

SWEDEN

Sweden remains committed to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) as a priority area within development cooperation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Sweden was the first country to implement a Feminist foreign policy, in 2014, featuring SRHR as one of its six objectives. Several Swedish government crises in 2021 led to some political upheaval. New parliamentary elections will take place in September 2022. Until then, there is a commitment to keeping a high level of ODA (minimum 1% GNI) and to a continued focus on gender equality in Swedish Foreign Policy.

MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has confirmed that the crisis would not change the core elements of the Swedish Feminist Foreign Policy and ODA. As such, total funding for sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) amounted to 186 million Euros in 2020, an increase from the 148.7 million Euros in 2019 and equivalent to 3.3% of total ODA. This was mainly due to additional earmarked funding provided to the multilateral system to address the pandemic. Core support also increased in 2020 (23%), at the same time that SRH/FP organizations, initiatives and research were sustained from the previous year.

The country mostly relies on the multilateral system to advance the SRHR agenda: almost 80% of Swedish support was channelled through core or earmarked multilateral programmes. 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 2020 amounted to over 294 million Euros or 5.3% of total ODA. Government-to-government is the only stream that Sweden does not use in this context.

In 2020, Sweden was the European country that mostly funded UNFPA, with a total contribution of 123 million Euros – and even though the country did not support the Supplies Programme. This represents an increase of 12% compared to 2019, translated as enhanced support through both core funding and earmarked programmes, the latter of which derives from additional “SRHR and COVID-19” programmes at country level. Focus on SRHR through UNFPA reached the level of 124 million Euros.

FORECAST

At the Generation Equality Forum, the Swedish government committed to spend at least 83 million Euros (871 million SEK) to SRHR in 2021, including “support to focus on the neglected areas of comprehensive SRHR such as comprehensive abortion care and new support under the new strategies.”

SRH/FP AS % ODA

3,3%

SRHR AS % ODA

5,3%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



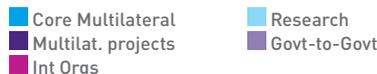
SWEDEN'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING

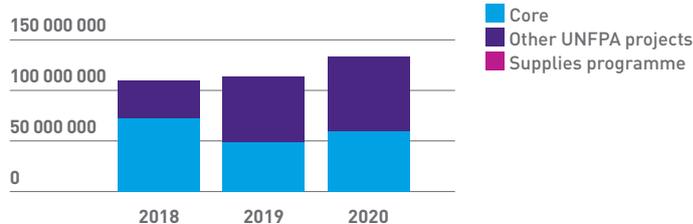


SRHR SPENDING (2020)

TOTAL: 294 403 294 €



UNFPA'S CONTRIBUTIONS - SRH/FP



UNFPA'S CONTRIBUTIONS - SRHR (2020)

TOTAL: 124 122 444€

