German Development Cooperation

Development policies

German Development Cooperation is focused on reducing global poverty, ensuring peace and human security and preserving the environment in an international framework. The guiding principle in all development efforts is the protection of human rights. Through its development policy, Germany has pledged to take an active part in realising the goals set out in the Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

The four broad priorities of German development policy are as follows:

- Sustainable poverty reduction worldwide
- Reducing structural deficits and fostering good governance in partner countries
- Building peace and democracy
- Promoting equitable forms of globalization and sustainable economic development

Priority countries

The list of the partner countries with which Germany engages in development cooperation comprises more than 70 developing countries in the following regions:

- Asia
- Central, Eastern and South-eastern Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Middle East and Mediterranean Region
- Sub-Saharan Africa

This list includes the following countries in the UNECE region: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Priority areas

The priority areas of the German development cooperation are as follows:

- Fighting poverty and achieving equality
- Debt relief
- Promoting education for all
- Promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Food security
- Good governance
- Health
• Human rights
• Peacebuilding
• Protecting the environment and natural resources
• Social security

Coordination and implementation
The development policy of the Federal Republic of Germany is an independent area of German foreign policy. It is formulated by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and carried out by the implementing organizations. The following agencies are in charge of the implementation of German development cooperation: GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation) is responsible for technical cooperation with partner countries; KfW Group (KfW Bankengruppe) is in charge of financial cooperation; InWent (Capacity Building International Germany) ensures human resources development and training of experts; and DED (German Development Service) specializes in preparing and seconding volunteers.