

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

Canada

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 **94%**.

Gender equality focus of donor's aid programme

USD million

	2004	2005
Principal objective	38	60
Significant objective	585	622
Not targeted	621	684
Not screened	162	0
Total sector-allocable aid	1406	1366
Gender equality focused aid (2)	50%	50%
<i>Memo:</i>		
Total non sector-allocable aid	917	1000
Aid to Women's equality (3)	2	5

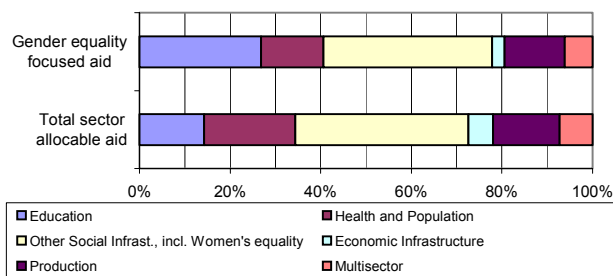
Related Millennium Development Goals

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)

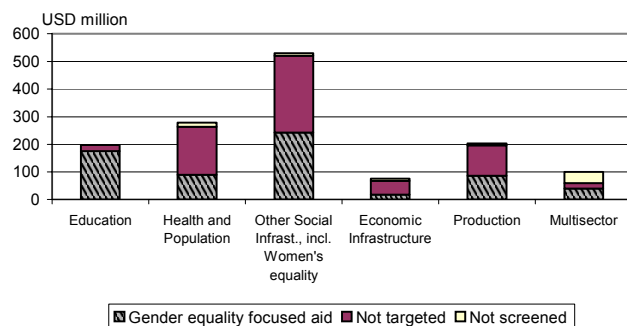
Sector breakdown

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

Recipient	Total aid	Total sector allocable aid	Gender equality focused aid (2)
Iraq	237	41	87%
Afghanistan	121	92	18%
Ghana	114	111	31%
Haiti	92	74	35%
Ethiopia	81	28	13%
Mozambique	74	74	86%
Bangladesh	56	55	73%
Viet Nam	51	43	48%
Tanzania	44	44	73%
Indonesia	41	25	47%

Top ten recipients of gender equality focused aid

USD million

Recipient	Gender equality focused aid (2)
Mozambique	63 (86%)
Bangladesh	40 (73%)
Iraq	36 (87%)
Ghana	34 (31%)
Tanzania	32 (73%)
Haiti	25 (35%)
China	24 (65%)
Viet Nam	21 (48%)
Pakistan	20 (78%)
Bosnia-Herzegovina	18 (76%)

(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