Peaceful and inclusive societies

WHAT?

Sida is a major contributor to the global fight against violent conflict and terrorism by supporting the vision of peaceful and inclusive societies. In our work, we focus on three priorities: support for peace and conflict prevention; support for refugees and displaced people; and economic development in fragile contexts.

HOW?

Sida’s support focuses on strengthening inclusive governance, free and fair elections, and the rule of law; strengthening peace processes, including conflict prevention, mediation, and peace negotiations; verified and sustained support for displaced people and refugees; and promoting inclusive economic development.

Inclusive economic development

WHAT?

Sida’s development strategy is focused on inclusive economic development and the eradication of extreme poverty. We believe that economic growth and poverty reduction go hand-in-hand, and that businesses can help create prosperity, reduce inequality and make societies more inclusive.

HOW?

Sida supports businesses in poor countries, providing grants, loans, and technical assistance to promote inclusive economic development. We also support research and promote policy development on how businesses can create jobs and opportunities for refugees, including small and medium-sized enterprises.

Migration and development

WHAT?

Migration is a global trend that connects development and human rights. Sida supports development and human rights in the context of international migration, in order to ensure that migrants benefit from development and that development benefits migrants.

HOW?

Sida supports migration policies that promote human rights and the development potential of migrants and countries of origin. We work to ensure that states take responsibility for the rights of refugees and to support the integration of migrants into their new societies.

Equal health

WHAT?

Health is a basic human right. With Sida’s support, health care can be expanded and made more effective in order to reduce the burden of disease.

HOW?

Sida supports health systems strengthening, maternal and child health, and the fight against communicable and non-communicable diseases. Our focus is on ensuring that everyone has access to health care, including care for mental health.

Education and research

WHAT?

Education and research are key factors in the fight against poverty and inequality. Sida supports education for all and the right to learn, and research that strengthens development efforts.

HOW?

Sida prioritizes education, particularly for girls and young women. We also support research that strengthens development efforts, such as studies on humanitarian aid, migration, and development.

Humanitarian aid

WHAT?

Humanitarian aid is a vital tool to save lives and protect people in situations of acute need. Sida supports humanitarian actors, including governments and international organizations, with funding and policy advice.

HOW?

Sida supports the humanitarian community by providing funding, technical assistance, and policy advice. We work with humanitarian partners to strengthen their ability to respond to crises, including through advocacy and support for the Global Humanitarian Forum.

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Human rights, democracy and the principles of the rule of law

WHAT

- Ensure equal participation by women, girls and people with disabilities
- Fight violence against women
- Fight trafficking in human beings
- Fight domestic violence
- Fight hate crimes
- Fight violence against people on grounds of sexual orientation, HIV status, religion, etc.
- Ensure the rights of refugees
- Strengthen the rule of law

HOW

- Strengthen the rule of law in beneficiary countries, including by supporting the work of courts, the police and the prosecutor's office
- Strengthen the capacity of local authorities to take part in climate negotiations
- Contribute to the establishment and strengthening of democratic structures in beneficiary countries
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Global gender equality

WHAT

- Promote gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls

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Environmental and climate-related sustainable development

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- Manage terrestrial and marine ecosystems sustainably
- Conserve, promote and restore natural habitats
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