

ROAD MAP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY FOR DENMARK'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 2012

GENDER EQUALITY

Gender equality

Gender equality constitutes one of five political priorities in the strategy for Denmark's development cooperation, "Freedom from Poverty – Freedom to Change" launched in 2010 and is mainstreamed across programmes and projects. Different sub-strategies, formulated in earlier years, still guide interventions on specific issues such as gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV/AIDS. In accordance with the sub-strategy on gender equality in Denmark's development cooperation of 2004, Denmark's efforts are guided by a two-pronged approach - mainstreaming and special interventions. Women and men should have equal opportunities to contribute to the development of their societies and benefit from the same economic, political and social rights. That is the basis for achieving growth, employment and sustainable development.

In the first half of 2012, Denmark will hold the presidency of the European Union. The Danish presidency provides a platform for following the implementation of the EU Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development Cooperation closely. The presidency also provides a rare opportunity to form broad networks, not only within the EU but also on a global level. In the second half of 2012, efforts will be focused on further strengthening alliances for the promotion of gender equality and women's rights. Traditional alliances with like-minded partners will be reinvigorated and new alliances initiated with a broad group of new global actors, partner countries, multilateral and non-governmental organisations. Throughout 2012, we will draw on the strong gender equality profile, both in our development cooperation and in our foreign and security policy efforts.

Based on these alliances, Denmark will continue to take a lead in the promotion of gender equality and women's rights in the multilateral field. Denmark will continue to push for improvements in all fora of the UN, where gender issues are on the agenda – both in matters of peace and security and with regard to more general gender-related normative efforts. Denmark will work to ensure that the World Bank's 2012 World Development Report on gender equality brings strategic actions and cooperation on gender equality forward and that the report's visions are translated into results at the country-level. Efforts to promote gender equality and women's empowerment will continue in partner countries and will be employed in a more coordinated and strategic manner. Synergy will be exploited by connecting achievements and networks from the bilateral field with efforts taking place at the global and more normative level.

Based on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, Denmark will continue efforts to combat Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in fragile states and conflict areas.

Denmark will support UN Women in its focus on the vital role of providing qualitative and timely upstream policy advice to national governments and to work closely with the broader UN system, both at headquarters and at country level. UN Women's role should be catalytic through actively promoting gender equality in all aspects of the UN's engagement in a country - from policy development over planning to implementation and evaluation.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights

Ensuring sexual and reproductive health and rights remains a cornerstone for achieving gender equality and women's rights. In the prevailing international political environment these rights are increasingly under pressure, including from conservative forces and countries. In 2012, Denmark will work actively to ensure the continued implementation of the Programme of Action from the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). By strengthened dialogue in new and existing networks – both within the EU, the UN and globally – Denmark will continue to work for progress on the traditionally difficult topics, i.e. access to safe abortion and young people's access to information and services, not the least in building up momentum for the ICPD+20.

HIV / AIDS

Denmark will play an active role in ensuring the fulfilment of the commitment to universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, including targets and elements from the 2011 HIV/AIDS High Level Meeting Declaration. As part of the follow up to the review of the Danish HIV/AIDS support 2005-2010, Denmark will in 2012 increase its support to the most-at-risk populations (MARP's) in selected countries, and raise the issue with relevant organizations and in policy dialogue with partner countries.

Financial framework

Support to gender equality is mainstreamed throughout Denmark's development cooperation, including programmes and projects. In 2012, 25 million DKK is allocated to special gender interventions in Tanzania. Out of this, DKK 5 million will go to a pilot project that will provide poor and underserved women education in basic business management and leadership as a part of the Goldman Sachs "10.000 Women" initiative. A further DKK 28 million will be provided to a regional gender initiative in Northern Africa and the Middle East. Ensuring girls' access to education is a cornerstone of Danish support to education in Afghanistan, to which DKK 120 million is allocated in 2012.

Priority areas within Gender Equality

- Be at the forefront of international work to achieve gender equality.
- Emphasise gender equality in dialogue and cooperation with partner countries.
- Seek to enhance women's freedom, rights and economic opportunities in particular.
- Boost efforts to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights and expand the focus on population growth.
- Increase the effort to improve girls' and women's access to education and health services.
- Ensure better protection of women's rights in conflict and reconstruction situations and promote women's participation in peace building.

1. Be at the forefront of international work achieve gender equality		
Goal	Actions in 2012	Indicator 2012
1.1. Enhance global awareness of gender equality and take the lead in efforts to improve gender equality and women's freedom, rights and opportunities.	<p>1.1.1. Danish gender equality concerns reflected in EU development efforts both during and after Danish EU presidency.</p> <p>1.1.2. Work to ensure that recommendations from the 2012 World Bank Development Report on gender equality are reflected in Danish bilateral and multilateral development cooperation.</p> <p>1.1.3. Work to promote an ambitious gender equality and SRHR agenda during multilateral high-level meetings such as the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development and the Rio+20 Summit.</p>	<p>1.1.1. Due attention given to Danish gender equality policy in EU's policy, including Commission and Council communications and conclusions.</p> <p>1.1.2. Recommendations from the 2012 World Development Report on gender equality disseminated to Danish Embassies and integrated in gender-relevant Danish interventions.</p> <p>1.1.3. International acquis maintained and a broader group of new global players, African and other partner countries, as well as NGO's mobilized to promote established rights and values.</p>
2. Emphasise gender equality in dialogue and cooperation with partner countries		
Goal	Actions in 2012	Indicator 2012
2.1. Place gender equality at the centre of the dialogue with partner countries and the centre of development cooperation, and work to improve legislative, administrative and cultural frameworks for women's equal participation in political and economic contexts.	2.1.1. In Burkina Faso, raise awareness of gender equality, women's rights and equal participation by involving Danish academia and/or women's rights activists.	2.1.1. At least one gender and culture study launched and two seminars or events on gender and culture experience sharing with participation from Denmark held in Burkina Faso by September 2012.

2. Emphasise gender equality in dialogue and cooperation with partner countries		
Goal	Actions in 2012	Indicator 2012
2.2. Seek to effectuate changes to institutions, policies and legislation in order to promote equal rights through dialogue with partner countries and special efforts to eradicate, for example, discriminatory legislation or administrative practices.	<p>2.2.1 Support government institutions and civil society organisations working with human rights and gender equality in partner countries through embassy grants, sector programmes and Danish organisations as well as support to UN Women.</p> <p>2.2.2. Strengthen capacity at Danish embassies to work on gender mainstreaming and promote women's empowerment through Danish Development cooperation.</p>	<p>2.2.1.1. Gender projects supported through "Clean Cook Stoves" and "the 10.000 Women Initiative" as well as through the international financial institutions based in Washington.</p> <p>2.2.1.2. 30 Civil Society Organisations supported in Kenya.</p> <p>2.2.2. Carry out two gender training seminars at embassies and enhance partner countries' opportunities to participate in DANIDA gender e-learning courses.</p>
3. Seek to enhance women's freedom, rights and economic opportunities in particular		
Goal	Actions in 2012	Indicator 2012
3.1. Focus on establishing conditions that allow women to exercise their freedom and rights and which further women's economic opportunities and political participation, including women's access to and control of resources such as land and access to financial services on the same terms as men.	<p>3.1.1. Facilitate women's economic and political empowerment through private sector initiatives in partner countries.</p> <p>3.1.2. Promote women's rights and women's participation in civil society in North Africa and the Middle East through the Partnership for Dialogue and Reform Programme.</p>	<p>3.1.1. 20 million DKK allocated to activities enhancing women's possibility to actively participate in business and trade in Tanzania.</p> <p>3.1.2. 28 million DKK allocated to activities related to gender equality under the Partnership for Dialogue and Reform Programme.</p>

4. Boost efforts to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights and expand the focus on population growth		
Goal	Actions in 2012	Indicator 2012
4.1. Step up efforts to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).	4.1.1. Support to key SRHR advocacy and services in accordance with key priorities in SRHR strategy.	4.1.1.1. 85 million DKK allocated to key organizations working to advance the most sensitive SRHR issues before 1st September 2012. 4.1.1.2. Support initiated to the Kenyan Gender Violence Recovery Centre to contribute to the treatment of 3,000 violated women in 2012.
4.2. Contribute to fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS, through focus on prevention and make a special effort concerning most vulnerable groups.	4.2.1. Follow up on the 2011 review on Danish support to HIV/AIDS: Increase support to most at risk populations (MARP's) in selected countries and raise the issue with relevant organizations and in policy dialogue with partner countries.	4.2.1.1. Agreement on multiyear MARP's programme with international NGO, approx 25 million DKK million grant. 4.2.1.2. Rights and service access for MARP's raised in relevant organizations and fora as well as in policy dialogue with partner countries.

5. Increase the effort to improve girls' and women's access to education and health services		
Goal	Actions in 2012	Indicator 2012
5.1. Denmark will push to ensure that girls and women gain access to education.	<p>5.1.1. Support the education sectors in developing countries in order to ensure that access of girls and women, including those with handicaps, to education, are prioritized.</p> <p>5.1.2. Promote strong priority to girls' education in the Board of the Education for All - Fast Track Initiative.</p>	<p>5.1.1.1. Access of Afghan girls to education promoted as corner stone in the 120 million DKK financial support to the education sector in Afghanistan.</p> <p>5.1.1.2. Through Danish support to the World Bank's Adolescent Girls Initiative, the Danish IFC Trust Fund and cooperation with the Goldman Sachs "10.000 Women" initiative, education provided for 8.000 girls and women in developing countries.</p> <p>5.1.2. Continued increase in gender parity indicator across all 43 Fast Track initiative partner countries.</p>
5.2. Healthcare systems must be strengthened to handle the particular needs of women and children efficiently.	<p>5.2.1. Establish MDG framework in Ghana to reduce the number of women with unmet family planning needs.</p> <p>5.2.2. In Kenya, strengthen support to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Right (SRHR).</p>	<p>5.2.1. In Ghana, 55% of deliveries attended by a trained health worker.</p> <p>5.2.2. 30% of Kenyan women receiving family planning (2011-level) increased proportionally towards 60% coverage in 2016.</p>

6. Ensure better protection of women's rights in conflict and reconstruction situations and promote women's participation in peace building		
Goal	Actions in 2012	Indicator 2012
6.1. Focus on the protection of women and ensuring that women are safe from violation in the context of conflicts and in connection with major disasters.	<p>6.1.1. Promote the UNSCR 1325 agenda and equal access to justice in conflict and post-conflict situations through support to government institutions and civil society organisations working with UNSCR 1325.</p> <p>6.1.2. Support equal access to justice via embassy grants and sector programmes in partner countries.</p>	<p>6.1.1. Somalia Programme (2011-2014) has specific gender component focusing on implementation of UNSCR 1325.</p> <p>6.1.2. Increase in number of Danish supported Security Sector Reform and Justice Sector Reform programmes with 1325 component.</p>
6.2 Promote the active participation of women on the same terms as men at all levels of peace processes, democratization and reconstruction, and the involvement of women in the legal proceedings that follow the often widespread sexual violation of women in conflict situations.	6.2.1. 1325 perspective mainstreamed in new programme for South Sudan.	6.2.1. High-level Gender Advisor with 1325 expertise funded and in place at Joint Donor Team in Juba, South Sudan.