



Sida's support to United Nations Organisations

In 2018, United Nations (UN) organisations together received SEK 8.3 billion from Sida, a third of Sida's overall development cooperation budget. Sida's cooperation with UN organisations has increased significantly over the last decade. UN is an important partner in development work as well as in humanitarian assistance. The main cooperation partners among UN agencies are UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, UNFPA, UNOCHA, WHO and WFP.



THE PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS

Sida supports the UN's unique position as a convener and platform for advancing the global agenda in several thematic and geographical areas. UN organisations play a key role as implementing partner of programmes supported by Sida.

An increasingly large part of the development work is conducted in unstable and fragile countries and in conflict environments. The UN has experience of conflict management and peace-building work and has the capacity and organisations to work even in very difficult environments. In countries with fragile peace and weak governance systems, UN agencies are often the preferred partner both by the recipient country and for donors such as Sida.

Sida's support through UN organisations is at large multi-year and not tightly earmarked. This helps the UN organisations with long-term and strategic planning, as well as to act quickly in crisis, and adapt to changes in the local context.

The process of reforming and strengthening the UN is ongoing, and Sweden plays an active role. This includes increased transparency, better results and more qualitative funding for the UN.

Sweden's development policy vis-à-vis the United Nations is guided by the Government Strategy for Multilateral Development Policy and organisation specific cooperation strategies when these exists.

Decisions on financial contributions and choices of implementing partners are managed by Sida in a decentralised manner. Such decisions are guided by Strategies for Development Cooperation as decided by the Government of Sweden. These strategies are thematic and geographical in scope. Sida selects its partners based on relevance and capacity in relation to the results expected to be achieved in the specific context.

Sida's multi-bilateral support to UN organisations is managed through different financing modalities; non-earmarked, thematic or programme funding; or earmarked project funding. Sida also supports UN joint programming. Sida's development support to UN Joint Programmes and Multi-Partner Trust Fund arrangements are mainly through the UNDP (Multi Partner Trust Fund Office, MPTFO).

FINANCIAL OUTCOME

In 2018, multilateral organisations received approximately 44 % of Sida's total disbursements and 75 % of the multi-bilateral support was channelled through UN organisations. Contributions to UN organisations increased by SEK 2 billion in 2018 as compared to the previous year.

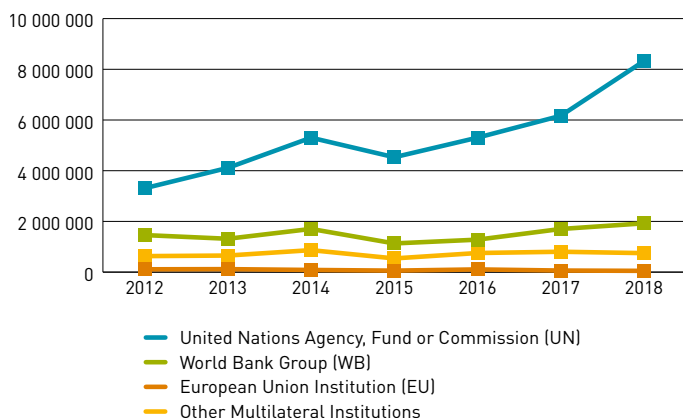
THE GLOBAL GOALS

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.



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FIGURE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



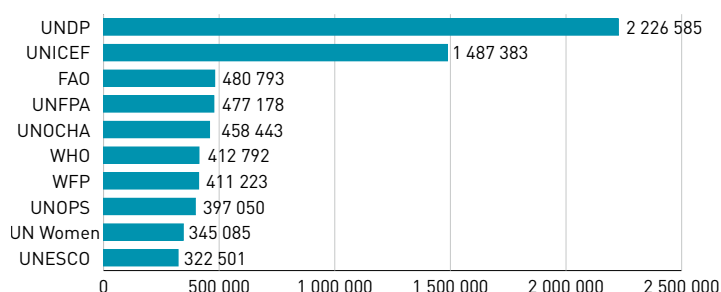
UNDP stands out as the largest recipient of Sida contributions. This is partly because UNDP receives funding on behalf of other UN organisations, and for UN joint programmes and multi-partner trust fund arrangements. About half of Sida's disbursements to UNDP in 2018 were received by the UNDP Multi Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO) and forwarded to several UN organisations (UNDP included) for implementation of activities in different joint UN development efforts. MPTFO has an informative website at <http://mptf.undp.org/>.

Sida supports UNDP implemented programmes across all regions of the world. Both UNDP and Sida has a strong engagement in countries affected by conflict and where progress on poverty reduction is slowest. We often cooperate in support of making institutions, functions and processes for democratic governance work as means to achieve sustainable development and sustained peace. About half of Sida's contributions to UNDP are directed towards SDG 16. For more information about UNDP, please see undp.org.

UNICEF is a key partner to Sida in development cooperation for advancing the rights of children and improving the lives of children, as well as in humanitarian assistance. In 2018, Sida disbursed a total amount of almost SEK 1.5 billion to UNICEF, out of which the humanitarian assistance amounted to SEK 305 million. By region, more than half of Sida's support to UNICEF was allocated for Africa.

Thematically, the areas of humanitarian assistance, health, child protection and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), received the largest shares. Global thematic funding is provided to the areas of WASH and Child Protection. In 2018, global funding was also provided through UNICEF to Education Cannot Wait (ECW). In Bolivia and Sudan, Sida's support is through non-earmarked thematic funding to the entire country programme of UNICEF. For more information about UNICEF, please see unicef.org.

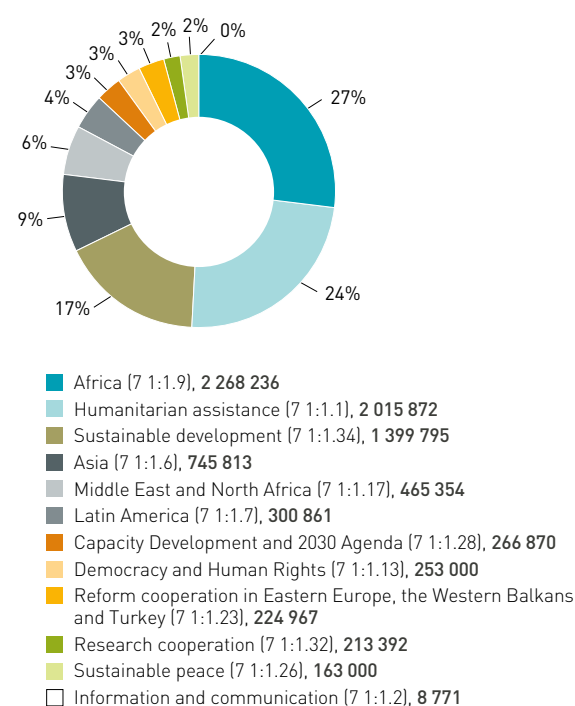
FIGURE 2: TOP 10 UN RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT FROM SIDA IN 2018 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



GEOGRAPHICAL AND THEMATIC DISTRIBUTION

Support to multilateral organisations is most frequent within the appropriations of Africa, humanitarian assistance and through Global Strategies for Global Sustainable Development.

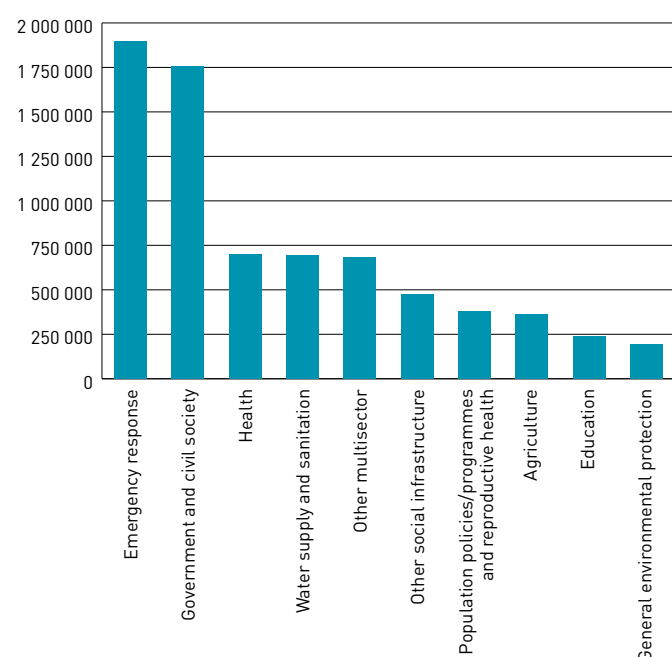
FIGURE 3: UN FUNDING PER APPROPRIATION 2018 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



The sectors receiving the most multi-bilateral support through UN are 1) humanitarian assistance; 2) good governance, democracy and human rights (DAC Code 'government and civil society', practically everything within Global Goal 16); 3) health, and 4) water supply and sanitation (WASH).

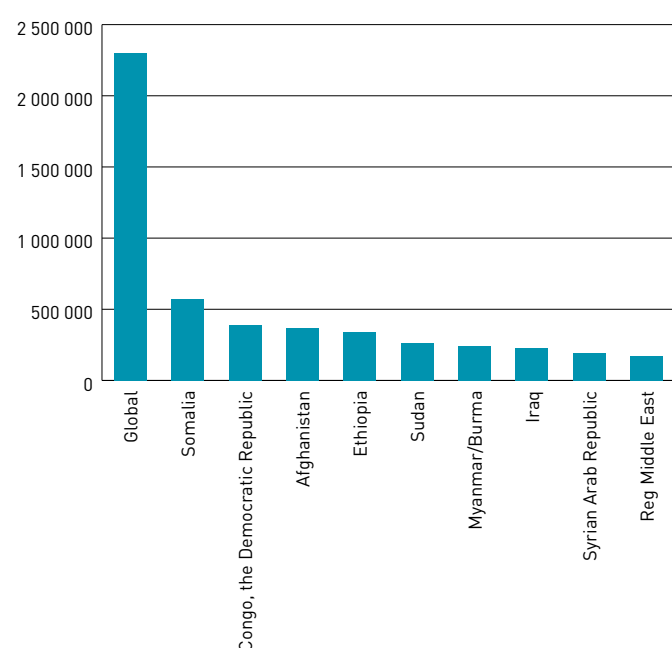
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FIGURE 4: TOP 10 SECTORS 2018 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



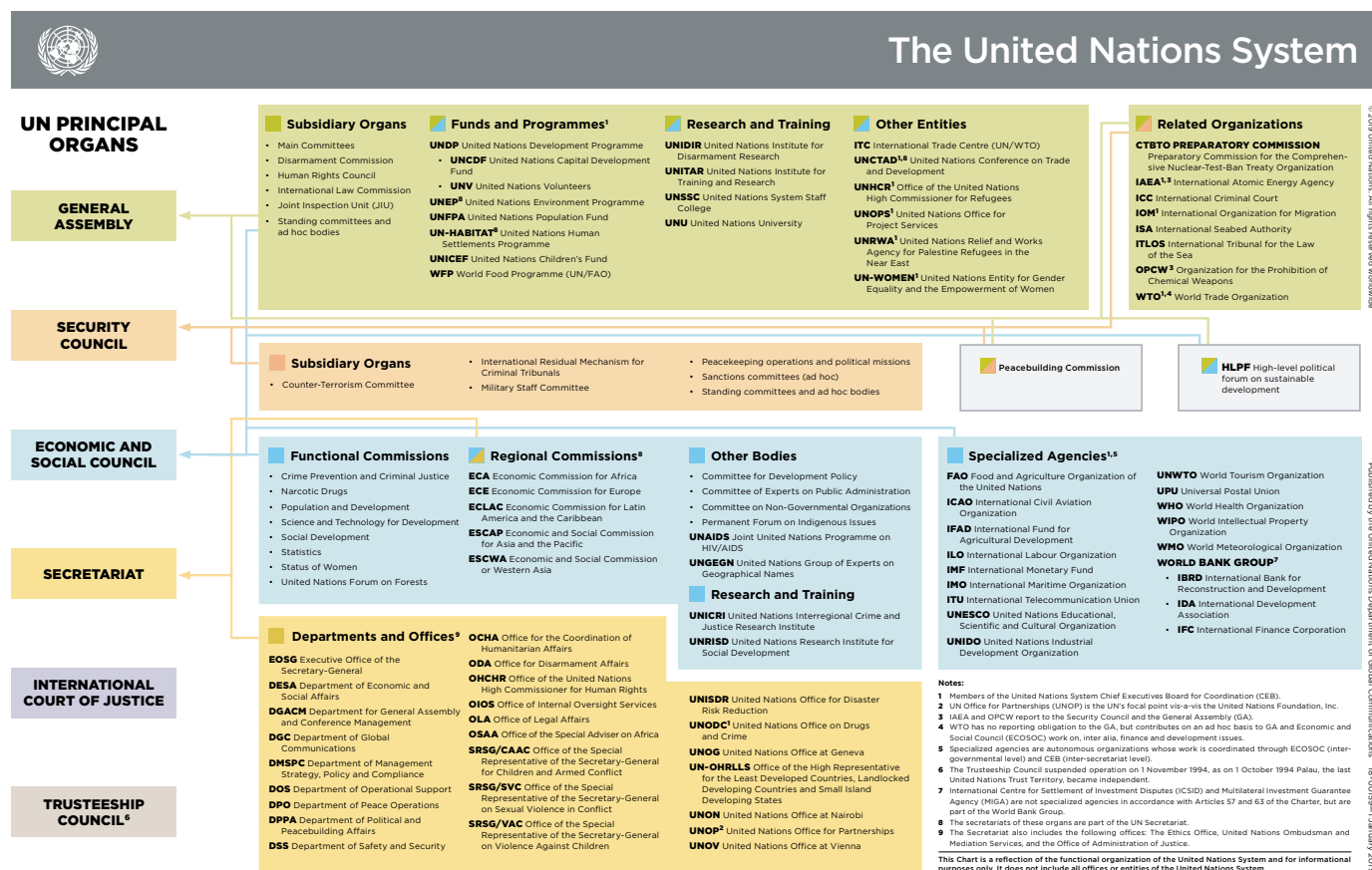
The 10 countries receiving the most multi-bilateral support through UN in 2018 are shown below, which includes humanitarian assistance. The global support to UN organisations is larger than specific country disbursements. UN is thus an essential platform for global policy and advocacy work. Through support to global programmes managed by UN organisations, Sida also reaches the most vulnerable people, even in countries where Sweden does not have bilateral development cooperation.

FIGURE 5: TOP 10 COUNTRIES 2018 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



UN entities receiving financial support 2018	Disbursed in thousands SEK
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	2 232 265
United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF)	1 499 824
Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)	479 305
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	477 088
United Nations Office of Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)	458 443
World Health Organisation (WHO)	412 792
World Food Programme (WFP)	411 223
United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	405 050
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)	344 394
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)	321 193
United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	307 824
International Labour Organisation (ILO)	168 262
United Nations agency, fund or commission (UN)	136 529
United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)	110 418
United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)	75 000
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)	70 176
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	63 000
United Nations Volunteers (UNV)	53 101
United Nations	50 844
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	43 112
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	40 548
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	31 000
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNDRR)	30 000
United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)	25 000
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	21 294
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	20 000
United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)	13 000
Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)	10 546
United Nations University (UNU)	8 700
United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)	6 000
Grand Total¹	8 325 931

¹ International Organization for Migration (IOM) is a UN organisation since 2016 but today coded as "other multilaterals" in Sida's statistics. Sida disbursements in 2018 to IOM were 164 203 (in thousands SEK).



THE UN IS THE MEMBER STATES

The United Nations was founded in 1945 to maintain international peace and security, promote human rights and fundamental freedoms, solve international problems and foster international cooperation. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The mission and work of the United Nations are guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter. The UN system, also known unofficially as the "UN family", is made up of the UN itself and several affiliated programmes, funds, and specialized agencies, all with their own membership, leadership, and budget. The Specialized Agencies are independent international organisations.



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Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres.

SECONDMENTS TO UN ORGANISATIONS

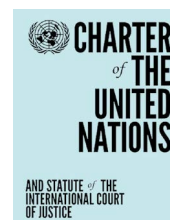
In 2018, Sida financed 30 Junior Professional Officers (JPO), 4 Special Assistants to Resident Coordinators (SARC), 39 UN Youth Volunteers and 14 senior secondments to United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes. These secondments were financed from the Strategy for Capacity Development, Partnerships and Methods in support of 2030 Agenda.

The UN charter:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/un-charter/un-charter-full-text/>

The UN system:

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