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ICELANDIC INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



Icelandic International Development Agency (ICEIDA)

The aim of Icelandic development cooperation is to promote the reduction of poverty, increased economic growth and social development, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental issues.

ICEIDA is a government institution under the auspices of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and is responsible for the implementation of official Icelandic bilateral development cooperation. It follows the Icelandic government's Act on Development Cooperation No 121/2008, which is in keeping with the UN Millennium Development Goals and other international commitments, such as the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. ICEIDA operates in line with the DAC Guidelines on development cooperation and its implementation. All of ICEIDA's development cooperation is based on mutual international agreements between the government of Iceland and the governments of the partner countries.

The Millennium Development Goals

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development



How do we work?

ICEIDA's main objective is to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life among the poorest. It emphasises sustainable social and economic development with gender equality, human rights, democracy and environmental sustainability as a frame of reference. ICEIDA emphasises institutional support and capacity building.

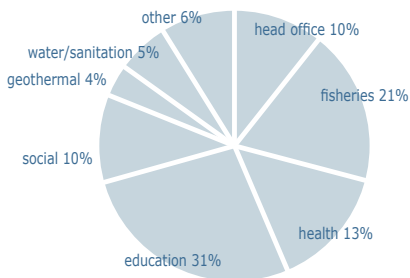
ICEIDA's development cooperation is bilateral and based on a project-wide approach. Most project ideas originate in partner countries and are implemented in accordance with the requirements of the partner country, in the spirit of the government policy of the country in question. The objectives shall be in accordance with the partner country's development strategies and their Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers.

ICEIDA emphasises equal opportunity for all concerned and pursues the active participation of all stakeholders in the preparation and implementation of the projects. Working towards sustainability, ICEIDA's strategies are intended to facilitate the ownership of the partner countries in all development projects. ICEIDA also stresses harmonisation of development activities, and takes into account the activities of other international development agencies and NGOs operating in the partner country. Furthermore, ICEIDA promotes grassroots activities and supports NGOs, both Icelandic and local.

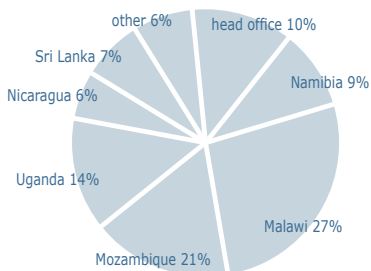


Budget:

In 2007, Icelandic ODA amounted to 0.25% of GNI, or 48.4 million USD. Thereof, ICEIDA's budget constitutes just over one third, or 17.4 million USD. Iceland is committed towards achieving the goal set by the United Nations of using 0.7% of GNI towards ODA.



**Distribution by
sectors 2007**



**Distribution by
countries 2007**

ICEIDA's partner countries are six: Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Uganda in Africa, Sri Lanka in Asia and Nicaragua in Central America.



Malawi

Development cooperation between Iceland and Malawi started in 1989. At first, the focus was entirely on the fisheries sector but with time it has moved towards health and education. Most of ICEIDA's activities are being carried out in the district of Mangochi in the southern part of the country. ICEIDA's most extensive project in Malawi constitutes vast support to the **Monkey Bay Health Zone**, and includes support to the local hospital and its outreaches. ICEIDA's support to education in the district is varied and it reaches out to **primary schools, secondary schools, adult literacy** and the **district education office**. An extensive **water and sanitation** project has also been launched in the district with the objective of promoting improved health among the local population, but water-related diseases are common. ICEIDA's project within the **fisheries** sector promotes education and the development of small-scale fisheries towards sustainable resource utilisation.



Population	13.1 million
GDP per capita PPP	844 US\$
Life expectancy at birth	46.3 years
Adult literacy rate (age 15 and above)	64.1%
ICEIDA contribution in 2007	4,594,143 US\$



Mozambique

Iceland's cooperation with Mozambique dates back to 1995. The main focus is on the **fisheries** sector. Transferring Icelandic expertise in fisheries research, management, quality assurance and institutional strengthening are the main pillars of ICEIDA's activities, supporting the sustainable use of natural resources. ICEIDA is also engaged in projects in other sectors and cooperates with the Icelandic and the Mozambique Red Cross in the health sector in Maputo and Hindane provinces. Within the social sector ICEIDA has focused on capacity building with various kinds of support to the organisational infrastructure of the Ministry of Women and Social affairs. It is also engaged in projects in the education sector, supporting both **primary education** and **adult literacy**.



Population	21 million
GDP per capita PPP	804 US\$
Life expectancy at birth	42.8 years
Adult literacy rate (age 15 and above)	38.7%
ICEIDA contribution in 2007	3,598,485 US\$



Namibia



Development cooperation between Namibia and Iceland began in 1990, the same year that Namibia gained independence. To begin with, the cooperation was first and foremost in the fisheries sector, in the development of marine research and the education of fishermen. With time, the projects have been moving over to the social sector with special emphasis on supporting minority groups, with the two largest projects in Namibia being with the Himba and the Deaf. The projects with the Himba, nomads in the North-western part of Namibia, include support to **kindergartens** and **adult literacy** as well as **drilling for water, building wells** and **grazing control**. Support to the Deaf community is based on improving **education** for the Deaf with emphasis on strengthening Namibian Sign Language.

Population	2.1 million
GDP per capita PPP	5,182 US\$
Life expectancy at birth	51.6 years
Adult literacy rate (age 15 and above)	85%
ICEIDA contribution in 2007	1,598,582 US\$

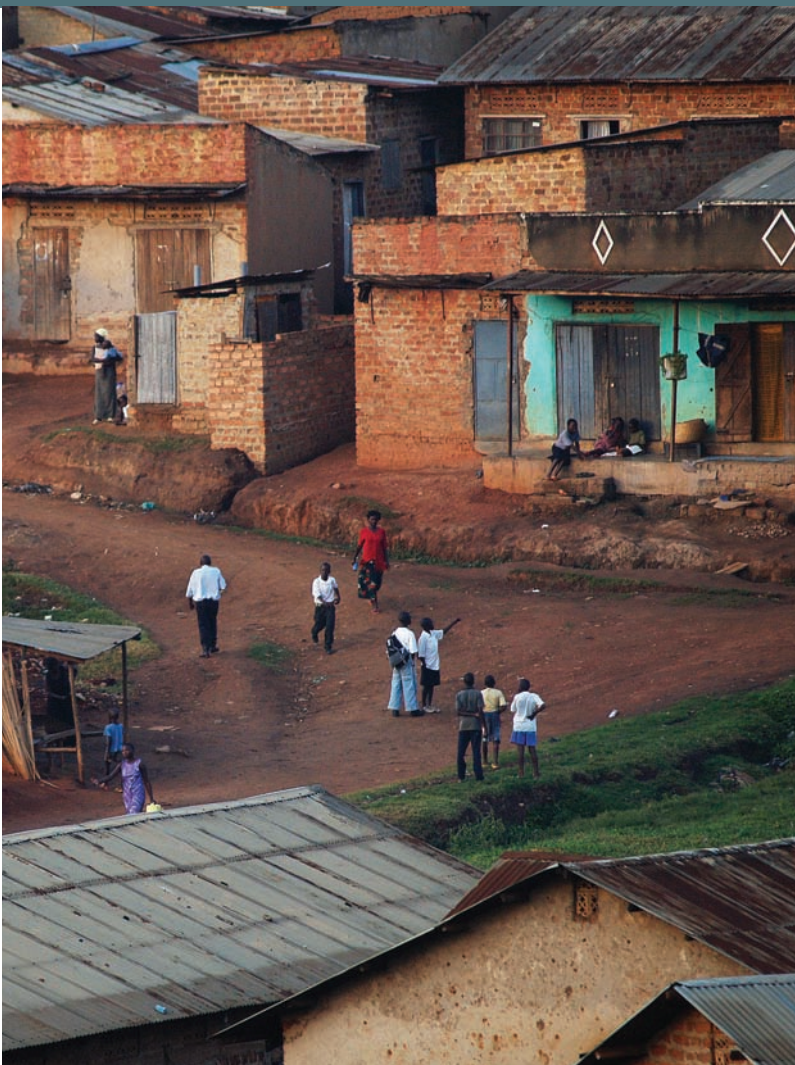


Uganda

In 2000, a general agreement for development cooperation between Iceland and Uganda was signed. The project which receives most support from ICEIDA is a **district development** project carried out in the island district of Kalangala on Lake Victoria. The project's aim is to support the district in achieving quality administration and management of public services, sustainable fisheries production, as well as equitable access for the hard-to-reach communities to quality education and health services. ICEIDA also supports **adult literacy** in the island districts of Mukono and Kalangala. Other projects include support for the **Entrepreneurship Training Programme**, where the immediate objective is to improve the access of Ugandan SME entrepreneurs to quality training and business skills. Furthermore, ICEIDA supports a project in the **fisheries** sector, with the quality assurance of fish products being the main objective.



Population	29.9 million
GDP per capita PPP	1.600 US\$
Life expectancy at birth	49.7 years
Adult literacy rate (age 15 and above)	66.8%
ICEIDA contribution in 2007	2,508,682 US\$



Sri Lanka

ICEIDA's cooperation with Sri Lanka commenced in 2005. In compliance with the original request by Sri Lanka, the focus is on the **fisheries** sector with specific attention given to projects assisting in the recovery from the devastation caused by the tsunami in 2004. The largest project includes the infrastructure development and capacity building at 32 landing centres in Sri Lanka. Other projects relate to aquaculture, fishing vessel registry, fisheries statistics and quality management in fisheries. It has been decided to terminate development cooperation with Sri Lanka as of 2009.



Population	19.3 million
GDP per capita PPP	4,222 US\$
Life expectancy at birth	71.6 years
Adult literacy rate (age 15 and above)	90.7%
ICEIDA contribution in 2007	1,225,908 US\$



Nicaragua

ICEIDA opened its first office in Latin America, in Nicaragua at the beginning of 2006. The energy sector, in which Icelandic expertise is significant, constitutes the largest part of ICEIDA's activities in Nicaragua. The emphasis is on the transference of knowledge for local use in **geothermal energy**, with the aim to enhance sustainable use of geothermal resources in the country. Activities within the social, education and health sectors have also been prepared and some initiated on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua, where **maternal houses** and **primary schools** have been supported.



Population	5.68 million
GDP per capita PPP	2,952 US\$
Life expectancy at birth	71.9 years
Adult literacy rate (age 15 and above)	76.7%
ICEIDA contribution in 2007	1,123,282 US\$



Iceland

Iceland is Europe's westernmost country, the second largest island in Europe, located in the North Atlantic Ocean (a little over 3 hours flight from London, Paris, Amsterdam or Copenhagen and 5 ½ hours from New York). The capital city is Reykjavík.

The first settlers came to Iceland from Norway and Ireland in the 9th century. The Althingi, the world's oldest functioning legislative assembly, was established in the year 930 AD.





• Total Area:	103,000 km ²
• Landscape:	Vegetation 23.1% Lakes: 2.7% Glaciers: 11.6% Wasteland: 62.6%
• Sea area within fishing limits:	4,970 km ²
• Temperature:	2° Celsius (winter) 11° Celsius (summer)
• Population:	312,900 (Reykjavik: 117,700)
• Population growth rate:	1%
• Religion:	Freedom of religion; State Lutheran Church 84%
• Life Expectancy Rate:	81.5 years
• HIV/AIDS prevalence:	0.2%
• Government:	Republic since 17 June 1944 Independent since 1 December 1918
• GDP per capita PPP:	36,510
• Unemployment rate:	2.3%
• Employment by industry:	Agriculture and fishing: 6.9% Industry: 20.7% Services: 73.1%





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