



## 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 approximately 131 MUSD in UNESCO in the period 2018–2021.<sup>1</sup> The investment 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 2030 Agenda. The foundation for Sweden's engagement with UNESCO is the Strategy for Sweden's cooperation with UNESCO 2018–2021 and the 2018–2021 Programme Cooperation Agreement.

### Programme Cooperation Agreement 2018–2021 of 45 MUSD

#### UNESCO Major Programme I – Education

Sweden supports the Education Sector with a non-earmarked support for 2018–2021 with 36,5 MUSD. Sweden is the first country to provide UNESCO with a voluntary non-earmarked contribution to UNESCO's education programme.

#### UNESCO Major Programme V – Communication and Information.

UNESCO receives the total amount of 8,5 MUSD for the period 2018–2021, which is

divided into two thematic areas; a) the Programme on Freedom of Expression and the Safety of Journalists (7.0 MUSD), and b) the International Programme for the Development of Communication (1.5 million USD).

#### UNESCO Major Programme IV – Culture

For the period 2018–2021, 2,9 MUSD 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 600 000 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 82 MSUD

#### Better Education Systems in Afghanistan

A total amount of 20 MUSD is allocated to UNESCO's project “Better Education Systems for Afghanistan's Future” 2018–2021 with the objectives (1) to strengthen capacity and develop, implement and monitor education sector plans; (2) to revise curricula and learning resources for formal basic education, non-formal adult education and higher education and research, and (3) to increase access to general literacy and skills-based literacy programmes, with a particular focus on women.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the exchange rate of SEK to USD as of November 2019.

### **World Academy of Sciences**

The World Academy of Sciences receives 6.8 MUSD for 2017–2021 to grant research fellowships to young scientists or research groups in 66 science-and-technology lagging countries (STLCs), and to develop a programme supporting refugee and displaced scientists.

### **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 6,8 MUSD to grant post graduate research fellowships to young women scientists or research groups in 66 science-and-technology lagging countries.

### **Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future**

For the period 2018–2020, 29 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 MUSD is allocated for UNESCO’s work on Comprehensive Sexuality Education for 2018–2022, which is part of Sweden’s Africa Regional Support. In 2019 Sweden signed a bilateral with UNESCO for support to Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Futures Zambia 2019–2023 with 7,5 MUSD.

### **Education for Sustainable Development**

During 2018–2022 a total amount of 2.2 MUSD 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 500 000 USD.

### **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)**

In 2018–2019 Sweden supports UNESCO-IOC with a contribution amounting to 1,2 MUSD 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 5.6 MUSD for activities undertaken 2017–2022 by four Palestinian cultural heritage organisations.

### **Culture Conventions**

Sweden supports the reinforcement of human capacities in four Culture Conventions in 2019: i) 52 000 USD for the 1970 Convention Secretariat to support the implementation of the Convention, ii) 52 000 USD for the 1954 Convention Secretariat to support the implementation of the Convention, iii) 130 000 USD for the 1972 Convention to support the implementation of the statutory processes of monitoring and periodic as well as reactive reporting, and iv) 52 000 USD for the 2003 Convention Secretariat to support the implementation of the convention.

### **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/](http://www.unesco.se/organisational-assessment/)

Strategy for Sweden’s Cooperation with UNESCO 2018–2021  
[www.unesco.se/swedens-strategy/](http://www.unesco.se/swedens-strategy/)