

Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

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Y COOPERACIÓN



Who we are

The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) is Spain's development cooperation agency. It is a holistic agency that manages cooperation for sustainable development and humanitarian action.

Attached to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, we are **the cornerstone of the Spanish cooperation system**:

- We channel the solidarity of Spanish citizens.
- We work with institutions and communities in partner countries.
- We build partnerships with all types of actors: governments, multilateral organizations, civil society, the private sector, and academia.
- We develop programs that improve lives and protect rights.

We work for a world that is more...



Fair
putting people
at the heart of it



Sustainable
protecting the
planet



Prosperous
creating
opportunities
for everyone



Safe and at peace
promoting justice
and global
solidarity

We are transforming to deliver more strategic and impactful cooperation

In a context of overlapping crises, development cooperation must transform in order to effectively address major global challenges: poverty, hunger, inequalities, gender gaps, the climate crisis, fragility, and conflicts.

In 2021, Spain launched an ambitious **reform of its cooperation** system to build a more modern, robust, and impactful framework:

- Law 1/2023 on Sustainable Development Cooperation and Global Solidarity, approved with broad political and social consensus, which includes the commitment to increase Official Development Assistance (ODA) towards the 0.7% of GNI target by 2030.
- Up to six implementing Royal Decrees, including a **new Statute for AECID**.
- A **new Master Plan 2024–2027** focused on promoting the triple social, ecological, and economic transition in our partner countries.

What we do

AECID with a global reach: our network abroad

51 cooperation units abroad

32 Spanish Cooperation Offices (OCE)

16 in Latin America and the Caribbean
13 in Africa
2 in the Middle East

15 Cultural Centers

13 in Latin America and the Caribbean
2 in Africa

4 Training Centers

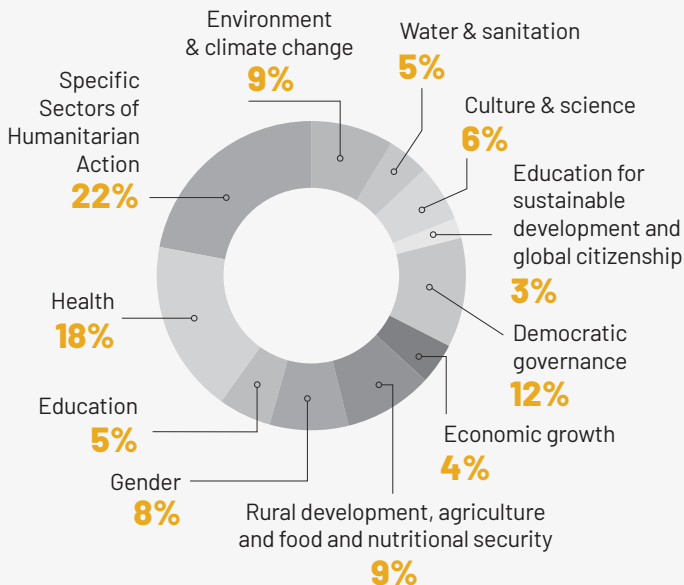
Montevideo (Uruguay)
Cartagena de Indias (Colombia)
Antigua (Guatemala)
Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia)

AECID priority sectors of cooperation



What we do

Distribution of the budget managed by AECID*

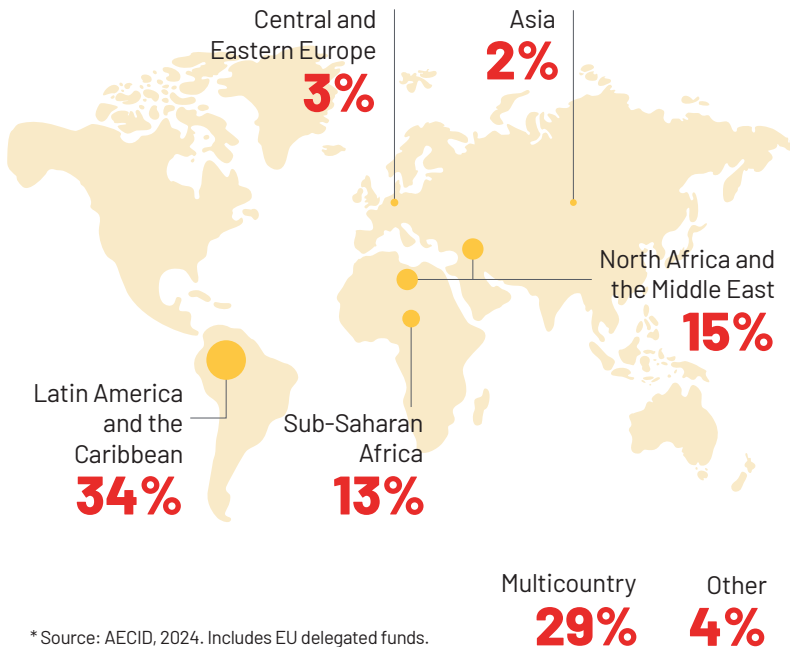


* Source: AECID, 2024. Includes EU delegated funds.

Where we work

Distribution by region of the budget managed by AECID (2024)*

€ 645,75 million



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Aecid, an active member of Team Europe

- 1 Spain is the third-largest managing country of EU Delegated Cooperation Funds.
- 2 Member of the Practitioners' Network as an implementing agency, and of JEFIC as a manager of European financial cooperation.
- 3 AECID participates in 61 Team Europe Initiatives, with a contribution of over €2.1 billion across 27 countries.
- 4 We promote 9 Global Gateway flagship initiatives, such one in Mauritania, with an AECID contribution of €50 million: Improving access to regionally integrated, climate-resilient and inclusive infrastructure and services in border communities of the Senegal River Valley, as well as the Water and Sanitation Programme for Rural Communities and Small and Intermediate Cities in Bolivia.
- 5 We manage €35 million annually in delegated cooperation as an institution accredited by the European Commission.
- 6 Since 2010, AECID has managed €620 million through more than 100 programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia.
- 7 We are active in cooperation with the EU Southern Neighbourhood, contributing more than €70 million to the Team Europe Initiative "Jobs through Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood".
- 8 We are part of the EU response in support of Ukraine, having channelled more than €70 million in assistance to the country.

We work by **building partnerships**

1 Bilateral, regional, and thematic cooperation

- Regional partnerships in Africa with AUDA-NEPAD and ECOWAS, focusing on food security and sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, gender equality, and the strengthening of regional institutions.
- New Masar Al'an Regional Cooperation Programme with Arab countries, with three thematic priorities: employment and opportunity creation; gender equality; ecological transition, environment, and water; and three cross-cutting pillars: youth, regional integration, and inclusiveness.
- New Democracy Programme in Latin America and the Caribbean: promotion of democracy and human rights, tax justice, social dialogue, memory and conflict resolution, and support for human rights defenders.
- Partnership with the Ibero-American system and support for regional integration in Latin America and the Caribbean (SICA, CARICOM).
- New Advanced Technical Cooperation programmes with the Southern Cone and Triangular Cooperation (37 projects approved in 2024–2025).
- More than 30 years of experience working with Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Global programmes on gender equality (Ellas+), ecological transition (PROTEC), and health (Salud+).
- Consolidated regional water programme (FCAS): more than €1.6 billion mobilised since 2008.
- A Network of Cultural Centres, dating back to 1976, and a Network of Embassies (more than 120) that disseminate

Spanish culture and science worldwide. More than 30 years managing cultural cooperation projects for sustainable development in Latin America and Africa.

2 Joint work with other actors from the Spanish Cooperation

- Calls for proposals for NGOs and civil society: up to €139 million per year for framework agreements, projects, and actions in priority countries and regions.
- Specific call for innovation partnership actions: technologically and socially innovative projects (€11 million per year).
- New partnership with the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) on Science and Development.
- Strong commitment to public-private partnerships for development (PPPDs) and cooperation with the private sector (including due diligence and business and human rights).
- Partnership with municipal cooperation and solidarity funds (CONFOCOS), the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces, and cooperation agreements with regional (autonomous community) cooperation systems.

3 Humanitarian Action

- We seek to save lives, alleviate suffering, and protect dignity in humanitarian crisis contexts caused by armed conflict, disasters, or emergencies.
- 7 priority contexts: Palestine, Ukraine, Latin America and the Caribbean (Venezuela, Colombia, Central America, and Haiti), Sahrawi refugee camps, the Syrian crisis and

neighbouring countries —mainly Lebanon—, the Sahel (with a focus on Mali and Niger), and Afghanistan.

- €140.2 million allocated to humanitarian action in 2025 (+5% compared to 2024 and +115% compared to 2021).
- Ukraine (2022) and Gaza (2023) represent the largest humanitarian responses in the history of Spanish Cooperation. Latin America and the Caribbean is AECID's main humanitarian region in terms of geographic reach and funding volume.
- Emergency response: delivery of direct humanitarian aid and deployment of multidisciplinary emergency teams through START, ranging from field hospitals to water purification modules. START has been deployed since 2019 in Mozambique, Turkey, Panama, Equatorial Guinea, Morocco, Jamaica, Haiti, among others.
- Gender-responsive humanitarian action: priority on prevention of and response to gender-based violence, including sexual violence in armed conflicts; and sexual and reproductive health in crisis contexts.
- Humanitarian-development-peace nexus: in fragile contexts, we promote responses that address emergencies while supporting recovery and resilience.

- Humanitarian diplomacy: defence of International Humanitarian Law and humanitarian principles in all contexts.

4 Financial Cooperation

- New Spanish Sustainable Development Fund (FEDES).
- Active portfolio of €602.7 million in public and private operations; €361 million in new approvals in 2025.
- Strategic partnerships with European (JEFIC) and international development finance institutions: World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, IFAD.
- Key operations:
 - Kuali impact investment fund: mobilisation of around €200 million, of which approximately €150 million is private investment, with a €50 million public investment from AECID/FEDES, to support climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions.
 - Global Green Bond Initiative (GGBI): €1.05 billion investment by European development finance institutions (including €100 million from AECID/FEDES) to boost green financing.



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