

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

Austria

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.

All activities have been screened against the gender marker: the gender coverage ratio is thus 100%.

Gender equality focus of donor's aid programme

USD million

	2004	2005
Principal objective	3	7
Significant objective	48	73
Not targeted	151	165
Not screened	0	0
Total sector-allocable aid	202	245
Gender equality focused aid (2)	25%	33%
<i>Memo:</i>		
Total non sector-allocable aid	183	1015
Aid to Women's equality (3)	0	1

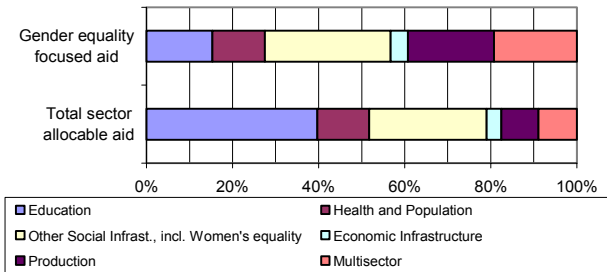
Related Millennium Development Goals

Promote gender equality and empower women (Goal 3)

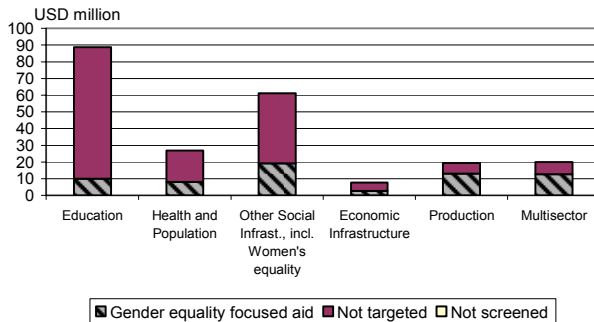
Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015 (Target 4)

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)
Iraq	407	1	10%
FRY-Serbia&Montenegro	31	23	12%
Cameroon	28	0	2%
Madagascar	28	0	0%
China	23	22	0%
Turkey	21	18	0%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	19	18	5%
Ghana	13	0	0%
Nicaragua	12	11	92%
Sri Lanka	12	2	1%

Top ten recipients of gender equality focused aid USD million

	Gender equality focused aid (2)
Nicaragua	10 92%
Uganda	5 77%
Ethiopia	4 70%
Mozambique	4 89%
Burkina Faso	4 81%
Palestinian adm.areas	4 73%
FRY-Serbia&Montenegro	3 12%
Guatemala	2 36%
El Salvador	1 97%
Tanzania	1 55%

(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