Dutch Development Cooperation

Development policies

The main goal of the Dutch development cooperation is to support the global efforts to reduce world-wide poverty through the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Dutch development cooperation policy focuses on the following four areas:

- Security and development
- Growth and equity
- More rights and opportunities for women and girls
- Sustainability, climate and energy

The Netherlands contributes four billion euros annually towards the development of poor countries around the world.

Priority countries

The Dutch development cooperation is focused on countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The current list includes the following UNECE member States:

- Albania
- Armenia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Georgia
- Republic of Moldova
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Development cooperation assistance to the following countries will be phased out over the next four years: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Priority areas

The priority sectors of Dutch development cooperation are as follows:

- Increased safety and stability, effective humanitarian aid and good governance
- Poverty reduction
- Advanced human and social development
- Women and development, including women’s rights and gender equality
- Establishment of systems and organizations
- Better protected and improved environment

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Coordination and implementation

The Dutch development cooperation is an integral part of the foreign policy implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). The MFA is officially in charge of the implementation of the Dutch aid policy. In particular, it is responsible for the decision-making concerning aid activities and the disbursement of aid funds. The MFA does not carry out aid programmes, it finances the activities of partner organizations, including the recipient governments, and is not itself involved in the implementation. In bilateral aid it keeps in contact with the implementing ministries but only on an administrative level.

The Netherlands supports developing countries through various channels which range from small-scale individual initiatives to World Bank development activities. In particular, the Dutch development assistance is channelled through the following partners:

- International organizations (such as the World Bank and the United Nations)
- Governments of developing countries
- Like-minded donor countries
- Non-governmental organizations