

Sweden's development assistance for health 2020 Statistical report

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Introduction



The past year

- 2020 was a very challenging year for global health. The COVID-19 pandemic is the most extensive health crisis in over one hundred years and requires both managing the acute crisis and maintaining the long-term work with health systems, health security and healthy societies.

About the development assistance for health report

- The report includes statistics from the Government Offices and Sida. The statistical methodology is described at the end.
- References for the narrative performance reporting are found at the end of the report.
- The statistics refer to the calendar year 2020. In some cases, the figures in this report differ from previous years, as the statistics may have been updated retroactively.

About Sweden's global health efforts

- Sweden's global health efforts are governed by Government communication 2016/17:60 'Policy framework for Swedish development cooperation and humanitarian assistance'.
- Sida's global health efforts are governed by thirteen bilateral strategies, one regional strategy and one global strategy.

Sweden's overall global health efforts

- A comprehensive description of Sweden's global health efforts is found in the report 'Sweden's work on global health – for implementation of the 2030 Agenda' (UD2018-03806FN).

Development assistance for health 2020



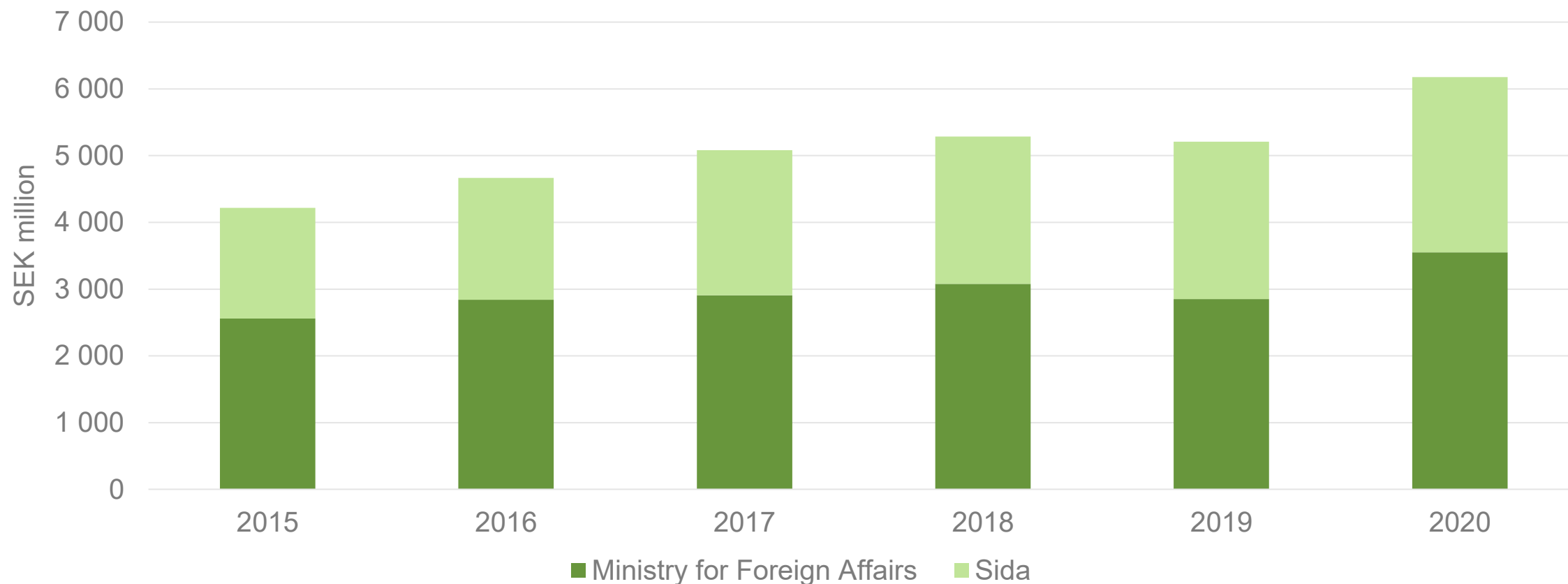
Record development assistance for health in 2020

- Sweden's development assistance for health in 2020 amounted to SEK 6.2 billion, the largest amount ever.
- This increase is partly linked to the COVID-19 pandemic, but is also due to increased core support.
- 58% of development assistance for health was channelled via the MFA, and 42% via Sida.

Total aid is also increasing

- Development assistance for health accounted for 11.9% of total aid, just over one percentage point higher than in 2019 but lower than previous years due to the general increase in aid.
- According to the OECD DAC, in 2020 Sweden provided the most aid in relation to its gross national income (GNI) – 1.14% – of any country in the world.

Development assistance for health from the MFA and Sida 2015–2020



Sweden's development assistance for health 2015–2020

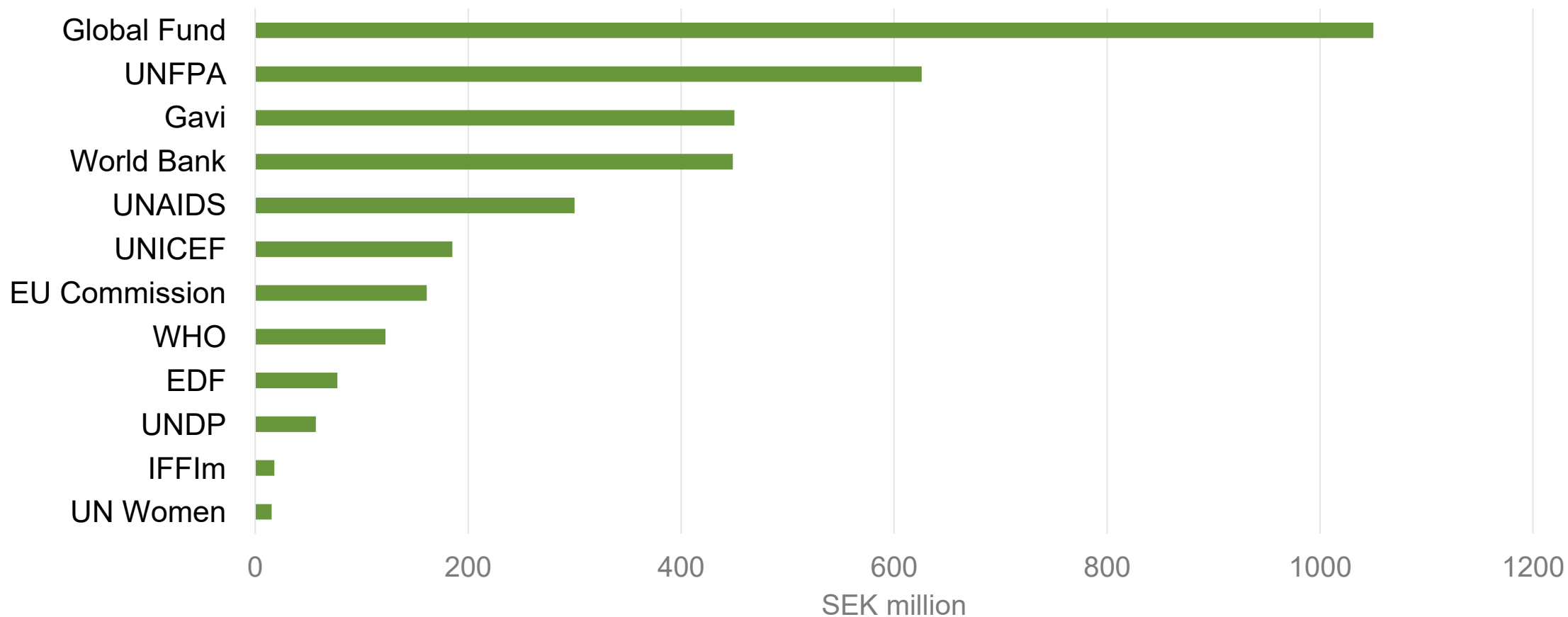
	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	MSEK	%	MSEK	%	MSEK	%	MSEK	%	MSEK	%	MSEK	%
Ministry for Foreign Affairs	2 561	61%	2 841	61%	2 907	57%	3 078	58%	2 851	55%	3 552	58%
<i>Multilateral core support</i>	2 561	61%	2 841	61%	2 892	57%	3 074	58%	2 816	54%	3 171	51%
<i>Other</i>					15	1%	4		35		381	
Sida	1 658	39%	1 825	39%	2 174	43%	2 208	42%	2 357	45%	2 625	42%
<i>Global programmes</i>	751	18%	719	15%	779	15%	685	13%	674	13%	734	12%
<i>Regional cooperation</i>	258	6%	331	7%	381	7%	457	9%	461	9%	422	7%
<i>Country cooperation</i>	649	15%	775	17%	1 014	20%	1 066	20%	1 222	23%	1 469	24%
Total development assistance for health	4 219	100%	4 666	100%	5 081	100%	5 286	100%	5 208	100%	6 177	100%
Total development assistance (all categories)	32 213		31 971		36 707		42 649		48 105		52 110	
Share development assistance for health	13.1%		14.6%		13.8%		12.4%		10.8%		11.9%	

The MFA's development assistance for health in 2020

Core support and special initiatives

- The MFA's development assistance for health amounted to more than SEK 3.5 billion, of which 89% was core support.
- The five largest recipients received more than 80% of the total support.
- The Global Fund and Gavi received both increased core support and special additional funding in 2020.
- The World Bank invested an increased share of its funds in health in 2020.

Recipients of development assistance for health from the MFA in 2020



Development assistance for health from the MFA in 2020

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Core support</i>	<i>Special support</i>
Total	3 552	3 171 (89%)	381 (11%)
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	1 050	950	100
UNFPA	626	626	–
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	450	350	100
World Bank	449	449	–
UNAIDS	300	300	–
UNICEF	185	185	–
European Commission	161	161	–
WHO	122	33	89
European Development Fund (EDF)	77	77	–
UNDP	57	7	50
IFFIm	18	18	–
UN Women	15	15	–
Other	41	–	41

Development assistance for health from the MFA 2015–2020

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK
MFA's total development assistance for health	2 561	2 841	2 907	3 121	2 852	3 552
Multilateral support	2 561	2 841	2 892	3 117	2 817	3 511
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	850	850	800	850	850	1 050
UNFPA	485	504	575	739	555	626
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	350	300	300	350	300	450
World Bank	241	287	386	209	237	449
UNAIDS	200	250	260	314	314	300
UNICEF	221	430	312	328	246	185
European Commission	114	111	127	136	136	161
WHO	29	26	38	80	71	122
European Development Fund (EDF)	48	51	57	72	72	77
UNDP	5	6	6	7	7	57
IFFIm	18	18	18	18	18	18
UN Women	–	8	13	14	11	15
Other	–	–	15	4	35	41

Sida's development assistance for health 2020



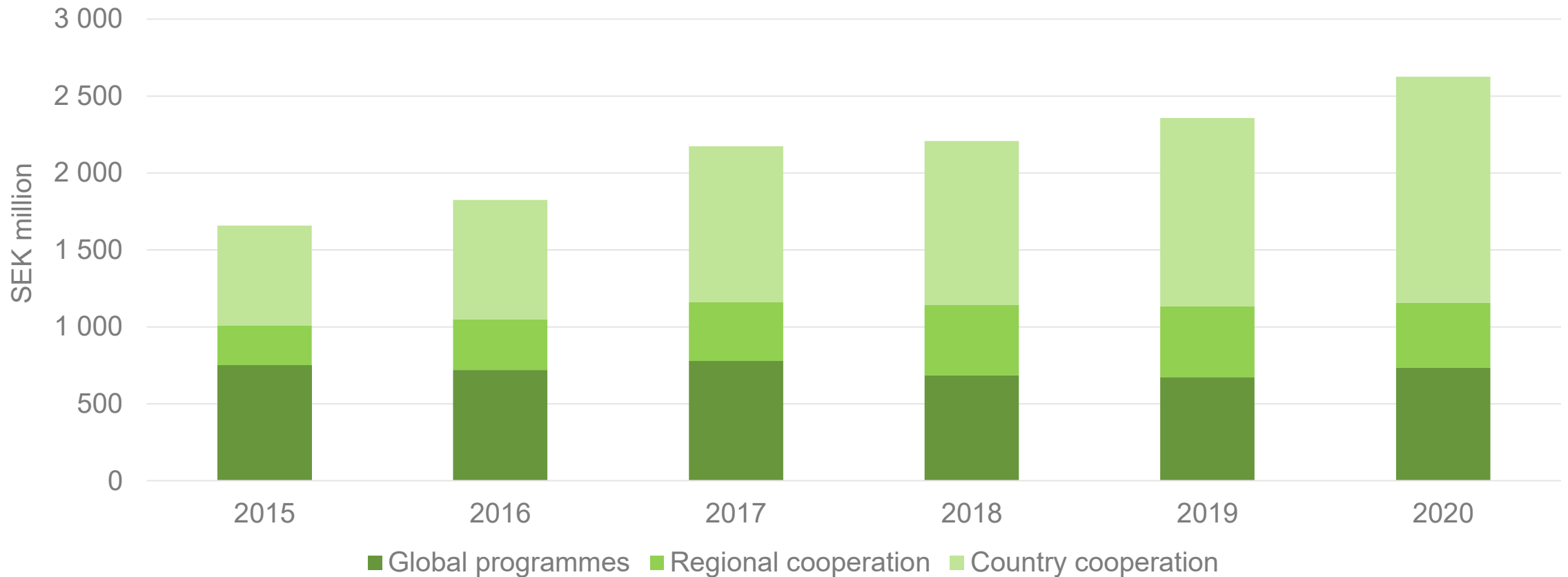
Focus on country cooperation

- Sida's development assistance for health in 2020 amounted to SEK 2.6 billion, an increase of over a quarter of a billion compared with 2019.
- Most of Sida's support (56%) was channelled to country level.
- Five countries received over half of the bilateral support paid during the year, and seven countries received over SEK 100 million each.

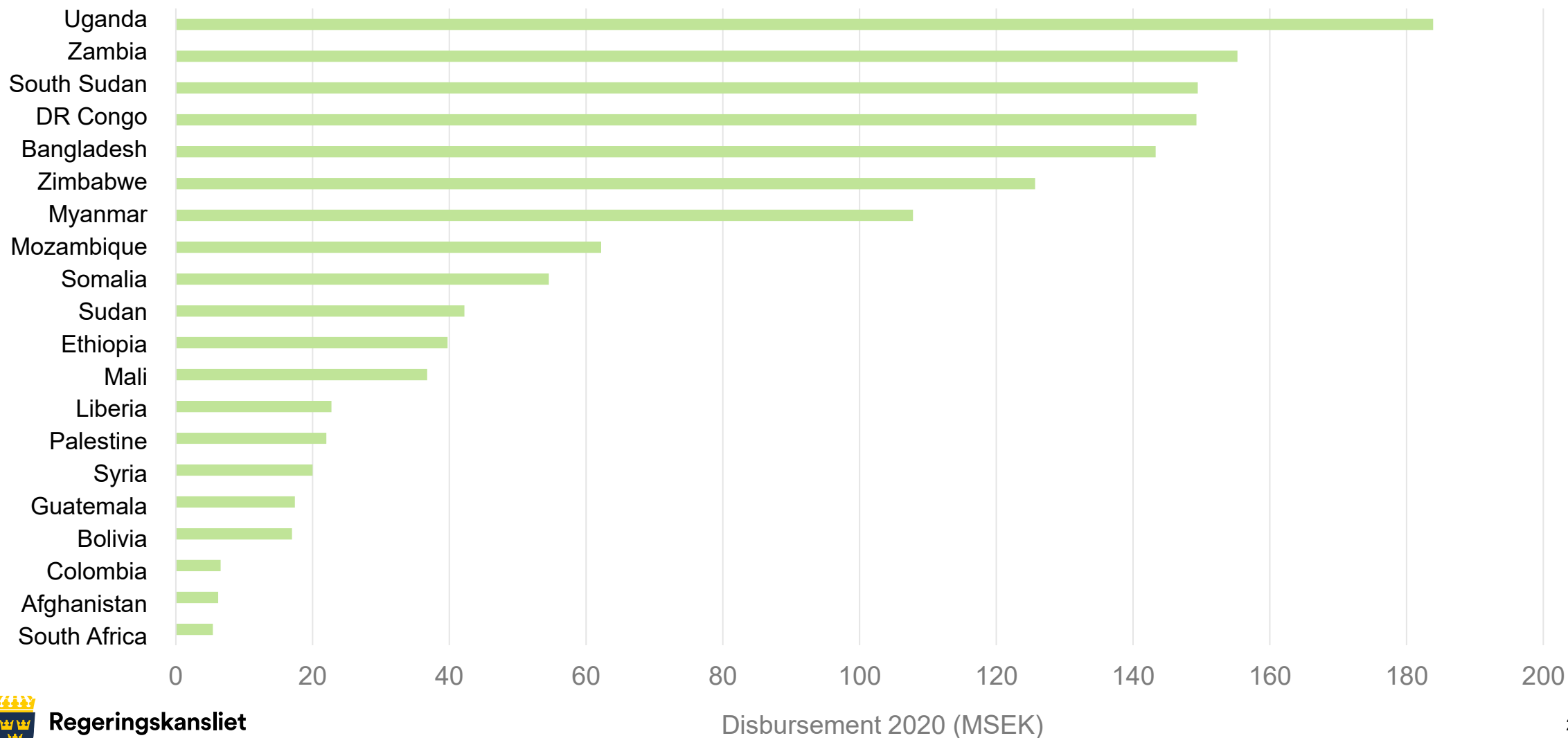
Implementing organisations

- In terms of implementing organisations, Sida's share of assistance channelled via multilateral organisations increased from 51% in recent years to 59% in 2020.
- Conversely, the share via the next largest category, NGOs and civil society organisations, decreased slightly to 33%.

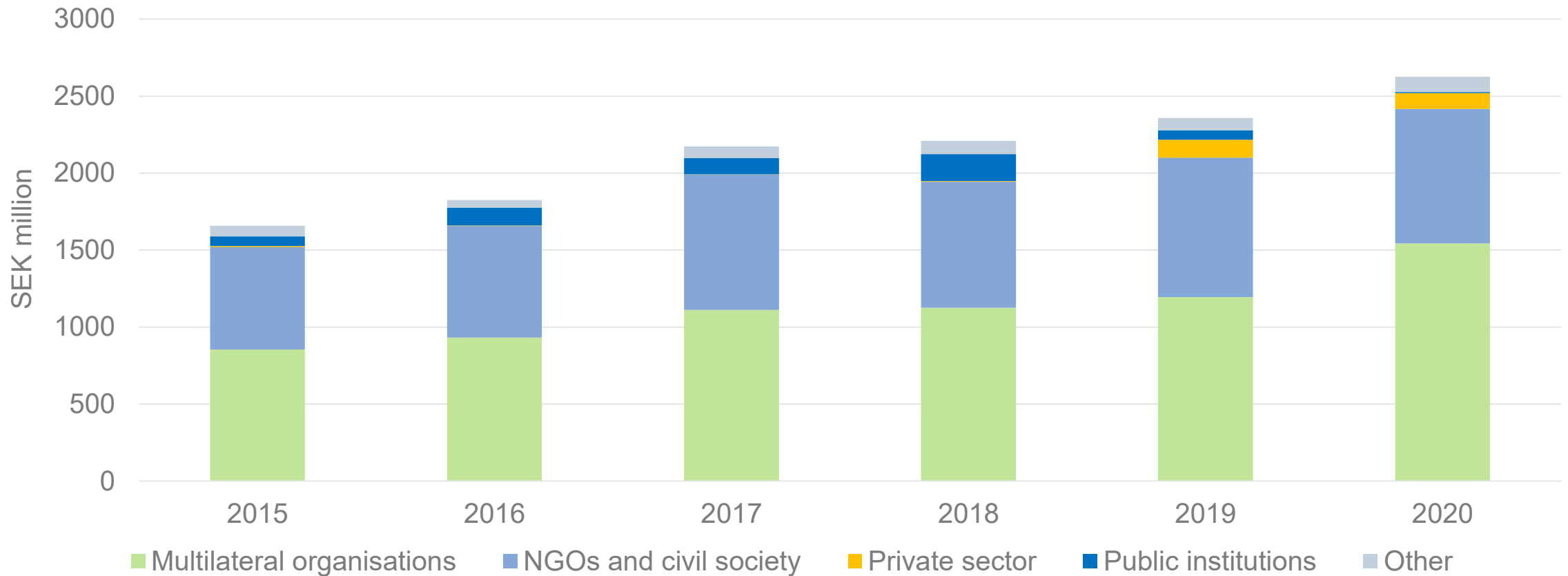
Sida's development assistance for health 2015–2020



Sida's bilateral development assistance for health Disbursements for 2020



Sida's development assistance for health per channel 2020



Sida's development assistance for health 2015–2020

	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	<i>MSEK</i>	%	<i>MSEK</i>	%	<i>MSEK</i>	%	<i>MSEK</i>	%	<i>MSEK</i>	%	<i>MSEK</i>	%
Total	1 659	100%	1 825	100%	2 173	100%	2 209	100%	2 358	100%	2 625	100%
Multilateral organisations	855	52%	932	51%	1 112	51%	1 126	51%	1 194	51%	1 543	59%
NGOs and civil society	664	40%	725	40%	880	40%	818	37%	906	38%	875	33%
Public institutions	63	4%	116	6%	104	5%	176	8%	62	3%	6	0%
Private sector	7	0%	3	0%	1	0%	4	0%	116	5%	102	4%
Other	70	4%	49	3%	76	3%	85	4%	80	3%	99	4%

Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)



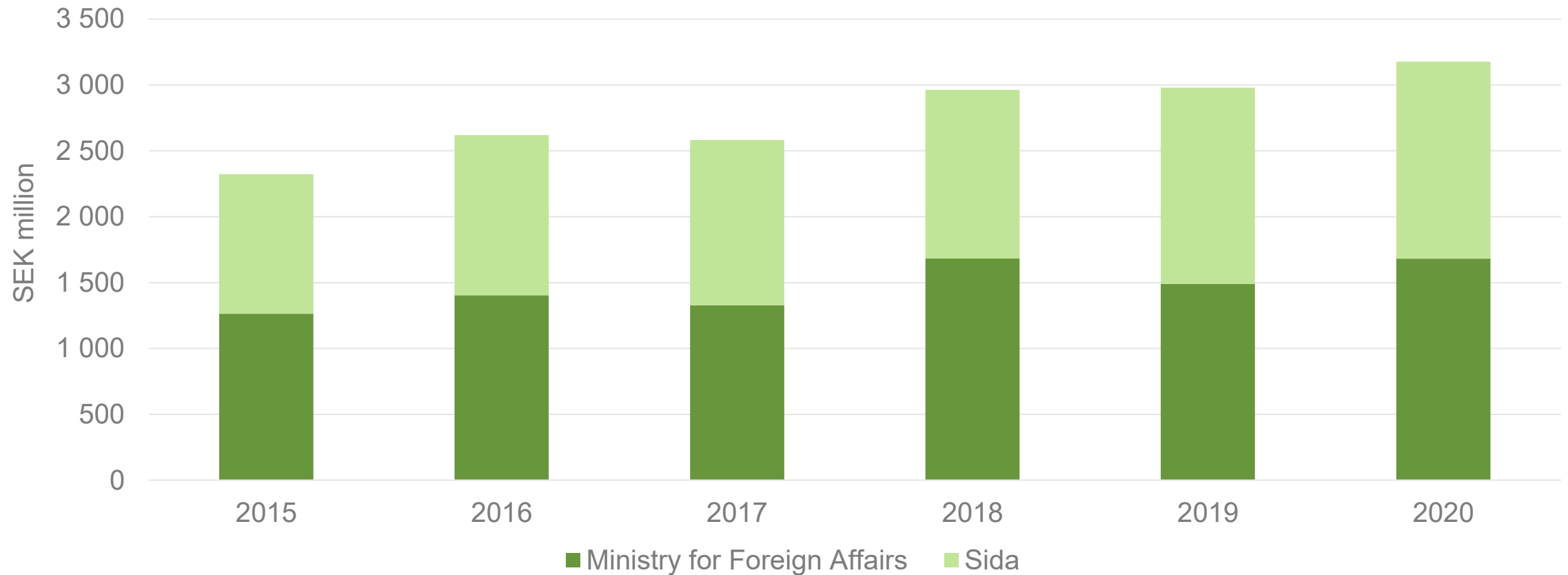
Continued increase in development assistance for SRHR

- In 2020, Sweden's development assistance for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) amounted to SEK 3.2 billion.
- Development assistance for SRHR thus continues to increase annually, from both the MFA and Sida, each of which accounts for equally large shares.

Somewhat lower share

- Despite the record amount of development assistance for SRHR in 2020, the increase in total assistance means that SRHR represents a 6.1% share of Sweden's development assistance.

Sweden's development assistance for SRHR 2015–2020



Sweden's development assistance for SRHR 2015–2020

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK	MSEK
Total SRHR support	2 324	2 619	2 583	2 963	2 979	3 177
Share of total development assistance	7.2%	8.2%	7.0%	6.9%	6.2%	6.1%
Ministry for Foreign Affairs	1 263	1 404	1 328	1 683	1 491	1 682
Sida	1 061	1 215	1 255	1 280	1 488	1 495
Share of Sida's development assistance for health	58%	66%	59%	58%	60%	56%
Share of Sida's total disbursements	5.6%	6.5%	6.2%	5.6%	5.8%	5.7%

COVID-19 support 2020

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Major support to global COVID-19 response

- Sweden's total support to the global COVID-19 response amounted to SEK 1.9 billion in 2020 (not just development assistance for health).
- Most (80%) was channelled via Sida to new and additional support as well as to reprogrammed support.
- An additional sum in excess of SEK 670 million was paid by the MFA to address the pandemic's indirect effects, primarily regarding humanitarian action.

Sweden's contributions to combat COVID-19 in 2020

	MSEK	%
Total	1 898	100%
Government Offices	371	20%
Gavi Covax AMC	100	
Global Fund	100	
WHO AFRO	50	
UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund	50	
WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies (CFE)	40	
IMF Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT)	30	
Other support	1	
Sida	1 527	80%
UNICEF	349	
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	244	
UNFPA	134	
WHO	83	
Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA)	65	
UNDP	53	
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	35	
Cities Alliance	30	
Others	535	

Increased contribution from the MFA in 2020 to address indirect effects of COVID-19

	<i>MSEK</i>
Total	673
World Food Programme	200
UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	138
UNHCR	100
UNRWA	94
OHCHR	15
UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)	75
UN Women	51

Narrative reports



MFA and Sida narrative reports

- [Sida Annual Report 2020](#)
- [Sweden's actions regarding the global COVID-19 response](#)
- [Sida's actions to combat COVID-19](#)

Annual reports 2020

- [Global Fund](#)
 - [UNFPA](#)*
 - [Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance](#)*
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Methodology



General comments

- Statistics from the MFA's and Sida's statistical databases are used to calculate Sweden's development assistance for health.
- The standard values are used to calculate the shares of development assistance for health and development assistance for SRHR.
- With few exceptions, that same standard values are used in this year's report as in last year's.

Standard values for the MFA and Sida

MFA's standard values

	Health	SRHR
GFATM	100%	54%
UNFPA	100%	100%
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	100%	0%
UNAIDS	100%	100%
WHO	100%	7%
IFFIm	100%	0%
UNICEF*	28%	12%
World Bank*	14.18%	1.3%
UN Women	9%	9%
EU KOM	5.4%	1%
EDF	5.4%	1%
UNDP	1.05%	0%

Sida's standard values

Sector code	Description	SRHR
12110	Health care policy	10%
12181	Health care education	0
12191	Health care	0
12220	Basic health care	25%
12230	Basic infrastructure for medical care	75%
12240	Basic nutrition	75%
12250	Combating communicable diseases	0
12261	Health information	25%
12281	Training of health care professionals	25%
13010	Population policy and administration	100%
13 020	Reproductive health	100%
13040	Sexually transmitted diseases – HIV/AIDS	100%
13081	Staff training population	100%
12182	Medical research	25%

Standard values for development assistance for health

Regarding the organisations mentioned in the report, standard values have been used to calculate the share of Swedish core support that has gone to health initiatives in each organisation. Standard values are based on data received from each organisation on how large a share of non-earmarked activities goes to the health sector.

Regarding **GFATM, UNFPA, Gavi, UNAIDS, WHO** and **IFFIm**, it is estimated that 100% of activities are health-oriented initiatives. This means that all of Sweden's core support to these organisations is calculated as health assistance.

Regarding **UNDP**, the share considered as being targeted at strengthening systems for services related to HIV in 2017 (1.05%) has been used to calculate how large a share of Swedish core support has gone to health. This standard value has been kept for 2020. In 2020, Sweden also gave core support to **UN Women**, which has health-oriented activities. Of the Swedish support, 9% is estimated to have been used for health-oriented action.

Regarding **UNICEF**, the share of the organisation's regular resources in 2019 that went to result area 'health' (28%) has served as a standard value to calculate how large a share of Swedish core support has been designated for health-related measures. This is a reduction compared with the previous standard value of 43%. Sweden's investments in water and sanitation are reported separately from health initiatives, and so support to the UNICEF Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme is not included in this report.

Regarding the **World Bank**, the previous standard value (13.2%) has been adjusted upwards to 14.1%, which corresponds to the total share to the health sector from both the IBRD and the IDA in the first half of 2020. Water and sanitation have not been included, since within the World Bank this is largely comprised of major infrastructure projects. Other investment banks, such as the African and Asian Development Banks, have not been included in this report since only a very small part of their activities are focused on the health sector.

Sweden's development assistance for health via the EU is provided through the European Development Fund (**EDF**) and the European Commission (**EU KOM**). Since EU support to health-related measures can vary greatly from year to year, references are made to commitments in the area of health and not to actual payments. Regarding both the Development Fund and the Commission, the commitment – given as a percentage – amounts to 5.4 per cent for the period 2014–2020. For practical reasons, this figure has been used as a standard value to estimate Sweden's relative contribution to health via the EU in 2020.

Standard value for SRHR

An estimate of how large a share of development assistance for health goes to SRHR is made based on the methodology and standard values developed by the *Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute* (NIDI) to follow up donor support to population activities, in line with the ICPD Programme of Action. To estimate how large a share of multilateral core support goes to SRHR via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Sida's support per sector code, the standard values established by the NIDI have been used.

These figures were developed by the NIDI in collaboration with bilateral and multilateral organisations by means of a questionnaire to ODA donors. The percentage shows how large a share of the organisation's activities – according to the organisation – is allocated to SRHR. In 2014, NIDI/UNFPA stopped following up donor support for population activities, but Sweden has chosen to maintain this methodology so it can compare Swedish support to SRHR and as a share of development assistance over time.

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