



Sida's support to United Nations Organisations

In 2019, United Nations (UN) organisations together received SEK 8.7 billion from Sida, a third of Sida's overall development cooperation budget. Sida's cooperation with the UN organisations has increased significantly over the past decade. The UN organisations are important partners in development work as well as in humanitarian assistance. The main partners to Sida within the UN are UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNOCHA, WFP, UN Women, FAO and UNHCR.



THE PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS

Sida supports the UN organisations' unique role as convenor and platform for advancing the global agenda in several thematic and geographical areas prioritized in Swedish development cooperation. UN organisations play a key role as implementing partners of programmes supported by Sida.

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

Sida's support through the UN is largely multi-year and not tightly earmarked. This allows UN organisations to do long-term and strategic planning and contributes to their ability to act quickly in crisis and adapt to changes in the local context.

The process of reforming and strengthening the UN is an ongoing process where Sweden plays an active role. This includes increasing transparency and accountability, focusing on results and more qualitative funding for the UN.

Decisions on financial contributions and choices of implementing partners are managed by Sida in a decentral-

ised manner. Such decisions are guided by global, regional or bilateral Strategies for Development Cooperation as decided by the Government of Sweden. Sweden's policy vis-à-vis the UN organisations is guided by the Government Strategy for Multilateral Development Policy and by organisation-specific cooperation strategies for prioritised UN partners as decided by the Government.

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 Programmes and Multi-Partner Trust Fund arrangements, mainly through the UNDP Multi Partner Trust Fund Office, MPTFO

FINANCIAL OUTCOME

In 2019, multilateral organisations received approximately 46% of Sida's total disbursements and 74% of the multi-bilateral support was channelled through UN organisations. UNDP stands out as the largest recipient of Sida contributions. This is partly because UNDP receives funding on behalf of other UN organisations, as well as for UN joint programmes and multi-partner trust fund arrangements. A significant part of Sida's disbursements to UNDP in 2019, 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

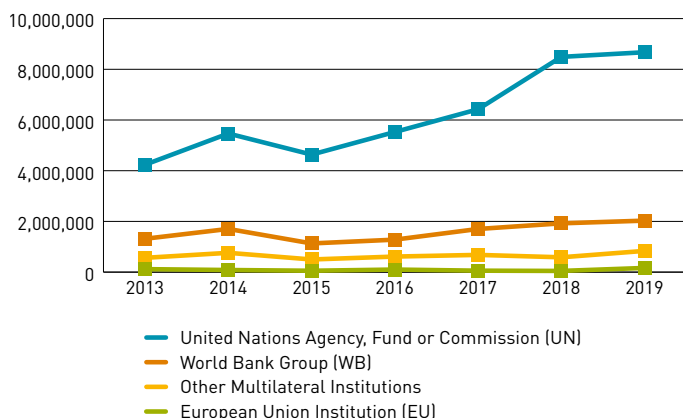
THE GLOBAL GOALS

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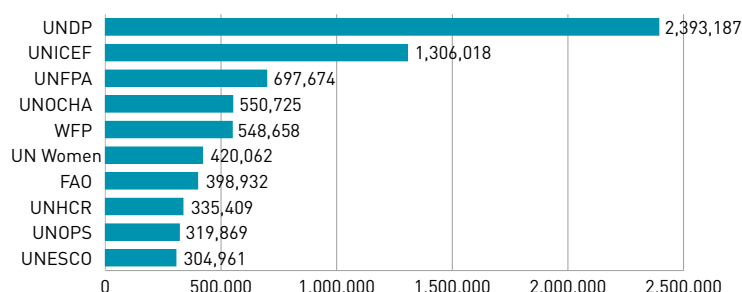
FIGURE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



joint UN development efforts. MPTFO has an informative website at <http://mptf.undp.org/>. Sida supports UNDP-implemented programmes across all regions. Both UNDP and Sida has strong engagement in countries affected by conflict and where progress on poverty reduction is slowest. A large part of Sida's cooperation with UNDP focuses on strengthening institutional capacities and processes for democratic governance as means to contribute to 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 and improving the lives of children and youth, as well as in humanitarian assistance. In 2019, Sida disbursed a total amount of approximately SEK 1.3 billion to UNICEF, out of which the humanitarian assistance amounted to almost SEK 454 million. By region, about half of Sida's support to UNICEF was allocated to Africa. Thematically, the areas of humanitarian assistance, child protection and health, received the largest shares. Global thematic funding is provided to the areas of WASH and Child Protection. In 2019, 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

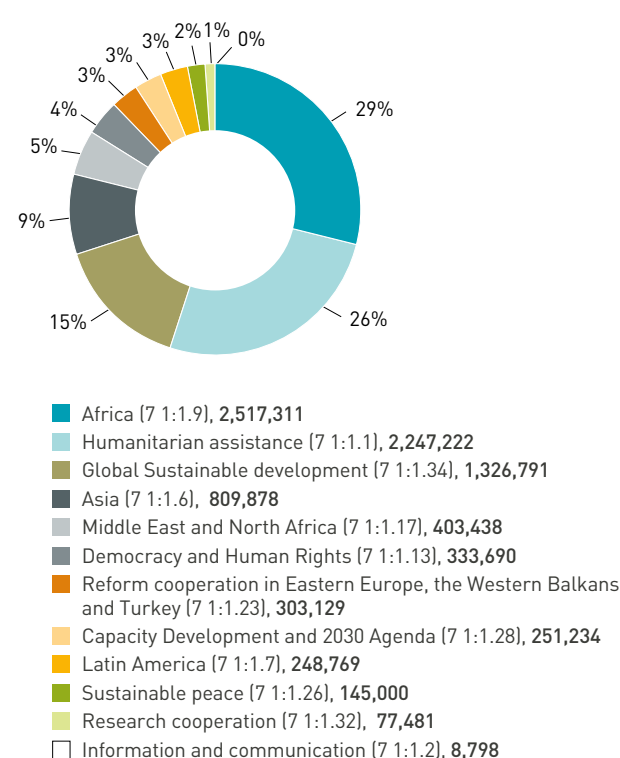
FIGURE 2: TOP 10 UN RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT FROM SIDA IN 2019 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



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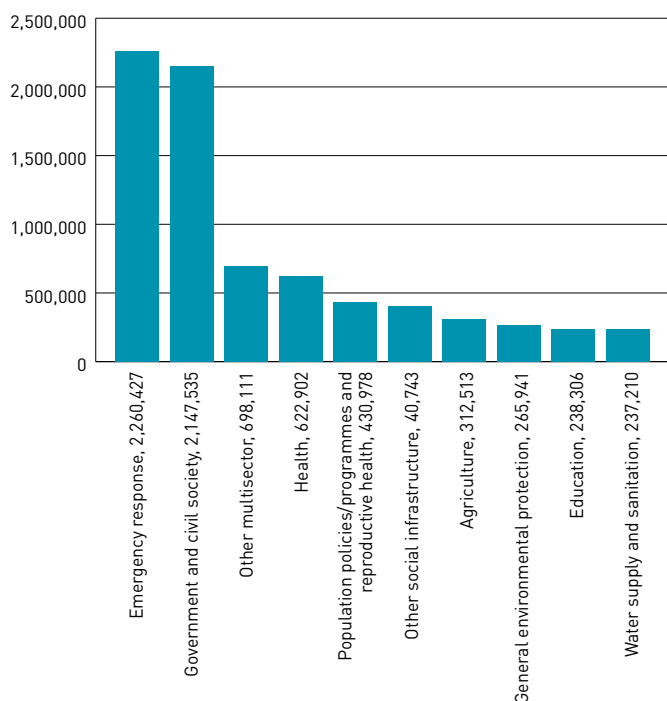
Support to multilateral organisations is most frequent within the appropriations for Africa, Humanitarian Assistance and through Swedish Strategies for Global Sustainable Development. The sectors receiving most multi-bilateral support through the UN are: 1) humanitarian assistance; 2) good governance, democracy and human rights (DAC Code 'government and civil society'); 3) health, and 4) sexual and reproductive health and rights programmes (DAC Code 'population policies/programmes and reproductive health').

FIGURE 3: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS PER APPROPRIATION IN 2019 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



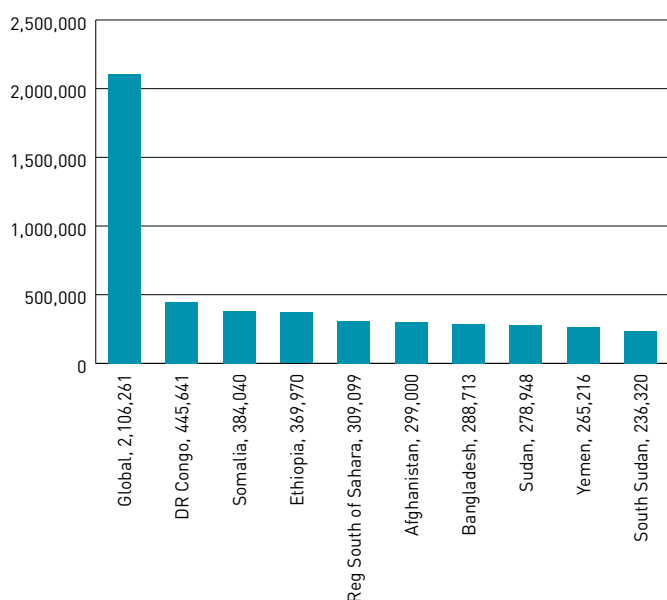
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**FIGURE 4: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS
– TOP 10 SECTORS IN 2019 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)**



The 10 countries receiving the most of Sida's support through UN organisations in 2019 are shown below. Support to global UN programmes and funds is larger than country-specific contributions. The UN system is thus an essential platform for global policy and advocacy work. Through support to global programmes managed by UN organisations, Sida reaches the most vulnerable and marginalized people, also in countries where Sweden does not have bilateral development cooperation.

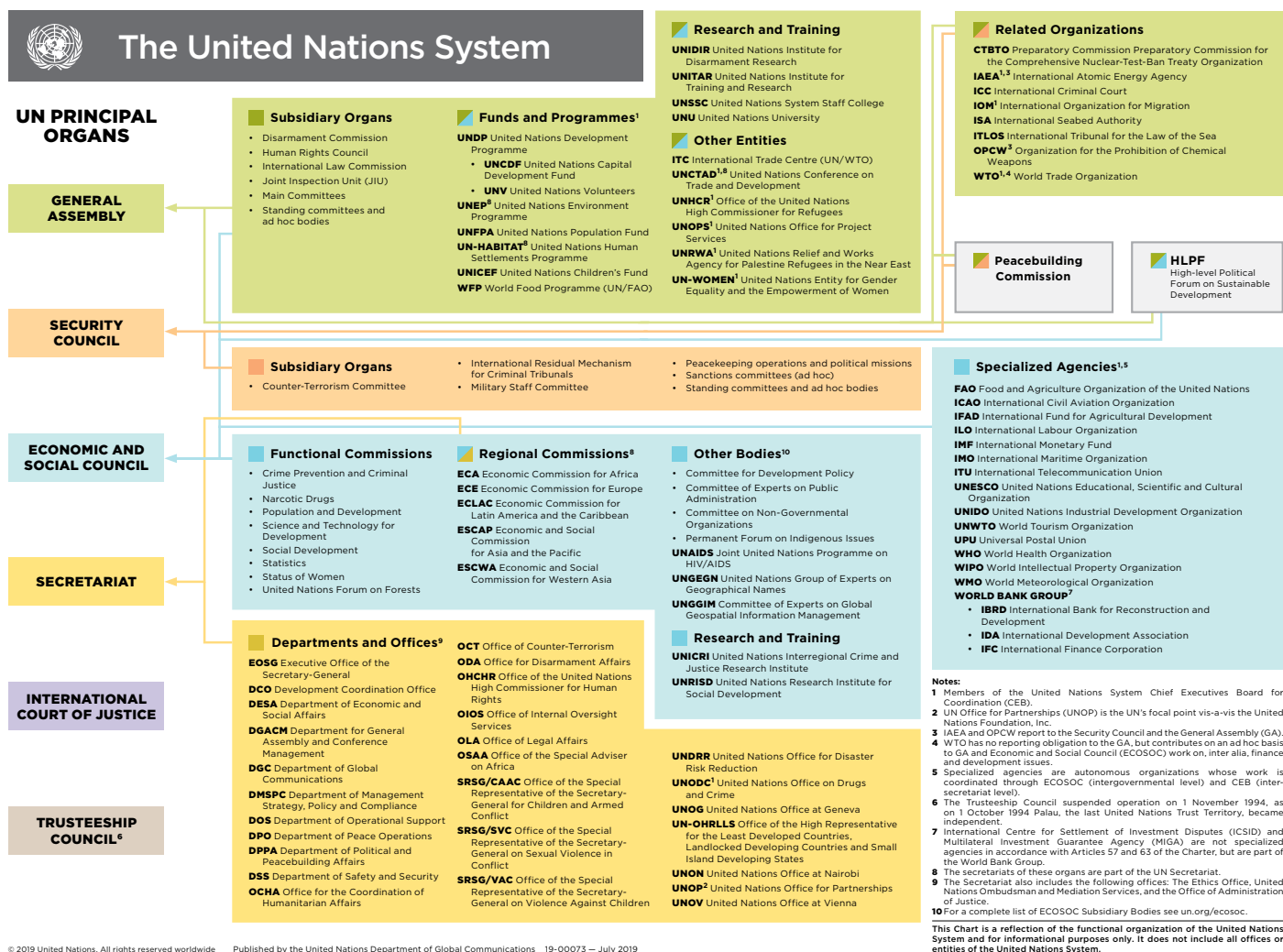
**FIGURE 5: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS
– TOP 10 COUNTRIES IN 2019 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)**



UN entities receiving financial support 2019 ¹	Disbursed in thousands SEK
United Nations Development Programme	2,393,187
United Nations Childrens Fund	1,306,018
United Nations Population Fund	697,674
United Nations Office of Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs	550,725
World Food Programme	548,658
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	420,062
Food and Agricultural Organisation	398,932
United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	335,409
United Nations Office for Project Services	319,869
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation	304,961
World Health Organisation – core voluntary contributions account	237,972
International Labour Organisation – Regular Budget Supplementary Account	171,118
International Organisation for Migration	165,240
United Nations agency, fund or commission (UN)	151,769
United Nations	82,970
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation	77,382
United Nations Environment Programme	72,809
United Nations Human Settlement Programme	70,400
United Nations Capital Development Fund	61,323
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	60,000
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (extrabudgetary contributions only)	40,029
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	38,259
International Fund for Agricultural Development	30,699
United Nations Volunteers	30,278
United Nations Democracy Fund	25,000
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	20,000
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction	20,000
United Nations Institute for Training and Research	16,713
Economic Commission for Africa	12,112
United Nations University (including Endowment Fund)	8,000
United Nations System Staff College	3,772
United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Trust Fund in Support of Political Affairs	3,000
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	-171 ²
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	-1,426 ²
Grand Total	8,672,743

¹ Statistics is based on disbursements to agreement partners

² Repayment of balances



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

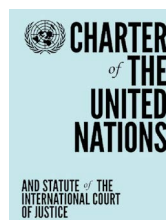
In 2019, Sida financed 31 Junior Professional Officers (JPO), 4 Special Assistants to Resident Coordinators (SARC), 41 UN Youth Volunteers and 30 mid- and senior-level secondments to United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes. These secondments were financed from the Strategy for Capacity Development, 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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