

Portfolio overview

Sida's support to WHO 2010*

In 2010, Sida contributed to 11 programmes co-funded with World Health Organization (WHO) to a total amount of MSEK 144 disbursed. Distinctive features of the portfolio are the large share of support to global programmes; the limited degree to which Sida uses WHO as a channel for bilateral country and regional programmes, and the effort to increase the share of non-earmarked funding. Sida's support to WHO research (2010–2011) was substantial (MSEK 59).

Sweden has a framework agreement with WHO which outlines priority areas and dialogue issues. In 2010, assessed contribution from Sweden was MSEK 69 disbursed to WHO by the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs. Total Swedish support thus added up to MSEK 213. This places Sweden among the largest donor governments to WHO.

Both the *number* of contributions fell between 2008 (13) and 2010 (11) as well as the total amount of contribu-

tion that has decreased substantively from MSEK 219 in 2008 to MSEK 144 in 2010 (Table 1).

Contributions from Sida in support of WHO's programmes are often entitled "multibi" (multi-bilateral aid). These should be distinguished from non-earmarked or core contributions to the regular budget of multilateral institutions, which are called "multilateral aid". The latter type of support is disbursed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or another ministry, and only in exceptional cases by Sida. In the case of WHO, it is disbursed by the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.

Table 1: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of contributions	36	25	17	13	9	11
Total amount disbursed (MSEK)	246	216	200	219	169	144

Mandate and strategic priorities

WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations System. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards,

articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends. As a specialized agency of the United Nations, WHO is a normative, knowledge-based organisation.

* The statistics refers to all contributions up until 31 dec 2010. Returning funds have been excluded.

Sida's Contribution by Region

In terms of the geographical distribution of the portfolio, support to global programmes is predominant and its share in total disbursements has been increasing over the years (Table 2). In recognition of the problems that earmarking causes for the organisation, Sida makes conscious efforts to reduce it. While major support goes to WHO at the central level, only a small fraction goes to individual countries in Africa and Asia. This implies that WHO is only used by Sida to a very limited extent as a channel for implementing the bilateral country and regional programmes.

Sida's Contribution by Sector

Sida's support to WHO goes mainly to the unearmarked support and to health research and covers the disbursements under the Swedish framework agreement (Table 3: see also the box on Mandate and strategic priorities). Some of the support by Sida is directed to WHO's involvement in humanitarian assistance at country level. In 2010 relief aid was given to Somalia, DRC and to Uganda.

Table 2: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010 by region (percentage of total amount per year)

Region/year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Africa	6	9	7	7	3	4
Asia	25	11	7	9	3	7
Europe	2	3	2	1	0	0
Global	67	77	84	83	94	89
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 3: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010 by sector (percentage of total amount per year)

Sida main sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Health	47	50	52	50	52	46
Research	19	27	27	25	32	41
Democracy, human rights & gender equality	–	0	1	1	–	–
Conflict, peace and security	–	1	–	–	–	–
Humanitarian aid	30	18	16	17	5	6
Sustainable infrastructure & services	1	–	–	7	8	
Market development	1	1	3	–	3	4
Other	2	2	1	–	–	2
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

Explanation of symbols

–	Zero
0	Less than 0.5

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