



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

# Sweden supporting Ukraine with medication

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The Government has decided on several mandates that will support Ukraine with medication. The Medical Products Agency and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency have been tasked with coordinating the transport of medication to Ukraine. The Public Health Agency of Sweden has been tasked with assessing the possibility of donating medication to Ukraine from its reserves.

“Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the country is in great need of medication. The purpose of these important mandates is to allow Swedish aid to reach those in need in Ukraine, using the special management methods that medication requires,” said Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren.

## The Medical Products Agency and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency will coordinate transport of medication to Ukraine

The Medical Products Agency has been tasked with assisting the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency to coordinate the request for support within the framework of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism relating to medication, due to the crisis in Ukraine.

The Medical Products Agency will analyse the offers of medication that it receives and investigate how they correspond to requests submitted through

the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The Agency will also assess whether the offered medication meets regulatory requirements.

The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency – with expertise provided by the Public Health Agency of Sweden, the National Board of Health and Welfare and the Medical Products Agency – will arrange transport of medication to Ukraine.

## **Mandate to assess the possibility of donating medication**

The Public Health Agency of Sweden has been tasked with conducting an overview of its medical reserves for contingency purposes and assessing the possibility of donating medication to Ukraine in accordance with the requests submitted via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. Within the framework of the mandate, the Public Health Agency of Sweden may, after ensuring that national needs have been secured, donate medication to Ukraine. This may include various kinds of antibiotics.

Information regarding which medication has been identified as possible to donate is to be submitted to the Medical Products Agency, based on its role to coordinate requests for medication and with offers to donate medication. Donations are to go through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, and the medication is to be submitted to the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency for further transport.



Press release from Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

# Sweden appoints an ambassador to work against antimicrobial resistance

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Sweden is establishing a new position – an AMR Ambassador – to further strengthen the important global work against antimicrobial resistance. The position will go to Malin Grape.

When Sweden's Statement of Foreign Policy was presented this week, it included a new Swedish initiative of appointing an AMR Ambassador. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a major threat to global health security and claims the lives of more than one million people each year, according to a study recently published in *The Lancet*.

“Antimicrobial resistance has long been an important issue for the Government. It is a serious and growing public health problem in Sweden and around the world. Sweden has a great deal of knowledge and experience in this area, and we are now raising the bar even higher by appointing an ambassador to strengthen Sweden's work internationally,” says Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren.

AMR – particularly work on antibiotic resistance – is a complex issue that requires cross-sectoral cooperation in areas such as human health, animal health and the environment, and that necessitates both national and international cooperation and long-term commitment. The work involves both preventing infections that may require antibiotics and preventing the spread of resistant bacterial strains.

The new AMR Ambassador Malin Grape is currently head of the Public Health Agency of Sweden's Unit for Antibiotics and Infection Control and

has long worked on these issues, both nationally and internationally. For example, she was responsible for the Public Health Agency's work to build and develop the WHO's Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS). She also worked on the European Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections (JAMRAI) project.

“I am tremendously honoured by this appointment. It feels very important to work on what the WHO considers to be one of the greatest global threats to human health. It's an issue that concerns us all and that we must work with at international level to have an impact,” says Ms Grape.

## Background

- Sweden has long worked on AMR both in the EU and internationally. In 2014, Sweden and the UK co-drafted a resolution on AMR in the WHO.
- Sweden and the UK co-founded the Ministerial Alliance of Champions against Antimicrobial Resistance. Other members include the United States, France, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China and South Africa.
- Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren is co-chair of the UN Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance, whose aim is to promote the global efforts to reduce antimicrobial resistance.
- Malin Grape holds a MSc in Pharmacy and her background is in research. Her doctoral thesis focused on antibiotic resistance. She has worked on antimicrobial resistance both nationally and internationally.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

# Change of government, 30 November 2021

Published 30 November 2021

Today in the Riksdag, Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson announced the ministers who will serve in the Government. The change of government takes place at a Council of State at the Royal Palace presided over by His Majesty the King. The Council of State begins at 13.00.

Sweden's new Government consists of the Prime Minister and 22 ministers.

## Prime Minister's Office

Magdalena Andersson, Prime Minister

Hans Dahlgren, Minister for EU Affairs

## Ministry of Employment

Eva Nordmark, Minister for Employment and Gender Equality

Johan Danielsson, Minister for Housing and Deputy Minister for Employment

## Ministry of Finance

Mikael Damberg, Minister for Finance

Max Elger, Minister for Financial Markets

Ida Karkiainen, Minister for Public Administration

## Ministry of Defence

Peter Hultqvist, Minister for Defence

## Ministry of Infrastructure

Tomas Eneroth, Minister for Infrastructure

Khashayar Farmanbar, Minister for Energy and Digital Development

## Ministry of Justice

Morgan Johansson, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

Anders Ygeman, Minister for Integration and Migration

## Ministry of Culture

Jeanette Gustafsdotter, Minister for Culture

## Ministry of the Environment

Annika Strandhäll, Minister for Climate and the Environment

## Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Karl-Petter Thorwaldsson, Minister for Business, Industry and Innovation

Anna-Caren Säterberg, Minister for Rural Affairs

## Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Lena Hallengren, Minister for Health and Social Affairs

Ardalan Shekarabi, Minister for Social Security

## Ministry of Education and Research

Anna Ekström, Minister for Education

Lina Axelsson Kihlblom, Minister for Schools

## Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Ann Linde, Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Defence

# Sweden's new Government

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Today in the Riksdag, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven announced the ministers who will serve in the Government. The change of government will take place at a Council of State at the Royal Palace presided over by His Majesty The King. The Council of State will begin at 14.15.

Sweden's new Government consists of the Prime Minister and 21 ministers.

## Prime Minister's Office

### Prime Minister

Stefan Löfven

### Minister for EU Affairs

Hans Dahlgren

## Ministry of Employment

### Minister for Employment

Eva Nordmark

Minister for Gender Equality and Housing, with responsibility for urban development, anti-segregation and anti-discrimination

Märta Stenevi

## Ministry of Finance

Minister for Finance

Magdalena Andersson

Minister for Public Administration

Lena Micko

Minister for Financial Markets and Deputy Minister for Finance

Åsa Lindhagen

## Ministry of Defence

Minister for Defence

Peter Hultqvist

## Ministry of Infrastructure

Minister for Infrastructure

Tomas Eneroth

Minister for Energy and Digital Development

Anders Ygeman

## Ministry of Justice

Minister for Justice and Migration

Morgan Johansson

## Minister for Home Affairs

Mikael Damberg

## Ministry of Culture

Minister for Culture and Democracy, with responsibility for sport

Amanda Lind

## Ministry of the Environment

Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister

Per Bolund

## Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Minister for Business, Industry and Innovation

Ibrahim Baylan

## Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Minister for Health and Social Affairs

Lena Hallengren

## Minister for Social Security

Ardalan Shekarabi

## Ministry of Education and Research

Minister for Education

Anna Ekström

Minister for Higher Education and Research

Matilda Ernkrans

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Ann Linde

Minister for International Development Cooperation

Per Olsson Fridh

Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs

Anna Hallberg



Press release from Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

# Plan for the event of new outbreaks of COVID-19

Published 08 July 2020

The number of people falling seriously ill with COVID-19 has decreased recently, but according to the Public Health Agency of Sweden there is a risk that new local and regional outbreaks could occur in Sweden. The Public Health Agency of Sweden, the National Board of Health and Welfare, the Medical Products Agency, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency and the county administrative boards have therefore been instructed by the Government to produce a plan for the event of new outbreaks of COVID-19.

“The number of people falling seriously ill with COVID-19 continues to decrease, which is good news. At the same time, we must be prepared for the spread of the virus to pick up pace again. It is important that our crisis preparedness is as good as possible to minimise the impact,” says Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren.

“Our stamina is another critical factor. For this reason, additional coordinated information measures will be necessary in the autumn, and the Government wants to see the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency prepare for this,” says Minister for Home Affairs Mikael Damberg.

The Public Health Agency of Sweden has been tasked with drawing up various scenarios, both national and regional, of how the spread of the virus could develop in Sweden over the coming year, with a focus on autumn 2020. The different scenarios must contain key assumptions, numbers of infections and death rates. No later than 20 July 2020, the Public Health

Agency of Sweden will inform the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, the National Board of Health and Welfare, the Medical Products Agency, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency and the county administrative boards about the scenarios it has drawn up.

“To deal with any new outbreaks of COVID-19, it is important to take into account the regional perspectives of the county administrative boards. They are the Government’s extended arm in crises around the country and also have knowledge about the specific challenges and conditions prevailing in each county,” says Minister for Public Administration Lena Micko.

On the basis of the scenarios drawn up by the Public Health Agency of Sweden:

- the Public Health Agency of Sweden will assess what measures should be taken within its area of responsibility to quickly detect new outbreaks, curb the spread of the virus and minimise the number of infections and deaths;
- the Medical Products Agency will produce a plan for measures that may be necessary at various stages of an outbreak;
- the National Board of Health and Welfare will assess what measures, both national and regional, may be necessary within its area of responsibility to strengthen health care services and the ability of social services to effectively manage new outbreaks;
- the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency will assess what measures may be necessary within its area of responsibility and produce a plan for how these measures can be implemented (for the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency this is mainly a matter of managing and pursuing coordination between actors involved in critical services, taking responsibility for coordination of crisis communication through targeted information measures and providing support in terms of transport and logistics for protective equipment); and
- the county administrative boards will produce a plan for measures that may be necessary (for example guidance, supervision and restrictions on public gatherings and events), and produce a plan for how these are to be implemented. Halland County Administrative Board is coordinating the assignment.

The Public Health Agency of Sweden, the National Board of Health and Welfare, the Medical Products Agency, the Swedish Civil Contingencies



Agency and the county administrative boards must submit their final report by 1 September 2020.



Press release from Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

# Mats Melin to chair COVID-19 inquiry in Sweden

Published 01 July 2020

The Government has today, 30 June 2020, appointed a committee of inquiry to evaluate the measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19. The committee chair will be Mats Melin.

The Government has decided to appoint a committee of inquiry with instructions to evaluate the measures taken by the Government, administrative authorities and municipalities to limit the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 and the effects of its spread. The inquiry will also conduct an international comparison with relevant countries of the various measures that have been taken.

The inquiry will:

- evaluate how the crisis management organisations of the Government Offices, relevant administrative authorities, regions and municipalities have functioned during the pandemic;
- evaluate how the responsibility principle and geographical area responsibility have functioned during the crisis; and
- present proposals of measures that the inquiry's observations give rise to .

The Government has appointed Mats Melin as inquiry chair. He was a Justice and President of the Supreme Administrative Court between 2011 and 2018. Prior to that he was Chief Parliamentary Ombudsman between 2004 and 2011. Mr Melin has participated in several central government inquiries and has also served at the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The inquiry is to submit its final report by 28 February 2022. Two interim reports are to be presented, one on 30 November 2020 and the other on 31 October 2021. The first interim report is to concern the spread of the virus in the health and social care of older people.



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Press release from Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

# Government contributing SEK 40 million to WHO's emergency fund

Published 09 March 2020

In light of the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, which is caused by SARS-CoV-2, the Government has decided to contribute SEK 40 million to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Contingency Fund for Emergencies. The aim of the fund is to strengthen the WHO's ability to act rapidly, without negatively affecting its other activities, when, for example, there is an outbreak of communicable diseases.

“Health-related emergencies, such as the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, must be handled jointly. By contributing to the WHO's emergency fund, Sweden is contributing to the global efforts to counter health threats and strengthen public health. This increases security not only internationally, but also here in Sweden,” says Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren.

“The WHO must now ensure preparedness across the world to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus. Our contribution facilitates these efforts and thereby helps to reduce the risk of a pandemic,” says Minister for International Development Cooperation Peter Eriksson.

The Government's decision to classify COVID-19 as a threat to public health and a danger to society provides a legal basis for certain disease control efforts that may be necessary if there is extensive spread of disease in Sweden. The Public Health Agency of Sweden is monitoring developments with regard to the outbreak and considers that the risk of the disease

spreading in Sweden is very low. The Agency also considers that health checks at airports are not currently a necessary measure.

The WHO's Contingency Fund for Emergencies was set up in response to the Ebola outbreak in 2015, when it was observed that many countries had inadequate capacity and preparedness to handle transnational health threats.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Employment, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Government Offices

# New state secretaries at the Government Offices

Published 22 January 2019

The Government today appointed 31 state secretaries at the Government Offices. Former state secretaries have been dismissed from their positions. Most of the state secretaries have previously held corresponding positions at the Government Offices.

## Prime Minister's Office

The Government has appointed Nils Vikmång as the Prime Minister's State Secretary. The Government has also appointed Madeleine Harby Samuelsson and Karin Wallensteen as state secretaries to Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The Government has appointed Paula Carvalho Olovsson as State Secretary to Minister for EU Affairs Hans Dahlgren.

The Government has appointed Mats Andersson and Maria Ferm as state secretaries in the coordinating committee at the Prime Minister's Office.

## Ministry of Employment

The Government has appointed Annika Dahl as State Secretary to Minister for Employment Ylva Johansson.

The Government has appointed Karin Strandås as State Secretary to Minister

for Gender Equality, with responsibility for anti-discrimination and anti-segregation, Åsa Lindhagen.

## Ministry of Finance

The Government has appointed Max Elger and Leif Jacobsson as state secretaries to Minister for Finance Magdalena Andersson.

The Government has appointed Ulf Holm and Elin Olsson as state secretaries to Minister for Financial Markets and Housing, Deputy Minister for Finance, Per Bolund.

The Government has appointed Alejandro Firpo as State Secretary to Minister for Public Administration Ardan Shekarabi.

## Ministry of Defence

The Government has appointed Jan-Olof Lind as State Secretary to Minister for Defence Peter Hultqvist.

## Ministry of Infrastructure

The Government has appointed Mattias Landgren as State Secretary to Minister for Infrastructure Tomas Eneroth.

The Government has appointed Sebastian De Toro as State Secretary to Minister for Energy and Digital Development Anders Ygeman.

## Ministry of Justice

The Government has appointed Catharina Espmark and Lars Westbratt as state secretaries to Minister for Justice and Migration Morgan Johansson.

The Government has appointed Elisabeth Backteman as State Secretary to Minister for Home Affairs Mikael Damberg.

## Ministry of Culture

The Government has appointed Helene Öberg as State Secretary to Minister for Culture and Democracy, with responsibility for sport, Amanda Lind.

## Ministry of the Environment

The Government has appointed Eva Svedling and Gunvor Ericson as state secretaries to Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister, Isabella Lövin.

## Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

The Government has appointed Stina Billinger and Emil Högberg as state secretaries to Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Ibrahim Baylan.

The Government has appointed Per Callenberg as State Secretary to Minister for Rural Affairs Jennie Nilsson.

## Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Government has appointed Maja Fjaestad as State Secretary to Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren.

## Ministry of Education and Research

The Government has appointed Erik Nilsson as State Secretary to Minister for Education Anna Ekström.

The Government has appointed Malin Cederfeldt Östberg as State Secretary to Minister for Higher Education and Research Matilda Ernkrans.

## Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Government has appointed Annika Söder as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs to Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström.

The Government has appointed Per Olsson Fridh as State Secretary to Minister for International Development Cooperation Peter Eriksson.

The Government has appointed Niklas Johansson as State Secretary to Minister for Foreign Trade, with responsibility for Nordic affairs, Ann Linde.





Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

# Press invitation: International Conference on Men and Equal Opportunities

Published 08 May 2018

Media representatives are invited to the International Conference on Men and Equal Opportunities (ICMEO) in Stockholm, Sweden, on 15–16 May.

Swedish Minister for Gender Equality Lena Hallengren will speak at the Conference. International speakers and delegates will include EU ministers, heads of international bodies, researchers and government agency representatives.

"If we want to achieve real change towards a gender equal society, men have to be engaged, and participate in the process. The conference will explore perspectives on men and equal opportunities in fields such as education, health and violence prevention," says Lena Hallengren, Minister for Gender Equality, Sweden.

ICMEO aims to strengthen the focus on men and boys and their role in gender equality policy and action. How do social norms change and how can we best engage men and boys in gender equality and promote a lifestyle beyond stereotypical norms?

Day two of the conference includes six parallel workshops on boys and young men in relation to education, health and violence prevention. These workshops will be run jointly with partner organisations.

The conference gathers European decision-makers, politicians, experts, academics and practitioners from all sectors of society.

ICMEO was held for the first time in Berlin in 2012. It was held in Vienna in 2014 and in Luxembourg in 2016. The overall theme for the conference series is the role and responsibility of men in gender equality.

Read more about ICMEO: <http://www.government.se/ICMEO2018>

Please note: Media representatives need to register by email no later than 14 May 2018 at: [maud.nordell@regeringskansliet.se](mailto:maud.nordell@regeringskansliet.se)

Accreditation is required. Please bring your press credentials to the conference venue.

### **ICMEO**

15–16 May, Stockholm.

**Conference Venue:** Norra Latin, Stockholm City Conference Centre

**Address:** Drottninggatan 71 B, Stockholm

Please contact Press Officer Karl-Johan Bondesson at Swedish Gender Equality Agency, for questions about the programme.

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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

# Lena Hallengren new Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality

Published 08 March 2018

Lena Hallengren was today appointed as new Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality.

Ms Hallengren was Deputy Minister for Education, with responsibility for preschools, youth issues and adult learning, in 2002–2006.

She has since held several leading posts in the Riksdag. During the previous electoral period, she was Deputy Chair of the Committee on Health and Welfare and the Swedish Social Democratic Party spokesperson on social policy issues, with responsibilities including medical care, care of the elderly and disability policy.

She has been a member of the Riksdag since 2006 and chair of several committees, most recently the Committee on Education.