

Principal values for Sida and cooperation partners

Sida's cooperation and partnerships shall be based on shared objectives, mutual trust, honesty and dialogue, but also derive from accountability from both parts. Sweden's development cooperation takes as a point of departure and is characterised by the perspective of poor people on development and by a rights-based perspective, which stems from a globally agreed set of values, comprising the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the human rights conventions subsequently adopted. Swedish development cooperation is based on an environmental and climate perspective, a gender equality perspective and a conflict perspective that contribute towards sustainable development. The perspectives are integrated in Sida's operations which are guided by everyone's right and possibility to live in dignity.

Through the global development agenda, the 2030 Agenda, each country's responsibility and ownership of their own development is central, whilst the Agenda also emphasises partnership between different actors. International agreements and principles of development efficiency are important cornerstones in Swedish development cooperation.

Sida strives to contribute to the greatest possible benefit for people who live in poverty and oppression and avoids collaboration that might harm or counteract the overall objective. Sida always takes action if a cooperation partner act in a manner that is inconsistent with this aim. This means that Sida and Sida's cooperation partners, within established frameworks for collaboration and partnership, jointly detach from

- corruption
- organized crime, fraud or money laundering
- terror crimes or terrorism financing
- discrimination against persons based on gender, age, disability, race, national or ethnic origin, linguistic or religious affiliation, sexual orientation or identity, political view
- child labour, other forms of forced labour, modern slavery, and human trafficking
- all forms of violence against women and girls, boys and men, in public and private spaces, including sexual harassment, molestation and all forms of sexual abuse
- sexual exploitation

Sida, together with its cooperation partners, should have a continuous, open and transparent dialogue on ethical and other value based issues. The openness requires that as soon as challenges or suspicions of irregularities or ethical issues emerge, both parties are required to inform and address this in dialogue. If the problems are of serious nature, Sida may withdraw the support and terminate the cooperation.