Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

About SIDA

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) is the governmental agency responsible for Swedish development cooperation. The overall goal of SIDA is to contribute to creating the conditions that will enable poor people to improve the quality of their lives.

SIDA seeks to contribute to projects that the partner countries have identified as important. With its 1,500 (usually Swedish) partners, SIDA provides funding, skills, and other resources to accomplish its goals. The primary opportunities for cooperation with SIDA are the following:

- Multilateral cooperation (close to 1/3 of Swedish development funds is given to international organizations including the UN and the World Bank. These funds are available either through partnerships with the countries themselves or through the international bodies. Some funds are also donated to the EU.)
- Grant and Credit Aid (direct funding of partners in developing countries upon request)
- Contract-Financed Development Cooperation (partnerships between a Swedish organization with technical skills and a developing country at that country's request. SIDA finances and oversees the project)
- International Training Programs (Swedish companies, universities, and government agencies arrange training programs with partner countries for the exchange of knowledge, experience and skills)

Areas of work

SIDA activities are primarily focused on 5 main areas:

- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Water
- Urban Development

Eligibility for SIDA funding

SIDA contributes to projects in the following countries in the UNECE region: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, and Ukraine. For more detailed information on SIDA's involvement in these countries, please consult the following link.
Support provided by SIDA is guided by a requesting country’s specific needs. Furthermore, funds are granted to the applicants able to demonstrate comparative advantages over other requesting parties. This can be identified as the most important criteria taken into consideration by SIDA when awarding project funding.

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