

Sweden's development assistance for health 2021 Statistical report

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The past year

- 2021 was a challenging year for global health. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to have severe direct and indirect consequences, requiring both management of the acute crisis and continuation of the long-term work on health systems, health security and healthy societies.

About Sweden's development assistance for health

- The overall objective of Sweden's development is set out in the Government's policy framework for Swedish development cooperation and humanitarian assistance (written communication 2016/17:60)
- Sida's development assistance for health is governed by thirteen bilateral strategies, one regional strategy and one global strategy.
- A comprehensive description of Sweden's global health efforts is provided in the report '[Sweden's work on global health – for implementation of the 2030 Agenda](#)' (UD2018-03806FN).

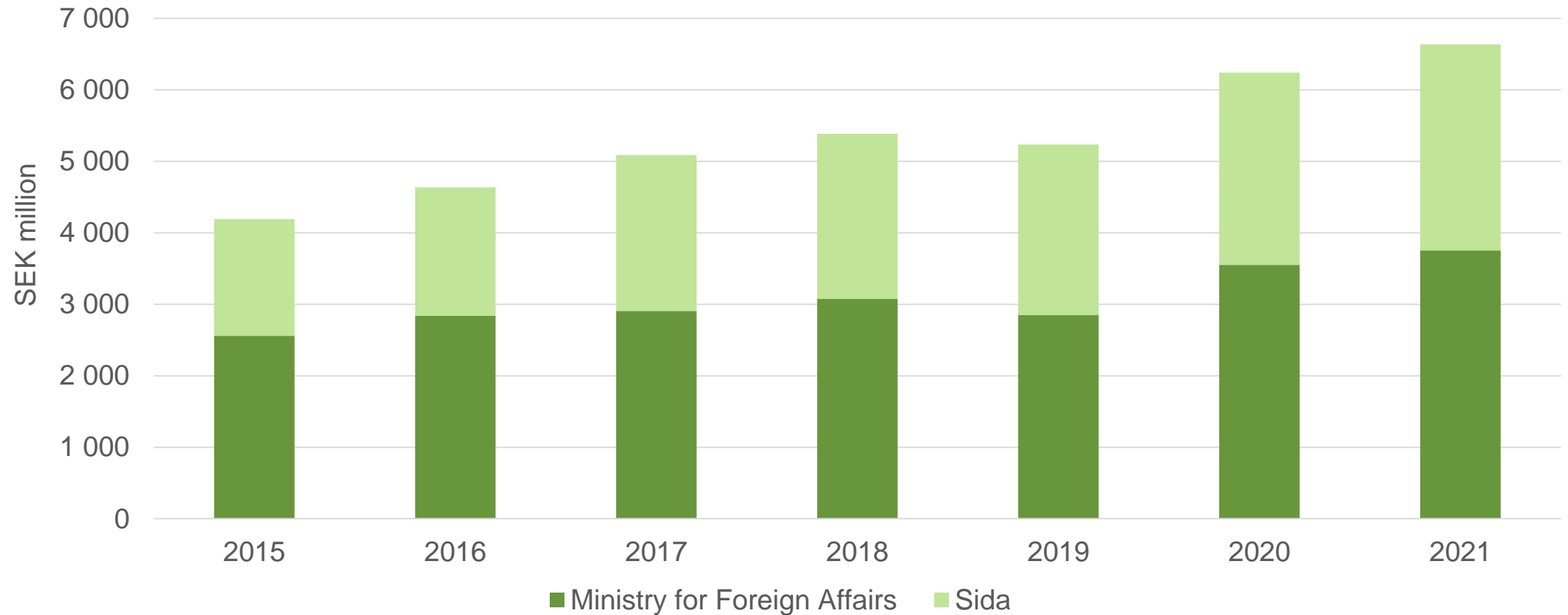
Record development assistance for health in 2021

- In 2021, Sweden's development assistance for health amounted to SEK 6.6 billion, the largest amount ever.
- The increase is partly due to new initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which accounted for 11% of development assistance for health.
- 57% of development assistance for health was channelled via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA), and 43% via Sida.

Total aid also increased

- Development assistance for health accounted for 12.7% of total aid, higher than in 2020 but lower than previous years due to the general increase in aid.
- According to the OECD DAC, in 2021 Sweden provided the most aid in relation to its gross national income (GNI) – 0.92% – of any country in the world.

Development assistance for health via MFA and Sida 2015–2021



Sweden's development assistance for health 2015–2021

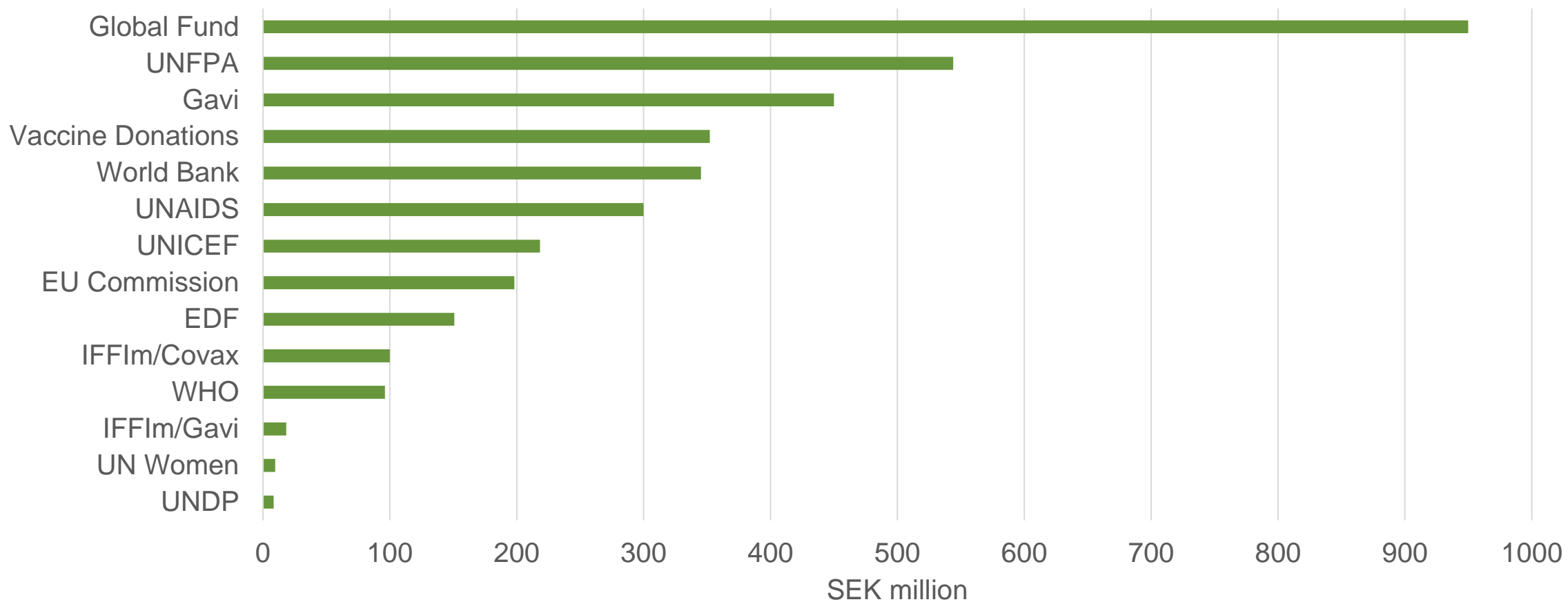
	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%
Ministry for Foreign Affairs	2561	61%	2841	61%	2907	57%	3078	57%	2851	54%	3552	57%	3755	55%
<i>Multilateral core support</i>	2561	61%	2841	61%	2892	57%	3074	57%	2816	54%	3171	51%	3239	47%
<i>Other</i>					15	1%	4		35		381		516	
Sida	1 629	39%	1 797	39%	2 181	43%	2 309	43%	2 384	46%	2 691	43%	2 882	45%
<i>Global programmes</i>	751	18%	719	16%	776	15%	685	13%	598	11%	398	6%	380	6%
<i>Regional cooperation</i>	236	6%	313	7%	353	7%	473	9%	412	8%	665	11%	676	10%
<i>Country cooperation</i>	642	15%	765	16%	1 052	21%	1 150	21%	1 374	26%	1 628	26%	1 826	28%
Total development assistance for health	4 190	100%	4 638	100%	5 088	100%	5 387	100%	5 235	100%	6 244	100%	6 637	100%
Total development assistance (all categories)	32 213		31 971		36 707		42 649		48 105		52 110		52 369	
Proportion development assistance for health	13.0%		14.5%		13.9%		12.6%		10.9%		12.0%		12.7%	



Core support and special initiatives

- The share of development assistance for health channelled via the MFA amounted to SEK 3.8 billion, 86% of which was core support.
- The five largest recipients received 70% of the total support.
- The share of the World Bank's budget invested in the health sector decreased somewhat in comparison with 2020.

Recipients of development assistance for health via the MFA in 2021



Development assistance for health via MFA 2021

	Total	Core support	Special support
Total	3 755	3 239	516
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>14%</i>
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	950	950	–
UNFPA	544	544	–
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	450	350	100
World Bank	345	345	–
UNAIDS	300	300	–
UNICEF	218	218	–
European Commission	198	198	–
European Development Fund	151	151	–
IFFIm/COVAX	100	100	–
WHO	96	46	50
IFFIm/Gavi	18	18	–
UN Women	10	10	–
UNDP	8	8	–
Vaccine donations	352	–	352
Other	14	–	14

Development assistance for health via MFA 2015–2021

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million
MFA's total development assistance for health	2 561	2 841	2 907	3 121	2 852	3 552	3 755
Multilateral support	2 561	2 841	2 892	3 117	2 817	3 511	3 389
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	850	850	800	850	850	1 050	950
UNFPA	485	504	575	739	555	626	544
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	350	300	300	350	300	450	450
World Bank	241	287	386	209	237	449	345
UNAIDS	200	250	260	314	314	300	300
UNICEF	221	430	312	328	246	185	218
European Commission	114	111	127	136	136	161	198
European Development Fund	48	51	57	72	72	77	151
IFFIm/COVAX	–	–	–	–	–	–	100
WHO	29	26	38	80	71	122	96
IFFIm/Gavi	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
UN Women	–	8	13	14	11	15	10
UNDP	5	6	6	7	7	57	8
Vaccine donations	–	–	–	–	–	–	352
Other	–	–	15	4	35	41	14



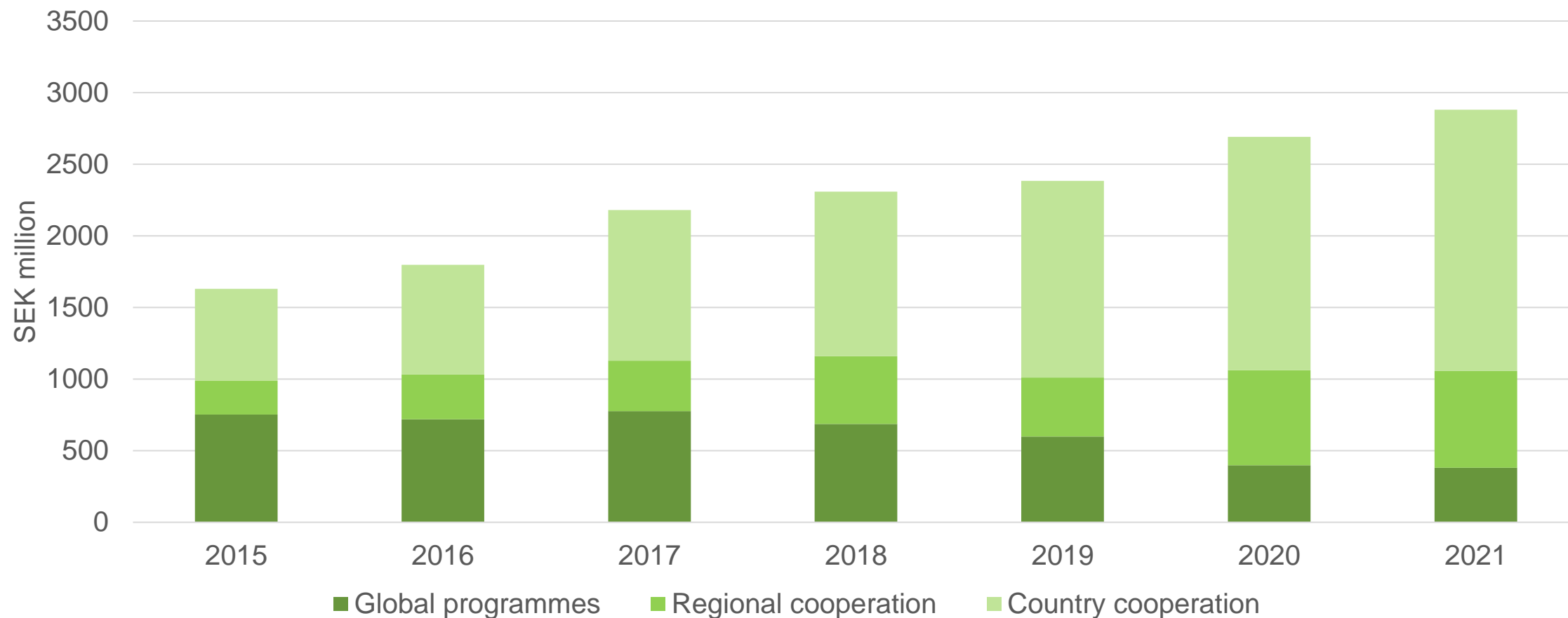
Focus on country cooperation

- Development assistance for health channelled via Sida for health in 2021 amounted to SEK 2.9 billion, a half-billion increase in comparison with 2019.
- Most of the support (63%) was channelled to country level.
- Five countries received almost half of the bilateral support paid during the year, and eight countries received over SEK 100 million each.

Implementing organisations

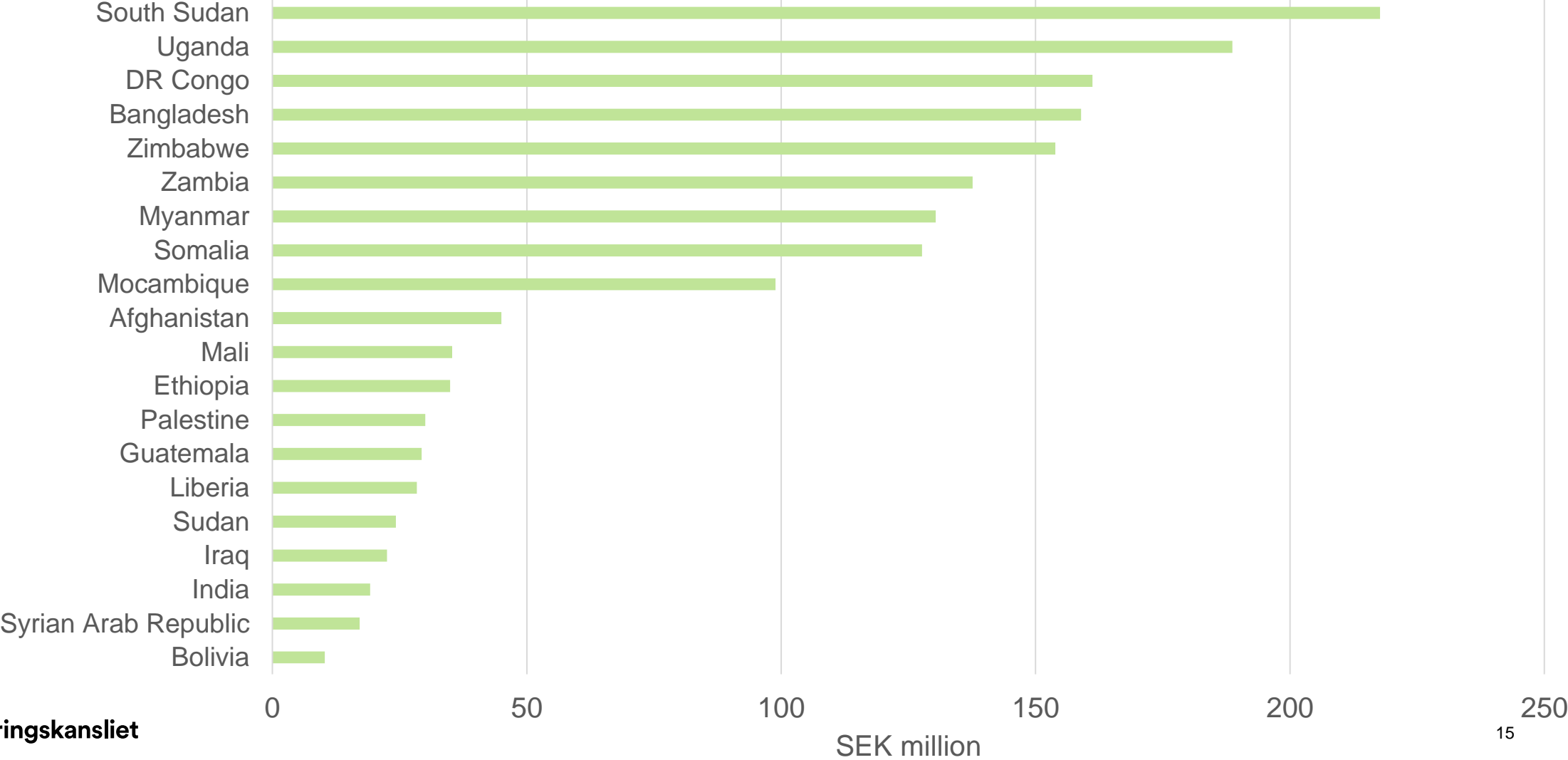
- In terms of implementing organisations, the proportion of Sida's development assistance channelled via multilateral organisations was 51% in 2021.
- More than a third of development assistance, 36%, was channelled via NGOs and civil society organisations.

Development assistance for health via Sida 2015–2021



Bilateral development assistance for health

Disbursements for 2021



Development assistance for health via Sida by channel

	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%	SEK million	%
Total	1 629	100%	1 797	100%	2 181	100%	2 309	100%	2 384	100%	2 691	100%	2 882	100%
Multilateral organisations	876	54%	954	53%	1 138	52%	1 145	50%	1 208	51%	1 597	59%	1 477	51%
NGOs and civil society	571	35%	646	36%	784	36%	847	37%	880	37%	882	33%	1 049	36%
Private sector	1	0.1%	2	0.1%	1	0.03%	5	0.2%	114	5%	102	4%	151	5%
Research institutions	69	4%	47	3%	78	4%	111	5%	113	5%	87	3%	88	3%
Public institutions	65	4%	116	6%	154	7%	197	9%	57	2%	4	0.2%	53	2%
Public-private partnerships	30	2%	23	1%	17	1%	5	0.2%	–	–	13	0%	42	1%
Other	16	1%	11	1%	9	0.4%	–	–	11	0.5%	5	0.2%	22	1%

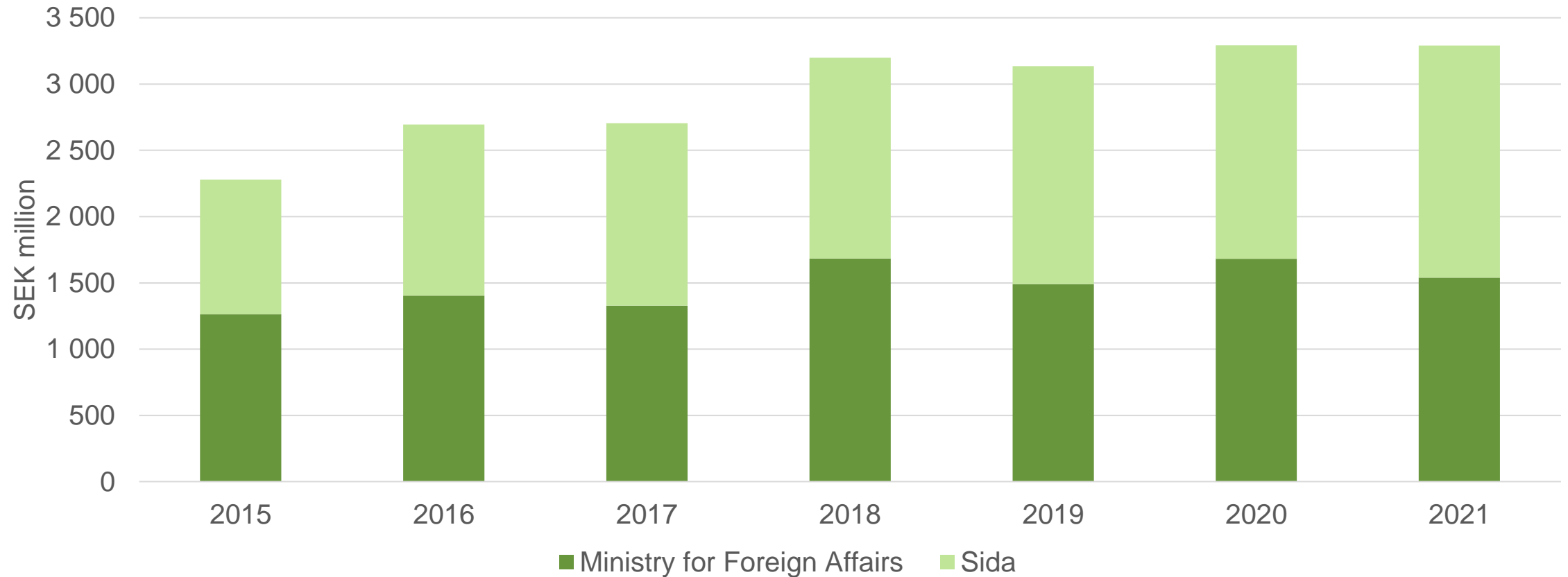
Support to health research via Sida

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	SEK	SEK	SEK	SEK	SEK	SEK	SEK
	million	million	million	million	million	million	million
Proportion research	12%	9.1%	10%	10%	5.2%	5.0%	6.7%
Total development cooperation for health (120–130)	1 629	1 797	2 181	2 309	2 384	2 691	2 882
Medical research (12182 - Medical research)	191	163	225	225	123	135	193

Development assistance for SRHR maintained

- In 2021, Sweden's development assistance for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) amounted to SEK 3.3 billion.
- This corresponds to 6.3% of the total development assistance.
- Development assistance for SRHR is therefore at the same level as 2020. The MFA and Sida are responsible for approximately equal shares.

Sweden's development assistance for SRHR 2015–2021



Sweden's development assistance for SRHR 2015–2021

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million
Total SRHR support	2 280	2 695	2 705	3 199	3 135	3 293	3 290
Proportion of total development assistance	7.1%	8.4%	7.4%	7.5%	6.5%	6.3%	6.3%
Ministry for Foreign Affairs	1 263	1 404	1 328	1 683	1 491	1 682	1 540
Sida	1 017	1 291	1 377	1 516	1 644	1 611	1 751
Proportion of Sida's development assistance for health	62%	72%	63%	66%	69%	60%	61%
Proportion of Sida's total disbursements	5.7%	6.9%	6.4%	6.1%	6.4%	6.1%	6.5%

Sweden's SRHR development assistance – new method

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million	SEK million
Sida (new method)	1 015	1 225	1 360	1 500	1 650	1 672	1 843
Proportion of Sida's development assistance for health	62%	68%	62%	65%	69%	62%	64%
Proportion of Sida's total disbursements	5.7%	6.5%	6.3%	6.0%	6.4%	6.4%	6.9%
Sida (NIDI for comparison)	1 017	1 291	1 377	1 516	1 644	1 611	1 751

Major support to global COVID-19 response

- Sweden's targeted contributions to the global COVID-19 response amounted to SEK 724 million in 2021.
- The majority (85%) was channelled via the MFA.

Sweden's contributions to combat COVID-19 2020–2021

	2020		2021	
	SEK million	%	SEK million	%
Total	733	100%	724	100%
<i>Proportion of development assistance for health</i>	<i>12%</i>		<i>11%</i>	
<i>Proportion of total development assistance</i>	<i>1.4%</i>		<i>1.4%</i>	
Government Offices	371	51%	612	85%
Gavi COVAX AMC	100		100	
Gavi COVAX AMC via IFFIm	-		100	
Global Fund	100		-	
WHO AFRO	50		50	
UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund	50		-	
WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies (CFE)	40		-	
IMF Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT)	30		-	
Transparency International	-		10	
Vaccine donations	-		352	
Other support	1		-	
Sida	362	49%	112	15%
<i>Sida's support related to COVID-19 outside the health sector*</i>	<i>1,165</i>			