

# Fundamental principles for financial cooperation with Sida

## Values and behaviour

Sida's cooperation and partnerships shall be based on shared objectives, mutual trust, honesty and dialogue, but also derive from accountability from both parts. Sweden's development cooperation takes as a point of departure and is characterised by the perspective of poor people on development and by a rights based perspective, which stems from a globally agreed set of values, comprising the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the human rights conventions subsequently adopted. Swedish development cooperation is based on an environmental and climate perspective, a gender equality perspective and a conflict perspective that contribute towards sustainable development. The perspectives are integrated in Sida's operations which are guided by everyone's right and possibility to live in dignity.

Through the global development agenda, the 2030 Agenda, each country's responsibility and ownership of their own development is central, whilst the Agenda also emphasises partnership between different actors. International agreements and principles of development effectiveness are important cornerstones in Swedish development cooperation.

Sida strives to contribute to the greatest possible benefit for people who live in poverty and under oppression and avoids collaboration that might harm or counteract the overall objective. Sida always takes action if a cooperation partner act in a manner that is inconsistent with this aim. This means that Sida and Sida's cooperation partners, within established frameworks for collaboration and partnership, jointly detach from:

- Discrimination based on gender, age, disability, race, national or ethnic origin, linguistic or religious affiliation, sexual orientation or identity, or political view.
- Violence against women and girls, men and boys, non-binary and transgender persons in public and private spaces, including sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- Child labour and human trafficking.
- Statements or activities which undermines sexual and reproductive health and rights, such as anti-abortion positioning, so called "anti-choice".
- Destruction of areas with high conservation/environmental value.
- Corruption, fraud.
- Money laundering.

- Terrorism financing, terror crimes or crimes connected to terrorist activities.
- Organised crime.

Sida, together with its cooperation partners, should have a continuous, open and transparent dialogue on ethical and other value based issues.

### Criteria for exclusion of financial cooperation

Sida shall not support activities that counteract the objectives of development cooperation in general and the current strategy in particular. Assistance funded by Sida is to be considered as aid according to the OECD / DAC definition of aid.

Sida does not finance companies or organizations listed on the **EU sanction list**.

Sida does not finance operations or activities that include the production, promotion or financing of the following **products** and **services**:

- Weapons, ammunition and products used as a platform for weapons and military strategic products.
- Chemicals not approved within the EU.
- Fossil fuels for electric and heat production (extensive); including new investments or support which directly prolongs or expands the use of existing fossil fuel-based alternatives.
- Medicines or pharmaceutical products that are falsified or not quality assured.
- Illegal drugs.
- Alcoholic beverages (extensive).
- Tobacco and tobacco products (extensive).
- Pornography.
- Racist or antidemocratic media.
- Commercial gambling/betting activities.