

The SDGs:

a “plan of action for people,
planet and prosperity”

The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are universal and inclusive. They are a new framework for development valid through to 2030 and apply to every country in both the Global North and South. Ending hunger and extreme poverty remain the primary goals of the seventeen SDGs, which address all the major development sectors and apply to all actors – public, private and civil society – in a holistic and integrated way.



Why is development aid important?

Poverty and development are clearly global challenges to which everyone, including **Luxembourg**, must respond. In a globalised, interconnected world, the concepts of North-South and donor-recipient have become obsolete. The actions of one group of actors have an influence and impact on other groups in economic, environmental and social spheres. For that reason, development cooperation and humanitarian action are not a luxury reserved just for when things are going well, but an integral part of everyone’s **global responsibility**. It is an important way for Luxembourg **to take action abroad** to fulfil its international responsibilities, including its response to the deeper causes of migration. Humanitarian aid is useful in emergency and transition situations and for prevention purposes. However, such aid must lead to longer-term development if we want to see sustainable organisations appear that will **eventually enable the country and its people to progress independently**.

Luxembourg’s development
cooperation and humanitarian action



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Reliable

Committed

Capable

Luxembourg

– highly committed

Development cooperation has been one of the foundations of Luxembourg's foreign policy since 1980. Luxembourg allocates 1% of its gross national income to support the most disadvantaged populations – this places it among the most ambitious developed economies in this sector. Luxembourg's development cooperation is geared towards targeted partnerships and founded on key principles such as reliability, commitment and capability, while its activity is long-term, in line with the principles of sustainability and aid effectiveness.



0,95%

of gross national income in 2015

325
mio €

for official development assistance



89

countries supported



on average in past

5

years

40

million €



for

40

humanitarian crises

7 partner countries and

7 countries with ongoing projects

Luxembourg implements multiannual cooperation programmes with 7 partner countries. From 1st January 2016, those countries are:

- Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Mali, Niger and Senegal
- Nicaragua
- Laos

Luxembourg also supports projects in 7 countries:

- El Salvador, Vietnam (end of ICP 2015)
- Kosovo
- Afghanistan, Mongolia and Myanmar
- Occupied Palestinian Territories

Priority intervention

sectors



Vocational training



Health



Rural development

Cross-cutting issues



Gender



Environment and climate



Governance

In the field

There are various different ways in which the work in the field is done:

- Bilaterally, mainly by the Lux-Development agency
- Multilaterally, by United Nations agencies or the European Union
- Through civil society, by directly providing joint funding for the work of around a hundred accredited Luxembourgish development NGOs
- Through the private sector via public-private partnerships

Humanitarian aid

in crisis situations

Humanitarian aid is a specific component of Luxembourg's development cooperation and is designed to comply with international humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law. It is a response to emergency situations involving a major crisis and also is used during the reconstruction period and to prevent new crises.

Since 2012, emergency.lu, an emergency satellite communication platform jointly designed with Luxembourgish companies, has been made available to the international community by the Luxembourg government.



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