

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

Australia

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	73	49
Significant objective	541	379
Not targeted	346	622
Not screened	0	0
Total sector-allocable aid	960	1050
Gender equality focused aid (2)	64%	41%
<i>Memo:</i>		
Total non sector-allocable aid	247	381
Aid to Women's equality (3)	0	0

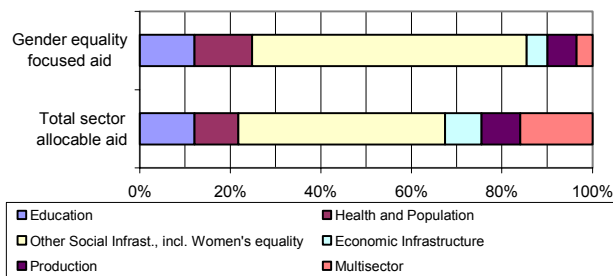
Related Millennium Development Goals

Promote gender equality and empower women (Goal 3)

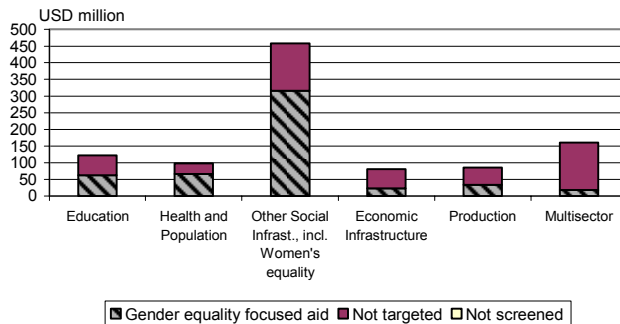
Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015 (Target 4)

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)
Papua New Guinea	281	280	71%
Indonesia	144	95	55%
Philippines	92	92	93%
Solomon Islands	89	86	77%
Sri Lanka	54	7	69%
Vanuatu	33	33	78%
Iraq	33	30	68%
East Timor	30	29	33%
Viet Nam	30	28	14%
Cambodia	28	12	27%

Top ten recipients of gender equality focused aid USD million

	Gender equality focused aid (2)	Percentage
Papua New Guinea	197	71%
Philippines	85	93%
Solomon Islands	66	77%
Indonesia	52	55%
Vanuatu	26	78%
Iraq	21	68%
East Timor	10	33%
Afghanistan	6	75%
Bangladesh	5	61%
Sri Lanka	5	69%

(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