

# SWEDEN

Sweden has remained committed to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) as a priority area within international cooperation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Swedish general elections in 2022 resulted in a minority government with the unprecedented support of the far-right Sweden Democrats. Right after the elections, it was announced that Sweden will no longer use the nomenclature 'feminist foreign policy' as it had been the case since 2014, being the first country implementing a policy of the kind. The country also adopted the Strategy for SRHR in Africa 2022-2026, which was approved with a total budget of 3.5 billion SEK (about €345 million).

## MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

Sweden kept the same level of support to sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) in 2021 as in the previous year, amounting to 176 million Euros and equivalent to 3.5% of total ODA. The country reduced support through the multilateral system, but this was offset by increased contributions through international organisations and initiatives.

Contributions to SRHR increase significantly compared to those on SRH/FP, given Swedish support also to safe abortion, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Questioning (LGBTIQ+) people and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV): total funding in 2021 amounted to over 282 million Euros or 5.6% of total ODA. Government-to-government is the only stream that Sweden does not use in this context.

As in 2020, Sweden was the European country under this analysis that mostly funded UNFPA, with a total contribution of 114 million Euros for SRH/FP and 116 million Euros for SRHR – and even though the country does not support the Supplies Partnership. The country thus sustained the level of funding to the agency in 2021, which had increased compared to 2019, due to the additional "SRHR and COVID-19" programmes at country level.

## FORECAST

The new Government announced that there will be a gradual decrease of the ODA level, aiming at reaching 0.7% of GNI spent on ODA by 2025, abandoning the 1% minimum. Moreover, in December 2022, it was announced that Sweden will reduce core support to multilaterals, in detriment of the crisis in Ukraine. Cuts have been made in core support to UNFPA, UNAIDS and UN WOMEN, which will lead to the reduction of SRHR funding. However, at the same time, the Government gave SIDA a mandate to develop a new global SRHR strategy. Once approved and resourced, this strategy may result in additional funding to global SRHR initiatives.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2021

3,5%

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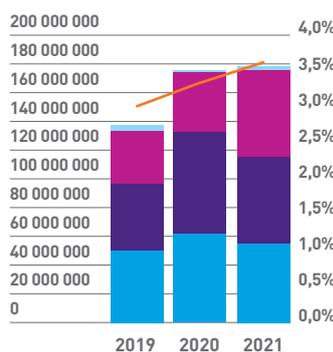
5,6%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY

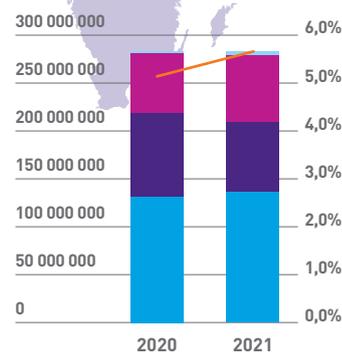


## SWEDEN'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING



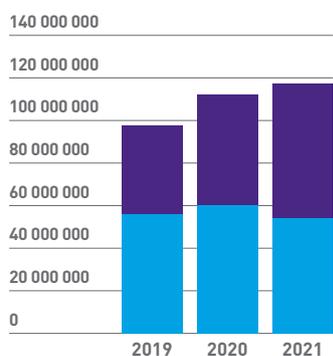
SRHR SPENDING



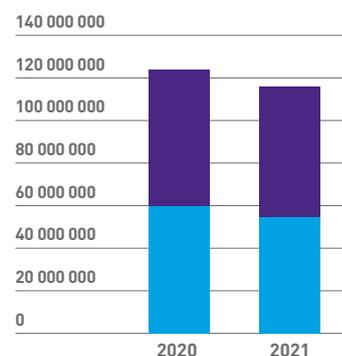
Core Multilateral  
Multilat. projects  
Int Orgs

Research  
Govt-to-Govt  
Spending as %ODA

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRHR



Core Other UNFPA projects Supplies Partnership



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