



Sida's support to United Nations Organisations

In 2020, United Nations (UN) organisations together received SEK 8.9 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, WFP, UNFPA, UN Women, UNOCHA, FAO and UNOPS.



THE PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS

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

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 the most difficult environments. In countries with fragile peace and weak governance systems, UN agencies are often the preferred partners to 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.

Decisions on financial contributions and choice of implementing partners are managed by Sida in a decentralised manner. Such decisions are guided by global, regional or bilateral Strategies for Development Cooperation as decided by the Government of Sweden. Sida's multi-bi-

lateral support to UN organisations is managed through different financing modalities; non-ear-marked, 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, and OCHA.

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.

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

FINANCIAL OUTCOME

In 2020, multilateral organisations received approximately 46% of Sida's total disbursements and 73% 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 2020 were received by the UNDP Multi Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO) and forwarded to several UN organisations

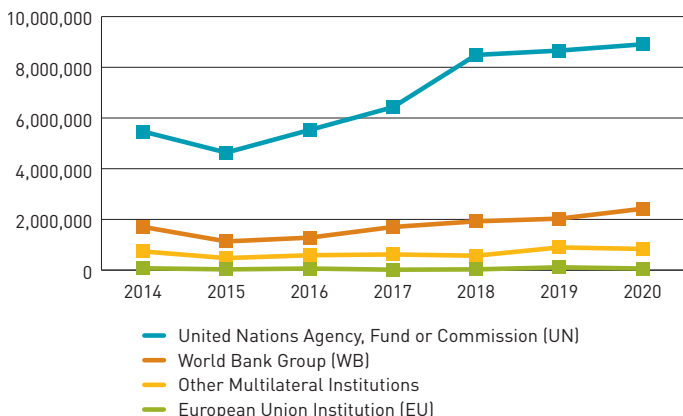
THE GLOBAL GOALS

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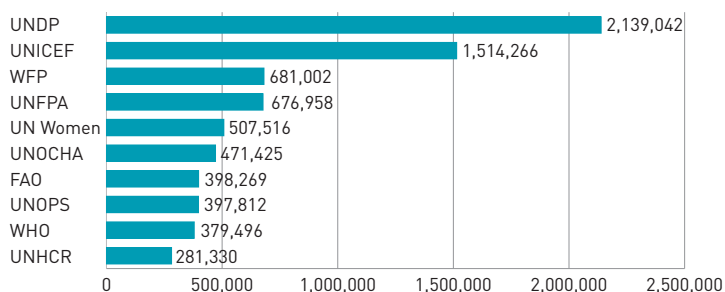
FIGURE 1: SIDA'S ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



(UNDP included) for implementation of activities in different joint UN development efforts. MPTFO has an informative website at <http://mptf.undp.org/>. Sida also supports UNDP-implemented programmes across all regions. 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. Both UNDP and Sida has engagement in countries affected by conflict where progress on poverty reduction is slowest. 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 2020, Sida disbursed a total amount of approximately SEK 1.5 billion to UNICEF, out of which the humanitarian assistance amounted to almost SEK 397 million. By region, about one third (507 million) of Sida's support to UNICEF was allocated to Africa. Thematically, the areas of humanitarian assistance, child protection, WASH and health, received the largest shares. Global thematic funding is provided to the areas of WASH and Child Protection. In 2020, global funding was also provided through UNICEF to Education Cannot Wait (ECW). In Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan, Sida provides non-ear-marked funding to the entire country programme of UNICEF. For more information about UNICEF, please see unicef.org

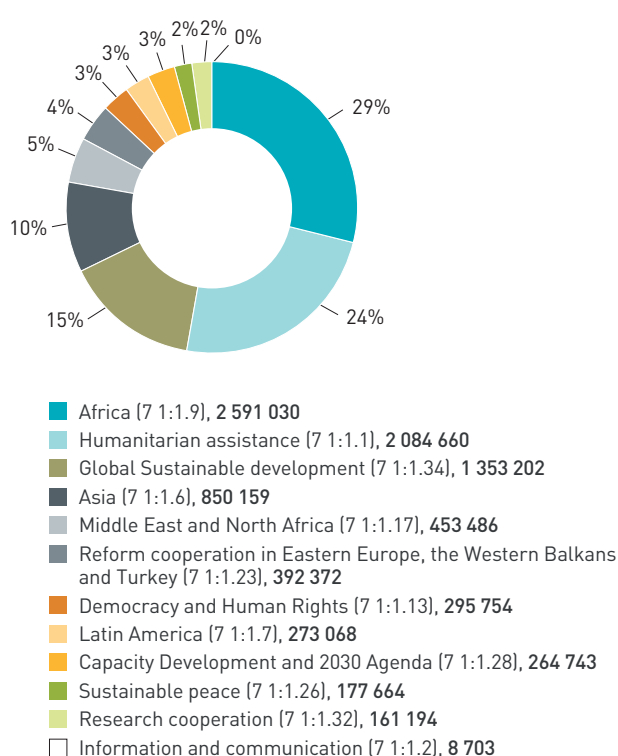
FIGURE 2: TOP 10 UN RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT FROM SIDA IN 2020 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



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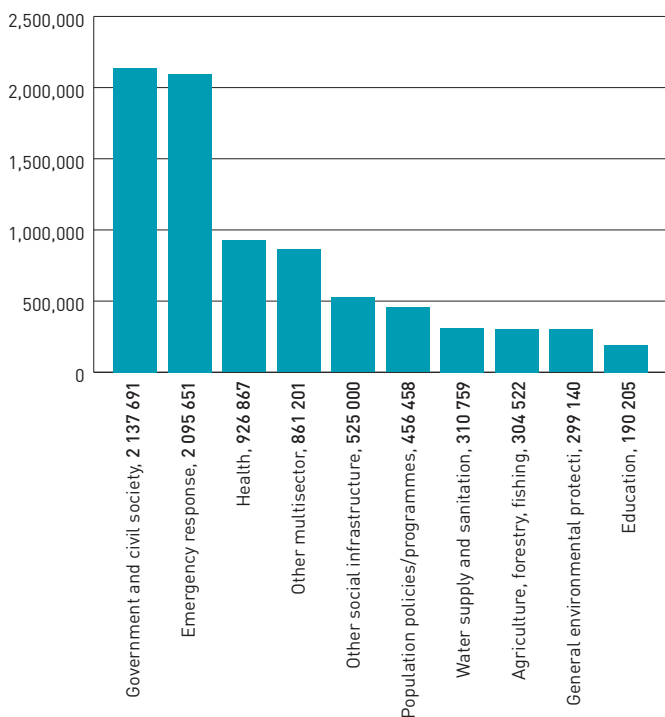
Support to multilateral organisations is most frequent within the appropriations for Africa, Humanitarian Assistance and through Swedish Strategies for Global Sustainable Development. The sectors receiving most multi-bilateral support through the UN are: 1) good governance, democracy and human rights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

FIGURE 3: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS PER APPROPRIATION IN 2020 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)



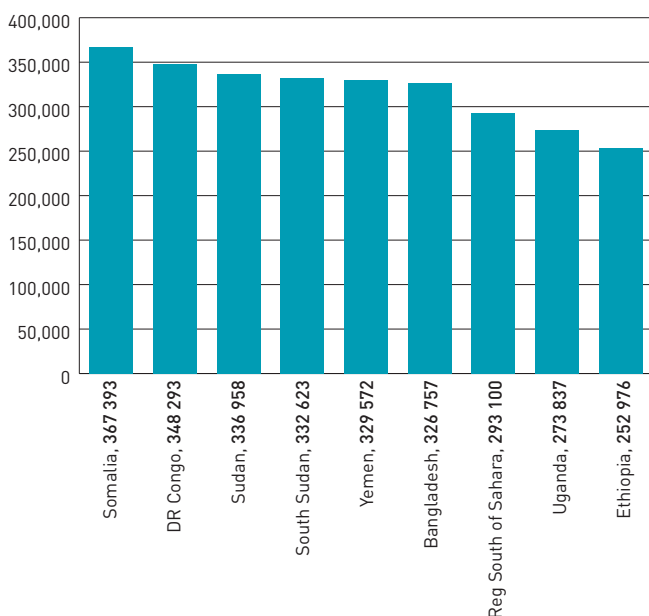
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**FIGURE 4: FUNDING TO UN ORGANISATIONS
– TOP 10 SECTORS IN 2020 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)**



The top countries receiving the largest amount of Sida support through UN organisations in 2020 are shown below. Support to global UN programmes and funds represents a high share in relation to country-specific contributions. The UN system is 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 COUNTRIES IN 2020 (IN THOUSANDS SEK)**

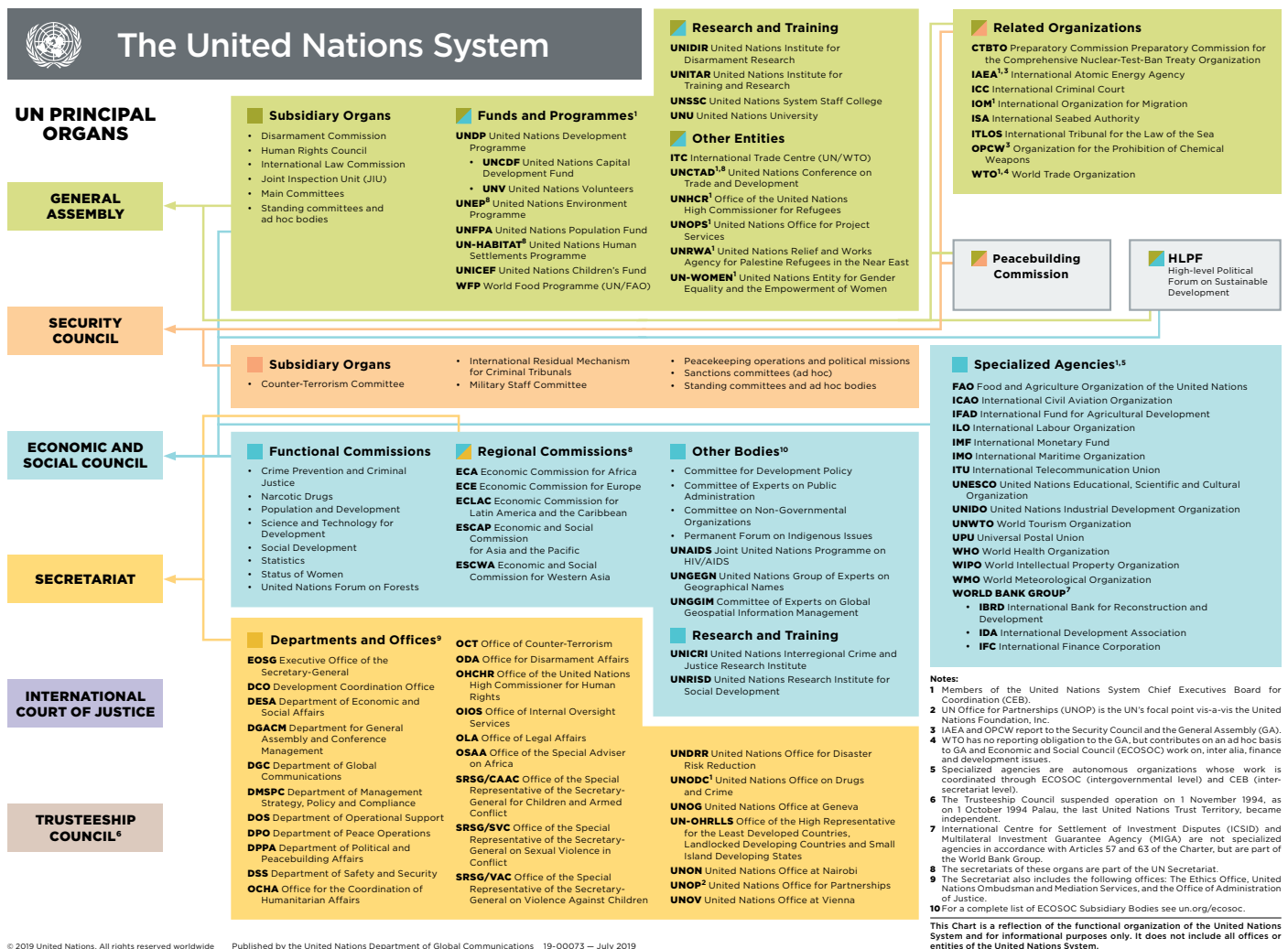


UN entities receiving financial support 2020 ¹	Disbursed in thousands SEK
United Nations Development Programme	2 139 042
United Nations Children's Fund	1 514 266
World Food Programme	681 002
United Nations Population Fund	676 958
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	507 516
United Nations Office of Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs	471 425
Food and Agricultural Organisation	398 269
United Nations Office for Project Services	397 812
World Health Organisation - core voluntary contributions account	379 496
United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	281 330
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation	257 228
International Organisation for Migration	193 698
United Nations	167 575
International Labour Organisation - Regular Budget Supplementary Account	163 252
United Nations agency, fund or commission (UN)	123 287
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (extrabudgetary contributions only)	90 487
United Nations Human Settlement Programme	86 391
International Fund for Agricultural Development	85 587
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation	52 080
United Nations Capital Development Fund	50 000
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	50 000
United Nations Volunteers	44 308
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	40 000
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	20 500
Economic Commission for Africa	20 000
United Nations Institute for Training and Research	12 454
United Nations University (including Endowment Fund)	8 000
United Nations System Staff College	6 928
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	4 662
United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Trust Fund in Support of Political Affairs	3 000
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	2 575
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development ²	-15 188
United Nations Environment Programme ³	-7 906
Grand Total	8, 906, 035

¹ Statistics is based on disbursements to agreement partners.

² There has been a repayment of funds from UN Conference on Trade and Development during 2020. Therefore, the sum is negative.

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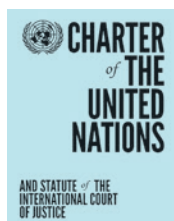
THE UN IS THE MEMBER STATES

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, at times unofficially referred to 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.



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

The UN system:
<https://www.un.org/>

SECONDMENTS TO UN ORGANISATIONS

In 2020, Sida financed 31 Junior Professional Officers (JPO), 4 Special Assistants to Resident Coordinators (SARC), 41 UN Youth Volunteers and 33 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.

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