

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

Netherlands

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	76	166
Significant objective	285	307
Not targeted	1694	1833
Not screened	0	0
Total sector-allocable aid	2055	2306
Gender equality focused aid (2)	18%	21%
<i>Memo:</i>		
Total non sector-allocable aid	756	1223
Aid to Women's equality (3)	9	11

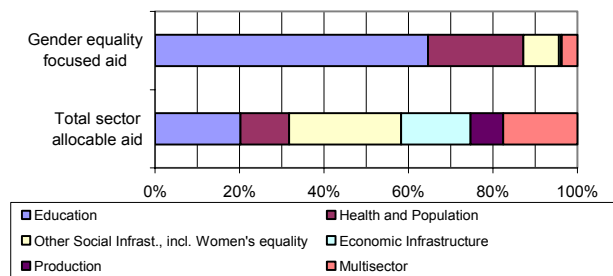
Related Millennium Development Goals

Promote gender equality and empower women (Goal 3)

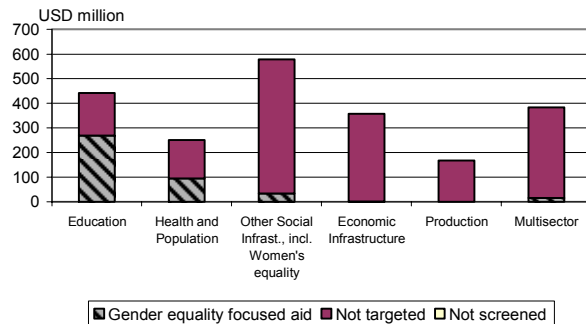
Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015 (Target 4)

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)
Indonesia	216	107	16%
Sudan	199	118	3%
Bangladesh	96	87	67%
Mozambique	85	35	15%
Afghanistan	78	31	0%
South Africa	77	77	31%
Ghana	74	15	48%
Burkina Faso	69	24	20%
Bolivia	68	65	65%
Tanzania	65	48	46%

Top ten recipients of gender equality focused aid USD million

	Gender equality focused aid (2)	
Bangladesh	58	67%
Bolivia	42	65%
Yemen	33	79%
South Africa	23	31%
Tanzania	22	46%
Indonesia	17	16%
Guatemala	10	26%
Mali	9	26%
Ethiopia	8	22%
Ghana	7	48%

(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