



Sweden's financial cooperation with UNESCO

Since 2013 Sweden has increased its financial cooperation with UNESCO gradually. From a traditional project oriented funding in 2013 to a predictable, more result oriented, multi-year flexible funding fully aligned with the expected results under UNESCO's programme and budget, building a mutual trust based cooperation. In total Sweden will invest 135 million USD in UNESCO in the period 2018–2022. This investment is part of a process of building trust since 2013 and has been made possible by UNESCO's improved management for results over the last four years, with an integrated results framework and programming budget as well as strengthened follow-up of results and the introduction of financing dialogues. Of equal importance is the fact that UNESCO has formulated its strategic priorities to contribute to the implementation of the Agenda 2030. The foundation for Sweden's engagement with UNESCO is the 2018–2021 Programme Cooperation Agreement and the Strategy for Sweden's cooperation with UNESCO 2018–2021.

Programme Cooperation Agreement 2018–2021 of 48 MUSD

UNESCO Major Programme I – Education

Sweden supports the Education Sector with a non-earmarked support for 2018–2021 with 35 million USD. The support is in line with the programmatic priorities of Major programme I: supporting Member States in the implementation of SDG 4, and research and foresight, monitoring and reporting on SDG 4-Education 2030.

UNESCO Major Programme V – Communication and Information.

UNESCO receives the total amount of 9.1 million USD for the period 2018-2021, which is divided into two thematic areas; a) the Programme on Freedom of Expression and the Safety of Journalists (7.6 million USD), and b) the International Programme

for the Development of Communication (1.5 million USD).

UNESCO Major Programme IV – Culture

For the period 2018-2021, 3.1 million USD will be directed to the project “Reshaping cultural policies for the Promotion of Fundamental Freedoms and the Diversity of Cultural Expressions”.

UNESCO Institutes for Statistics (UIS)

The total amount of 667 000 USD will be directed towards the project “UIS Global Survey of SDG 16.10.2 and selected Thematic Communication and Information Statistics”. The project period is 2018–2021.

Funding from Sweden to UNESCO beyond the Programme Cooperation Agreement of 87 MSUD

UNESCO Major Programme II – Natural sciences

A total amount of 4.2 million USD goes to eight projects in the Natural sciences Sector for the period 2014-2017, which was extended until 2018. The agreement covers following parts:

- a) Science Indicators Studies on STI (GOSPIN)
- b) Gender Indicators in Science (SAGA)
- c) African Drought Early Warning Systems
- d) African Earth Sciences Network (ANESI)
- e) Climate Change and Indigenous Knowledge amongst African Pastoralists
- f) Future Earth Programme
- g) Mapping of Abandoned Mines in Sub-Saharan Africa
- h) Emerging Pollutants and Wastewater Reuse in Developing Counties.

Literacy in Afghanistan

A total amount of 20 million USD goes to UNESCO's project "Better Education for Afghanistan's Future" with the objective to increase access to general literacy and skills-based literacy programmes, with a particular focus on women.

World Academy of Sciences

The World Academy of Sciences receives 6.4 million USD for 2017–2021 to grant research fellowships to young scientists or research groups in 66 science-and-technology lagging countries (STLCs).

Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World

Sweden supports The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) 2017–2021 with 7.2 million USD to fund initiative that promotes the role of women in science, innovation, technology and engineering.

Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future

For the period 2018–2022, 31 million USD is directed to the project "Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future" with the objective to make positive sexual and reproductive health and education outcomes a reality for adolescents and young people in Sub Saharan Africa by improving the quality and content of sexuality education in schools. An additional 8.3 million USD is allocated for UNESCO's work on Comprehensive Sexuality Education for 2019-2023, which is part of Sweden's Africa Regional Support.

Education for Sustainable Development

During 2018–2022 a total amount of 2.4 million USD will be directed to integrate Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in the training and retraining of teachers, mainstreamed into education policy, and introduced into monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the formal education system in order to strengthen resilience and sustainability in the Southern African Development Community.

Access to Law Information Implementation

During 2018–2021 Sweden supports the UNESCO project "Access to Law Information Implementation" in Cambodia with a total of 555 000 USD.

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

In 2018 Sweden supported UNESCO-IOC with a contribution amounting to 555 000 USD. In 2019 Sweden supports UNESCO-IOC with a contribution amounting to 617 000 USD to Ocean Literacy, the UN Decade of Ocean Science, and Marine Spatial Planning

Palestinian Cultural Heritage Organisations

Sweden supports UNESCO's project "Local Development through the Rehabilitation and Revitalization of the Historic Environment of Palestine" with 5.9 million USD for activities undertaken 2017–2022 by four Palestinian cultural heritage organisations.

Culture Conventions

Sweden supports the reinforcement of human capacities in three Culture Conventions under 2018-2019: i) 83 500 USD for the 1970 Convention Secretariat to support the implementation of the Convention, ii) 83 500 USD for the 1954 Convention Secretariat to support the implementation of the Convention, and iii) 167 000 USD for the 1972 Convention to support the implementation of the statutory processes of monitoring/periodic reporting and upstream process, with a focus on Arab States, Africa, Least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS).

Structured Financing Dialogue

In 2018 Sweden granted 160 000 USD in a short-term support with the aim to strengthen sustainable funding for UNESCO's programmes through structured financing dialogue.

More information

Sweden's Organisational Assessment of UNESCO

www.unesco.se/organisational-assessment/

Strategy for Sweden's Cooperation with UNESCO 2018-2021

www.unesco.se/swedens-strategy/