

Aid in Support of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment 2004-2005

United Kingdom

Amounts are average commitments for 2004-2005, unless otherwise shown

Investment in gender equality and women's empowerment is vital for improving economic, social and political conditions in developing countries within the framework of sustainable development. A focus on gender equality and women's empowerment in development co-operation is a means to enhance the total effectiveness of aid (1).

An activity can target gender equality as a "principal objective" or "significant objective". **Principal** means gender equality was an explicit objective of the activity and fundamental in its design. **Significant** means gender equality was an important, but secondary, objective of the activity. Not targeted means that the activity was screened for promoting gender equality, but was found to not be targeted to it.

Not all activities have been screened against the gender marker: the coverage ratio for sector-allocable activities is 87%.

Gender equality focus of donor's aid programme

	USD million	
	2004	2005
Principal objective	108	33
Significant objective	1283	927
Not targeted	1568	1761
Not screened	79	793
Total sector-allocable aid	3037	3515
Gender equality focused aid (2)	47%	35%
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Total non sector-allocable aid	2172	6272
Aid to Women's equality (3)	22	12

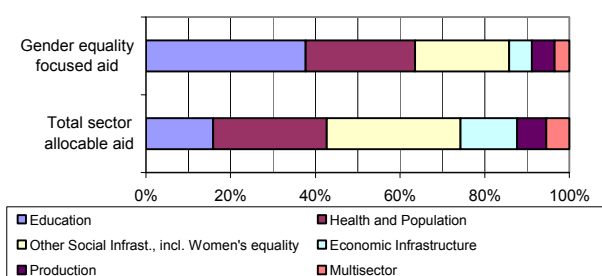
Related Millennium Development Goals

Promote gender equality and empower women (Goal 3)

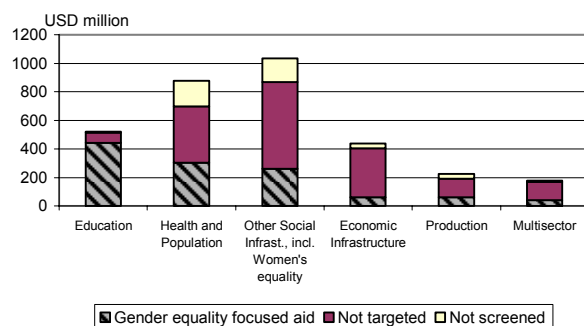
Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015 (Target 4)

Sector breakdown

Sectoral components of gender equality focused aid percentages



Gender equality focus of sectors USD million



Top ten recipients

Gender equality focus in aid to top ten recipients USD million

	Total aid	Total sector-allocable aid	Gender equality focused aid (2)
Nigeria	1254	222	57%
Iraq	845	153	4%
India	772	689	59%
Bangladesh	362	313	62%
Zambia	332	74	14%
Afghanistan	246	95	8%
Uganda	222	30	71%
Sudan	216	116	6%
Congo Dem.Rep. (Zaire)	210	48	64%
Tanzania	201	58	15%

Top ten recipients of gender equality focused aid USD million

	Gender equality focused aid (2)
India	326 59%
Bangladesh	185 62%
Nigeria	120 57%
Nepal	78 79%
China	47 77%
Ethiopia	45 68%
Yemen	33 98%
Pakistan	31 56%
Congo Dem.Rep. (Zaire)	27 64%
Zimbabwe	25 86%

(1) DAC Guidelines for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development Co-operation, 1999

(2) % of sector-allocable aid. Activities not screened against the gender equality marker have been excluded.

(3) Since 2005 flows, the WID sector is replaced by "Support to women's equality organisations and institutions", within the "Other social infrastructure" category.

Note: Statistics on gender focus exclude non sector-allocable aid since several members do not apply the gender marker on these forms of aid. This category includes programme assistance, debt relief and emergency aid.

Source: CRS Aid Activity database (Creditor Reporting System) at www.oecd.org/dac/stats/idsonline