweden serves as a board member in various organisations and Sida attends and contribute actively to the board meetings as well as during annual high-level meetings with the UN agencies – including with UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA, as well as with the World Bank. In addition, Sida has in the past year arranged bilateral meetings with the UN Secretariat, the OECD and the EU and will in 2019 host a high-level strategic consultation with the World Bank. Sida continues to highlight good results that can be replicated in future collaboration, as well as point out areas for improvement based on our cooperation at country, regional and global levels.

As part of Sida's strengthening of the agency's multilateral cooperation, two senior policy experts are posted to the Swedish UN and EU representations in New York (from 2019) and Brussels (from 2017). In addition, a bilateral associate expert is seconded from Sida to the UN representation in New York. These secondments will further enhance the approach to draw upon Sida's operational experiences from the agency's development cooperation at country, regional and global levels to further contribute to Sweden's policy dialogue with the UN and the EU.

COOPERATION THROUGH THE UN

In 2018, 75 % of Sida's multi-bi support was channelled through UN agencies, amounting to over SEK 8.2 billion. The UN is Sida's largest development partner and Sida considers the UN to play an important role in development cooperation in critical areas such as eradication of poverty, human rights, democracy, gender equality and climate change challenges. For Sida and Sweden, the 17 SDGs and the 2030 Agenda – adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015 – are vital for Sida's cooperation with the UN and guiding dialogue and collaboration at all levels. The top three UN partners and recipients of Sida's multi-bi support in 2018 were UNDP, UNICEF and FAO.



COOPERATION THROUGH THE EU

Sweden, as a Member State of the European Union (EU), contributes annually around SEK 3 billion to EU's development cooperation budget. Together, the EU and its Member States contribute to more than half of the ODA globally, which makes European development cooperation very significant. The EU development policy aligns the EU's policy with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The purpose of this policy and EU sectorial policies is to eradicate poverty, to ensure sustainable economic and social development, promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law as well as to respond to humanitarian crises.



Sida provides expertise to the Swedish Government in its effort to advance the EU's development policy and actions. Sida also cooperates with the EU Commission, its field offices and the EU Delegations in partner countries in order to work better together and provide our cooperation partners with coherent and more effective support. In addition, Sida is a member of the European Practitioners Network, a network based in Brussels consisting of development cooperation agencies from 16 Member States. The purpose of collaborating on issues related to the implementation of interventions such as methodology and tools for follow-up and evaluation.

COOPERATION THROUGH MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS (MDB)

MDBs represent important channels for support of Swedish strategies and priorities in development cooperation. Sida's main MDB-partners are the World Bank Group (WBG), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the African and Asian Development Banks (AfDB, ADB). Overall, WBG is Sida's second largest development partner, receiving SEK 1.9 billion in 2018. The WBG aims to eliminate poverty and promote shared prosperity. The bilateral High-Level Strategic Consultations (HLSC) with the WBG was first introduced in 2017 as a new approach to strengthen Sweden's strategic dialogue and cooperation with the WBG focusing on areas of mutual strategic priority.



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