

Danish International Development Policy (DANIDA)

About DANIDA

The most recent strategy of DANIDA emphasizes the importance of freedom as a precondition for development and aims to enable people to shape their own lives and to contribute to changing the problems of endemic poverty. The Danish government formulates DANIDA's strategy on an annual basis to ensure maximum impact and results of Danish development cooperation and a significant Danish contribution to the achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

In order to achieve these goals, DANIDA works together with national governments in partner countries and in other countries with non-governmental or international actors operating in the country. To maximize the effectiveness of its policies, DANIDA is going to focus on fewer countries in the coming years, both in its bilateral and multilateral development assistance. In 2011, there will be close cooperation with 26 partner countries.

In 2011, development assistance is expected to reach 0.84% of Danish GNI. With this high level, Denmark will maintain its position among the five countries in the world that meet the UN target of providing at least 0.7% of GNI in development assistance. A majority of the funds flow to African countries. In 2009, bilateral assistance accounted for 68% of total Danish ODA and multilateral assistance for 32%.

Areas of work

The most recent DANIDA strategy paper states the following five priority areas of work for 2011-2015:

- 1) Freedom, democracy and human rights
- 2) Growth and employment
- 3) Gender equality
- 4) Stability and fragility
- 5) Environment and climate

Relevant for UNECE member States is the Danish Neighbourhood Programme, which has a specific focus on the following policy areas: the strengthening of human rights for vulnerable groups; combating illegal migration; reform and capacity development of the public sector; civil society development; business sector programmes; and the promotion of free and independent media.

Eligibility for DANIDA funding

DANIDA currently funds programmes in partner countries and other major programmes in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

UNECE member States fall under the Neighbourhood Programme, which provides bilateral assistance to the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Russia, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine. The programme is in its second phase and will run until 2012.

Further, DANIDA financially supports national governments in partner countries, private NGOs, multilaterals (UN bodies, development banks, the World Bank Group, regional development funds, the EU) and funds for humanitarian assistance.

DANIDA focuses on 26 partner countries in 2011, but this number will be reduced to 15 during the coming years to allow for an increased engagement in Africa and fragile states. Also, the number of non-partner countries that receive development assistance from DANIDA will be reduced.

How to apply

The Neighbourhood Programme is not open to applications for assistance to individual projects. The assistance under the Neighbourhood Programme is primarily carried out through larger programmes. They are planned and implemented together with relevant partners in the Neighbourhood countries, as well as relevant Danish actors.

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