

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

European Commission

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 **98%**.

Gender equality focus of donor's aid programme

USD million

	2004	2005
Principal objective	69	30
Significant objective	1136	894
Not targeted	5055	6914
Not screened	284	0
Total sector-allocable aid	6544	7839
Gender equality focused aid (2)	19%	12%
<i>Memo:</i>		
Total non sector-allocable aid	2555	3516
Aid to Women's equality (3)	17	11

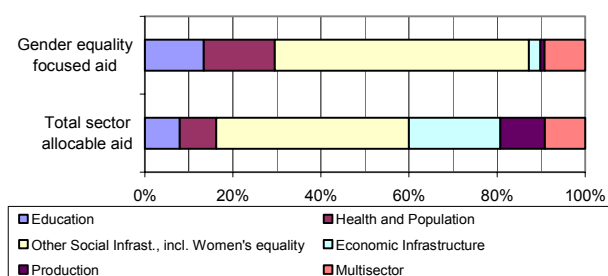
Related Millennium Development Goals

Promote gender equality and empower women (Goal 3)

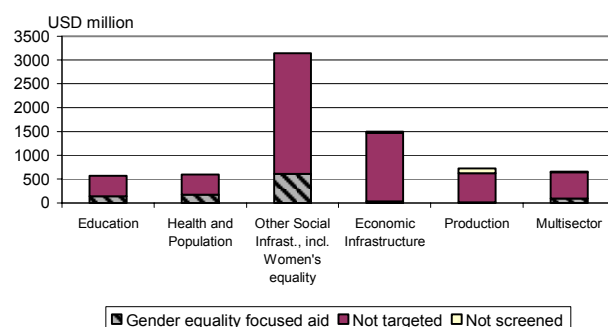
Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015 (Target 4)

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)
FRY-Serbia&Montenegro	434	372	4%
Turkey	339	332	1%
Afghanistan	294	207	8%
Nigeria	232	232	32%
Congo Dem.Rep. (Zaire)	210	161	31%
Uganda	197	105	2%
Ethiopia	196	61	0%
Sudan	188	37	1%
Morocco	186	186	0%
Mozambique	182	103	24%

Top ten recipients of gender equality focused aid USD million

	Gender equality focused aid (2)
Egypt	90 52%
South Africa	68 39%
Nigeria	64 32%
Mali	57 34%
Congo Dem.Rep. (Zaire)	50 31%
Malawi	41 45%
Viet Nam	34 74%
Namibia	33 82%
Papua New Guinea	31 89%
Ghana	30 34%

(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