

NORWAY

1. Measures to accelerate progress towards the MDGs by 2015

Norway will continue to focus on the health-related, education and gender equality goals, enhancing its financial support for these with high-level dialogue and strengthened global partnerships at the political level. Norway also promotes the UN Secretary General's *Joint Action Plan for Women's and Children's Health* and, for MDG2 (education) achievement, targets vulnerable groups, emphasising gender parity and educating children in hard-to-reach locations, notably conflict and disaster zones. Insecurity is an overriding threat to all the MDGs and Norway will continue its work to ensure broad based support for, and implementation of, the Oslo Commitments on Armed Violence.

2. Changes in development policy, and what drives them

Through its support for the Forest Partnership for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)+ Financing, agreed at the Oslo Climate and Forest Conference in May 2010, Norway is helping to achieve major global reductions in carbon emissions and thereby eliminating a significant source of global climate change. As part of this, Norway is channelling approximately USD 500 million per year through international and national REDD+ Partners. Norway is also actively considering a substantial increase in its funding of clean energy through Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in developing countries and extending a PPP approach for clean energy investments to the international level.

3. Measures to increase predictability of aid

Norway provides full and timely information on annual commitments and actual disbursements to its partner countries. In order to support planning in its partner countries through national medium-term expenditure frameworks, Norway provides indicative planning figures for entire planning periods and budget cycles and ensures that aid predictability is an integral part of its budget dialogue with partner governments.