

Sanitation and Water for All

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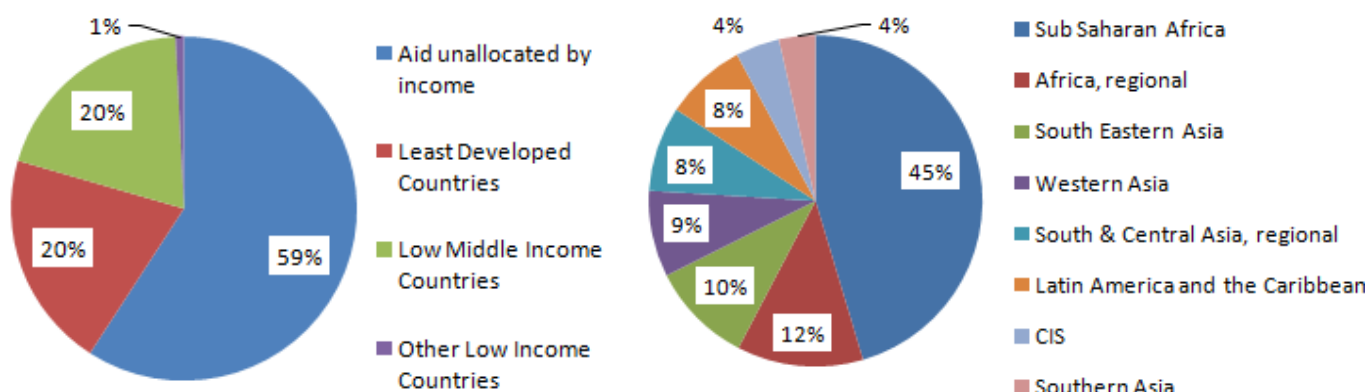
WASH aid policy

The Swedish International Development Agency's position paper on water governs its development co-operation policy on water. Swedish assistance focuses on: integrated water resources management; water supply, sanitation and hygiene promotion in rural areas and urban and peri-urban slums; water and waste water management in urban areas; capacity building.

WASH aid prioritization criteria

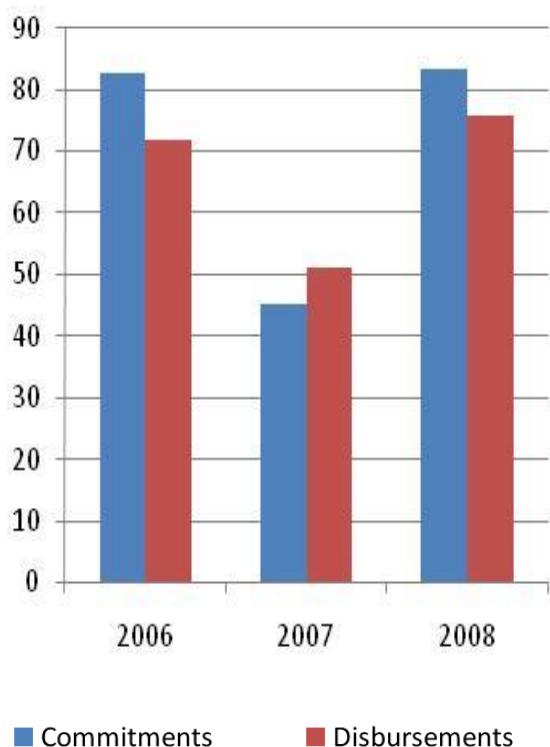
Sweden does not have specific criteria for prioritization of WASH aid. The Swedish process for developing co-operation strategies addresses certain criteria like poverty and need. Priority regions for sanitation in 2008 were Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia and Pacific, while the priority region for drinking-water was Sub-Saharan Africa.

WASH aid priorities: Break up of 3 year commitments (2006-2008) by income group and MDG region



WASH aid commitments and disbursements

Million USD, 2007 constant



Accountability

Specific target

Sweden does not have a specific target for WASH aid.

Reporting

Sweden does not publish a report on WASH aid performance.

Predictability

35% of the total WASH aid commitments were for less than 3 years, 43% in the range of 3 to 5 years and 21% for more than 5 years.

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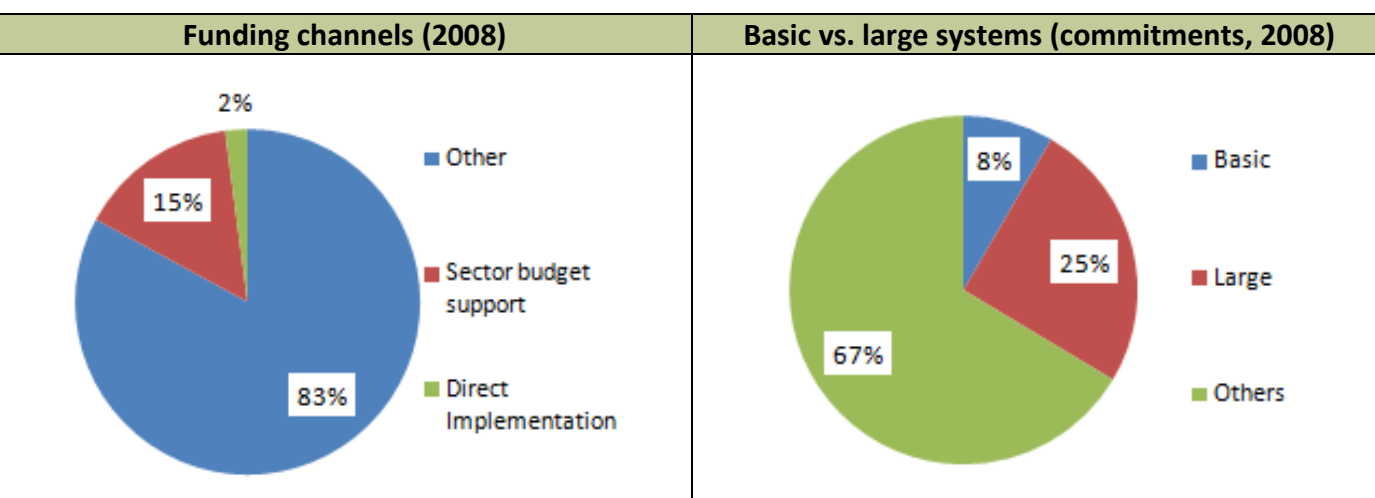
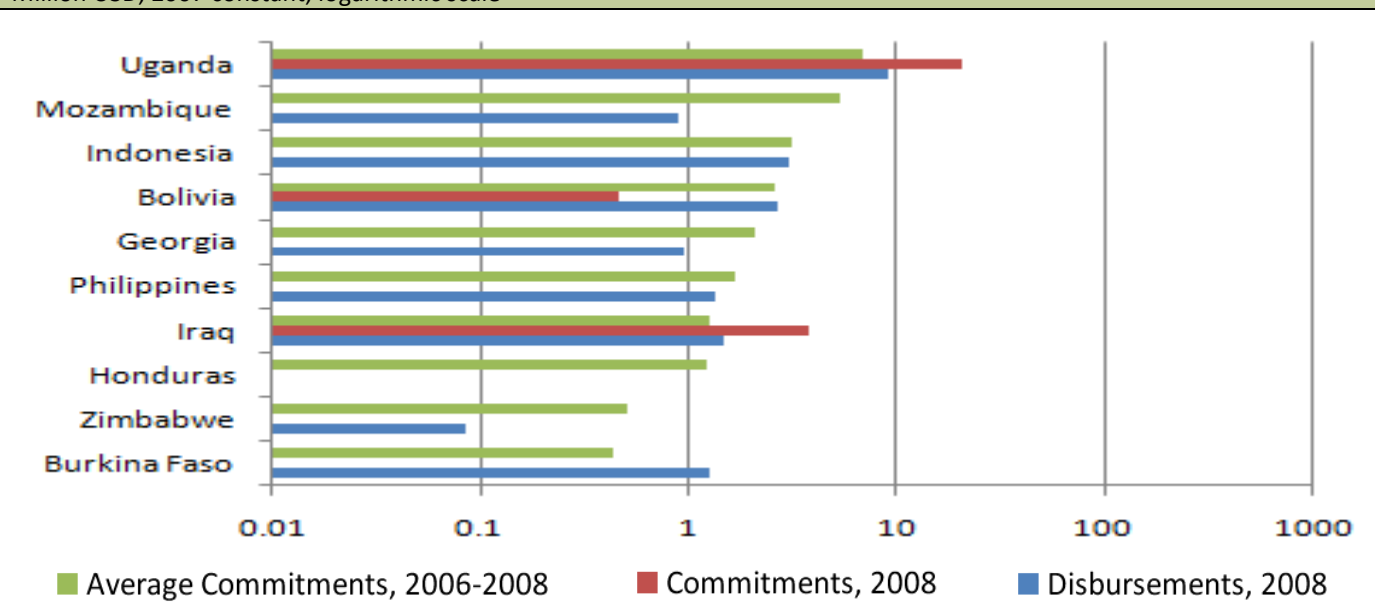
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Ten highest WASH aid recipients, ordered by average commitments (2006-2008)

Million USD, 2007 constant, logarithmic scale



Sanitation vs. drinking-water (2008)	Sanitation: 40%	Drinking-water: 60%
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Alignment and Harmonisation			
Tied vs. untied aid 100% untied	Aid coordinated with country programmes 100%	Use of country procurement systems Information not available	Use of Project Implementation Units None

Sweden is a member of donor co-ordination fora for WASH in Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Mali, Philippines and Uganda. It leads the donor co-ordination forum in Kenya.

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Comment to the ESA-profile for Sweden

Sweden welcomes the examination that WHO has carried out of the support to sanitation and water supply. This kind of scrutiny forms a good basis for international comparisons, mutual accountability and evidence based decision making. Production and use of quality data, information and knowledge with open access to all stakeholders is an important vehicle for improving planning, implementation and future reporting.

Swedish support to basic sanitation and water often form integral parts of broad, sector-encompassing modalities of development cooperation. In Sweden's view it is often advantageous to combine support to integrated water resources management, institutional and capacity development, and basic sanitation and water especially in LDC's and OLIC's. In our interpretation of the OECD-DAC guidelines, this kind of support should be registered under the sector code for "Water sector policy and administrative management". A similar issue is that some OECD-DAC codes are not mutually excluding, see e.g. "Urban development and management" and "Water supply and sanitation - large systems". This means that detailed estimates for the specific support to sanitation and water supply are difficult to provide and that the reporting based on this data does not provide the full picture of Sweden's support to sanitation and water supply.

In addition Sweden provides significant support to regional and global capacity building, research and policy development related to sanitation and water supply that is not reflected in the ESA-profile.

Currently Sweden is developing a new policy for environment and climate change aspects of development where water and sanitation issues feature prominently. The Swedish government have set three thematic priorities, guiding Swedish development assistance. The one most directly linked to water issues, including water resources management as well as sanitation and water supply, is focussed on environment and climate change. In this thematic priority, the significance of water is highlighted as a focus area and as a key issue for climate change adaptation. Sweden is also in a process of sector concentration as well as reducing the number of cooperation countries. This means that Sweden is phasing out support in some countries and simultaneously initiating support in others. In most cases the concentration of the support provides opportunities for more programmatic and sector encompassing modalities. In this process it is difficult to provide a good estimate of the future Swedish support. Water issues will continue to be held high on the Swedish agenda for development assistance by virtue of being inter alia an indispensable theme in efforts for climate change adaptation, as an important issue for increasing gender equality, and as a basic human need.