

New strategy for global gender equality and women's and girls' rights 2018–2022

Summary

Equitable and sustainable global development cannot be accomplished without equality between women, men, girls and boys. Gender equality is a prerequisite for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and a goal in itself (Goal 5). In recent times, we have witnessed setbacks for global gender equality efforts. Global normative frameworks and international commitments are increasingly being questioned. A shrinking democratic space, along with inadequate financing, limits the opportunities for women's rights organisations to act independently and contribute to societal development. Gender-based violence and discriminatory legislation and are serious barriers to the full enjoyment of human rights by women and girls. Gender equality is hampered by destructive and gender-stereotyped norms. Understanding and highlighting the situation of women and girls in different contexts requires sex-disaggregated data and research. Sweden is a leading global actor for gender equality and will continue to contribute to broad networks and strategic partnerships for the full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls.

The objective of Sweden's development cooperation and

humanitarian aid is to create opportunities for people living in poverty and oppression to improve their living conditions. Over the period of 2018–2022, this strategy covers SEK 1 billion, and will contribute to the following objectives:

Gender equality and the full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls

- Enhanced global and regional preconditions to implement and strengthen global normative frameworks for gender equality and the enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls.
- Enhanced global and regional preconditions to counteract discrimination and gender-stereotypical norms and attitudes.
- Enhanced global and regional capacity to combat all forms of gender-based violence and harmful practices.
- Enhanced preconditions for women's rights organisations, feminist movements and women human rights defenders to act independently and contribute to gender equality and the full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls.
- Increased safety and security for actors and organisations that promote gender equality and the

full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls.

- Increased access to and use of sex-disaggregated data and gender equality research.
- Enhanced methods and capacity development for gender equality efforts.

Sweden's development cooperation should be permeated by a rights perspective and the perspective of poor people on development, as well as an environment, climate, gender equality and conflict perspective. Individuals and groups that are discriminated against, excluded and marginalised must be made more visible.

The activity's operational focus guides the choice of partners and the forms of cooperation. Broad and transformative gender equality efforts involve a wide range of actors. Men and boys as actors for gender equality are particularly relevant in the implementation. Catalytic and innovative activities should be considered. Activities should supplement and seek synergies with ongoing efforts on gender mainstreaming and activities for gender equality in all Swedish development cooperation, and not replace these activities.

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