

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PLAN for 2012

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1. Development Cooperation Plan for 2012

Pursuant to the Development Cooperation Act adopted by the Sejm on 16 September 2011, development cooperation involves, in particular:

- a. promotion and support for the development of democracy and civil society, including parliamentarism, good governance and human rights protection;
- b. support for sustainable social and economic growth in developing countries, involvement in measures aimed at eradicating poverty, improving health and raising the level of education and occupational skills of the population.

Development cooperation also consists of humanitarian aid and global education.

The *2012 Development Cooperation Plan* (2012 Plan) was drawn up on the basis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' past experiences, analyses and lessons learned from work on the *Multiannual Programme of Polish Development Cooperation*. After the entry into force of the Development Cooperation Act, the existing annual planning cycle will be changed into a multiannual planning cycle. Owing to this change, the 2012 Plan was drawn up as a transitional document. Multiannual planning will be adjusted to meet legal regulations stemming from the Development Cooperation Act.

2012 Plan activities will be financed from MFA funds and from the government budget's special reserve earmarked for development cooperation under the heading: "Implementation of the Polish Development Cooperation Programme and Support for International Cooperation to Promote Democracy and Civil Society". The 2012 Plan covers solely activities for countries from the OECD/DAC Official Development Aid list.

The 2012 Plan may be modified, if necessary, in particular: i) following the adoption of the central government budget for 2012, ii) following the adoption of the *Multiannual Programme of Polish Development Cooperation* by the Council of Ministers, iii) in connection with radical changes in the social and political situation in a particular country/region; iv) in connection with the adoption of new legislative regulations.

2. Principles of Polish development cooperation

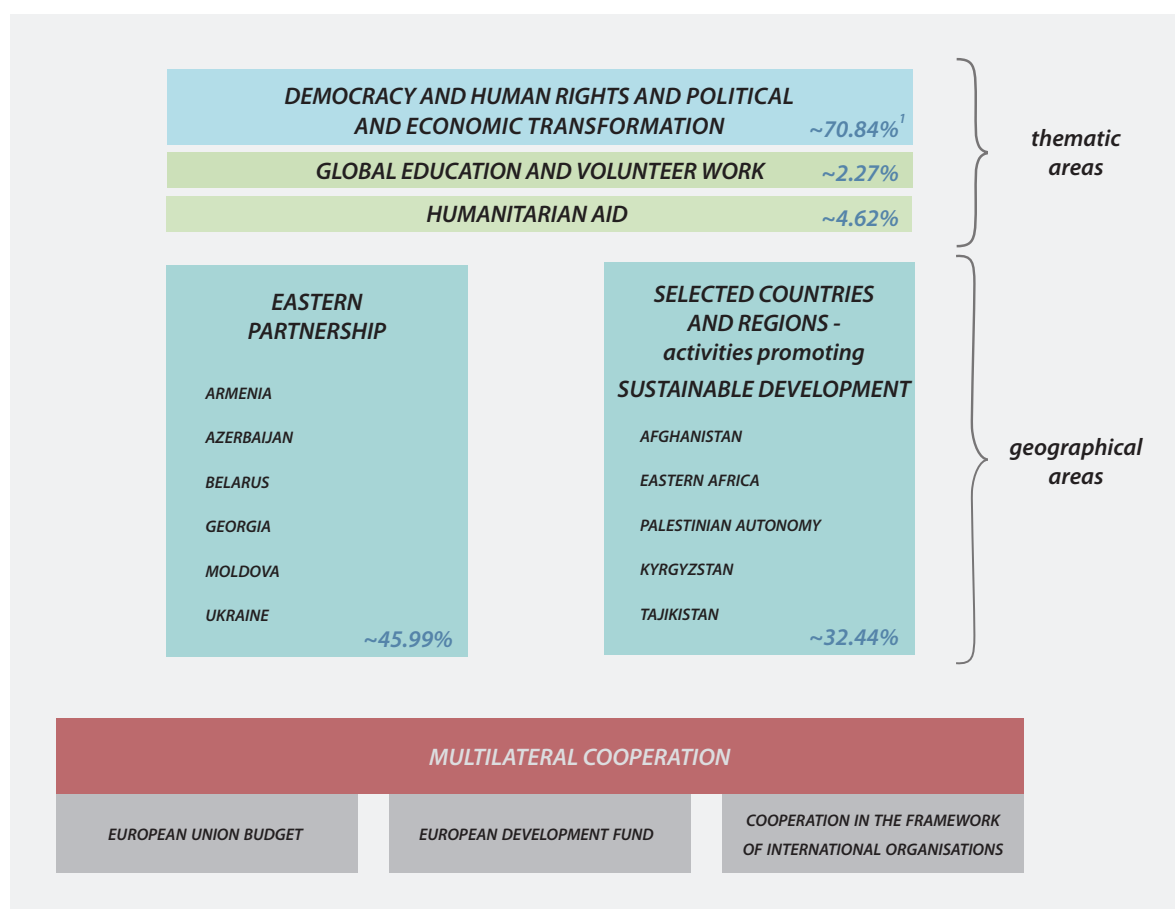
- a. aiming to implement the Millennium Development Goals;
- b. enhancing democracy, the rule of law, civil society and local self-government;
- c. respect for and observance of human rights;
- d. enhancing cooperation with partner countries and other development cooperation actors;
- e. accounting for local social, cultural, economic and political conditions;

- f. aiming to ensure effective and efficient assistance;
- g. accounting for equal opportunities, prevent discrimination on account of ethnic origin, religious denomination, and in particular a person's gender;
- h. caring for natural environment, sustainable use of natural resources, and minimizing the negative consequences of climate change.

3. Focus areas

The 2012 Plan distinguishes three thematic areas: democracy, human rights and political and economic transformation, global education and volunteer work as well as humanitarian aid. In terms of geography, activities will focus on Eastern Partnership countries and on selected countries and regions faced with the major challenge of embarking on the path of sustainable development: Afghanistan, Eastern Africa, the Palestinian Autonomy, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

POLISH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE - FOCUS AREAS



¹ The percentage is based on information in chapter 4. These numbers do not sum up to 100 per cent because in many aspects thematic priorities overlap with geographic areas covered by the 2012 Plan.

a. Democracy, human rights and political and economic transformation

Democracy, human rights and political and economic transformation represent Poland's key thematic area of involvement in the framework of development cooperation. Development cannot exist without democratic processes. The right to co-decide about one's own fate locally and centrally is an inseparable aspect of sustainable development. Human rights protection, support for democracy and political and economic transformation represent those aspects of development assistance which should always be taken into account in development assistance activities.

Support for democracy, human rights and political and economic transformation can also take the form of a stand-alone activity, not limited to the supported geographical areas. In such case, assistance will be provided to:

- societies which, owing to the political system, cannot determine their own fate; including in countries where the political system comprises only some elements universally considered as democratic;
- countries undergoing a political transformation.

The 2012 Plan also provides for financing of election monitoring.

b. Global education and volunteer work

Global education serves the purpose of popularizing ideas and values which promote openness and understanding of global development challenges and global issues among Poles. The relevant projects will aim to enhance the presence of global education in the official system of education in schools and universities, as well as initiatives in informal education. Cooperation with the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and civil society representatives will be continued in the framework of the multi stakeholder process on global education.

Through its Volunteering Programme, Polish aid supports the direct involvement of Polish citizens in helping inhabitants of developing countries. This, in turn, helps to disseminate knowledge of challenges facing these countries among the Polish population. After several weeks or months of work with the local community in Africa, Latin America, Asia or Eastern Europe, volunteers share their experiences by, for example, organizing exhibitions, giving lectures in schools or showing films.

c. Humanitarian aid

The fundamental goal of Polish humanitarian aid is to save people's lives and to mitigate human suffering during humanitarian crises caused by both natural and man-made disasters. Polish humanitarian aid also includes activities that help enhance governments' and local communities'

disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

Humanitarian activities taken up by Poland should be carried out in line with standards and rules of conduct recognized by the international community, especially the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.

Humanitarian aid financed from the special reserve will be implemented through:

- international organizations;
- NGOs, pursuant to the Decision of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, issued according to Article 11a) of the Act on Public Benefit and Voluntary Work of 24 April 2003 (Journal of Laws 2010 No 234, item 1536);
- the MFA, including Polish diplomatic missions;
- State Fire Service.

Funds will be allocated to the general budgets of the UN OCHA², ICRC, UNHCR, UNRWA, to the CERF fund, to support the Polish co-chair of the GHD³ and to finance Poland's participation in the UNDAC.

Moreover, funds have been earmarked for humanitarian actions carried out in response to specific crises.

d. Geographical areas

For each of the countries listed below, no more than three priorities have been identified. In the case of regions, the number of priorities has been increased to four. Activities carried out in the framework of individual priorities have to lead to the achievement of the outlined aims.

In addition to the geographical areas indicated below, activities may also be carried out in the following areas: supporting democracy, human rights and political and economic transformation, humanitarian aid, the Polish Aid Volunteering Programme, the small grants system and selected programmes of international organizations.

The 2012 Plan supports cooperation between developing countries. Activities carried out in a particular geographical area may involve up to 10% of participants (e.g. in a training group) from another developing country.

2 Abbreviations used in this chapter: UNOCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), CERF (Central Emergency Response Fund), ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), UNHCR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East), GHD (Good Humanitarian Donorship), UNDAC (United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination).

3 Radosław Sikorski and Guido Westerwelle, the Polish and German Ministers of Foreign Affairs, have decided that from September 2011 until August 2012, they will jointly chair the GHD expert group.

• Eastern Partnership

<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>PRIORITY 1</i>	<i>PRIORITY 2</i>	<i>PRIORITY 3</i>
Armenia	Rural development	Environmental protection	Refugees and IDPs support
Azerbaijan	Rural development	Environmental protection	IDPs support
Belarus	Support for independent media, organizations and civil society	Support for socially marginalized groups	
Georgia	Support for socially marginalized groups	Regional development	SMEs ⁴ and job creation
Moldova	Public security and border management	Regional development and decentralization	Rural development
Ukraine	Public security and border management	Regional development, strengthening public administration and local government	SMEs and job creation

Armenia

PRIORITY 1 – RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to enhance the position of small agricultural producers on the domestic market thanks to the development of small agricultural producers' associations and agricultural marketing, as well as by creating commodity brands of agricultural products;
- b. to enable the population to be vocationally and socially active.

PRIORITY 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to improve environmental standards of municipal services;
- b. to improve the operation of the waste management system;

⁴ Small and medium enterprises.

- c. to promote and implement best practices in water management;
- d. to raise environmental awareness among the population through environmental education;
- e. to increase the number of environmentally-friendly and energy-saving solutions in the housing, municipal and industrial sectors;
- f. to counteract the degradation of the natural environment and to eliminate negative consequences of climate change;
- g. to eliminate the risk of contamination with toxic substances and hazardous waste;
- h. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 3 – REFUGEES AND IDPs SUPPORT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to enable refugees and internally displaced persons to be vocationally and socially active;
- b. to improve the educational opportunities for refugees and internally displaced persons;
- c. to improve the effectiveness of operations of civil society organizations for refugees and internally displaced persons.

Azerbaijan

PRIORITY 1 – RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to implement elements of an efficient and effective system of agricultural advisory services;
- b. to enable the population to be vocationally and socially active;
- c. to develop innovative technologies based on alternative energy sources and energy-efficient technologies.

PRIORITY 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to implement new mechanisms of local community cooperation to benefit environmental protection;
- b. to enhance social groups active in the field of environmental protection;
- c. to counteract degradation of the natural environment and climate change;
- d. to eliminate the risk of contamination with toxic substances and hazardous waste;
- e. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 3 – IDPs SUPPORT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to enable internally displaced persons to be vocationally and socially active;
- b. to improve educational opportunities for internally displaced persons;
- c. to improve the effectiveness of measures undertaken by civil society organizations for internally displaced persons.

Belarus

PRIORITY 1 – SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA, ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to provide greater access for Belarusian citizens to reliable and objective information thanks to the development of independent media, especially electronic media;
- b. to enhance trade unions;
- c. to enable young people to become vocationally and socially active;
- d. to strengthen Belarusian NGOs with regard to economic and educational issues, legal expert opinions and advocacy.

PRIORITY 2 – SUPPORT FOR SOCIALLY MARGINALIZED GROUPS

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to enable disabled persons to become vocationally and socially active and to support entities active in this sphere;
- b. to improve the standards of the system of care for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Georgia

PRIORITY 1 – SUPPORT FOR SOCIALLY MARGINALIZED GROUPS

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to enable persons from socially marginalized groups to become vocationally and socially active;
- b. to improve the quality of inclusive education;
- c. to improve the quality of local government educational policy and to provide equal educational opportunities to young people in rural areas;
- d. to improve the system of support for persons addicted to narcotics and psychotropic drugs;
- e. to support institutions involved in foster parenting.

PRIORITY 2 – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to improve the local administration management process and to enhance dialogue between the administration and NGOs;
- b. to professionalize the management of regional development policy;
- c. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 3 – SMEs AND JOB CREATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to support vocational education and lifelong learning, to strengthen cooperation between local government, universities, ministries and the private sector;
- b. to initiate the creation and to support existing production groups and cooperatives, as well as to support the development of small business and enterprises;
- c. to enable women to become vocationally active;
- d. to support self-employment;
- e. to develop innovative technologies related to renewable sources of energy and energy-saving technologies in SMEs;
- f. to support activities related to raising employees' legal awareness.

Moldova

PRIORITY 1 – PUBLIC SECURITY AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to promote the protection of human rights in the activities of law enforcement agencies and to implement relevant mechanisms in this field;
- b. to improve public security, to prevent organized crime, drug crime, illegal migration, as well as to increase the awareness of threats related to human trafficking and to prevent this phenomenon;
- c. to support entities responsible for civil security and environmental protection;
- d. to support the transformation of Moldova's police and border services into a modern police-type formation, to implement organizational structure and rules of operation consistent with EU standards and to introduce principles of integrated border management.

PRIORITY 2 – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to develop an effective and transparent system of local government financing;
- b. to enhance the coordinating role of the Moldovan Ministry of Regional Development and Constructions in implementing the regional reform;
- c. to professionalize the regional development management system at the central and local levels and to prepare local and regional administration for effective absorption of EU funds;
- d. to support institutions responsible for regional development in creating strategies and implementing measures related to them.

Measures related to regional development and decentralization in Moldova will be part of the *Joint Programming in Moldova*, which is one of the initiatives implemented in the framework of EU division of labour and with the view to enhance the effectiveness of the European Union's development assistance.

PRIORITY 3 – RURAL DEVELOPMENT⁵

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to support SMEs, farmers' cooperatives and agricultural advisory;
- b. to enhance the competitiveness of agricultural production by improving the phytosanitary inspection regime and supporting the development of laboratory facilities involved in the food chain;
- c. to promote and implement innovative solutions and technologies on farms (including projects based on unconventional and/or diversified energy sources, energy-saving technologies and technologies associated with water and sewage treatment, as well as waste management) and the modernization of rural infrastructure;
- d. to integrate the poorest population groups and to enable them to become vocationally and socially active;
- e. to improve the quality of health care and educational system;
- f. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

⁵ As regards priority 3 for Moldova, only proposals submitted jointly by at least three entities will be accepted for the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals. No more than three projects will be financed. The minimum subsidy in this case will be PLN 500,000.00.

Ukraine

PRIORITY 1 – PUBLIC SECURITY AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to promote human rights protection in the activities of law enforcement agencies and to implement relevant mechanisms in this field;
- b. to raise awareness about challenges related to human trafficking and to combat this phenomenon;
- c. to support entities responsible for civil security and environmental protection;
- d. to support the transformation of Ukraine's police and border services into a modern police-type formation, to implement an organizational structure and rules of operation consistent with EU standards and to introduce principles of integrated border management.

PRIORITY 2 – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, STRENGTHENING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to incorporate Ukrainian associations of cities and local governments into European partnerships;
- b. to strengthen local government in the fields of modern management of municipal services, real estate management and energy saving;
- c. to enhance dialogue between the central administration's local bodies, local government and NGOs;
- d. to professionalize the local government management system and to support the creation of regional development policy;
- e. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 3 – SMEs AND JOB CREATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to provide persons who engage in or conduct business activity with better access to information;
- b. to initiate the creation and support existing production groups and cooperatives, as well as to support the development of small business and enterprises;
- c. to enable women to become vocationally active;
- d. to support self-employment;
- e. to develop innovative technologies related to renewable sources of energy and energy-saving technologies in SMEs;
- f. to introduce elements of business education into the school system.

• Selected countries and regions – activities promoting sustainable development

COUNTRY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4
Afghanistan	Professionalization and development of public administration	Sustainable development on the provincial level	SMEs and job creation	
Eastern Africa (Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ruanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda)	Education	Environmental protection	Health care	Social and vocational empowerment
Palestinian Autonomy	SMEs and job creation	Water and sanitation	Education	
Kyrgyzstan	Self-governance and support for local communities	Water and sanitation	SMEs and job creation	
Tajikistan	Self-governance and support for local communities	Water and sanitation	SMEs and job creation	

Afghanistan

PRIORITY 1 – PROFESSIONALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- to strengthen local administration on the provincial and district level and streamline ministry operations in the provinces;
- to develop cooperation between Polish and Afghan administrative bodies;
- to prevent and combat corruption;
- to strengthen the judiciary with regard to enforcing the law (incl. Ministry of Justice branches in the provinces).

PRIORITY 2 – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL

Through our activities we will seek:

- to develop public infrastructure, improve access to water and electricity, provide better access to education;

- b. to strengthen the organization and programmes to help build civil society, including organizations working to benefit women's rights, e.g. promoting the role of women in national politics and economy and working towards broadening social awareness of good governance;
- c. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 3 – SMEs AND JOB CREATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to support business activity;
- b. to encourage the private sector and facilitate job creation, mainly in rural areas;
- c. to strengthen entrepreneurial self-governance.

Eastern Africa: Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

PRIORITY 1 – EDUCATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to improve access to education, including vocational education;
- b. to ensure equal opportunities in education;
- c. to improve teachers' skills, with the particular focus on increased interactive teaching methods and information technology solutions.

PRIORITY 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to ensure access to cheap and renewable energy sources (hydropower, wind energy, geothermal energy, biomass);
- b. to prevent deforestation and soil degradation;
- c. to improve waste management;
- d. to support responsible water resources management;
- e. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 3 – HEALTH CARE

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to ensure access to health care;
- b. to improve transparency of public and private health services at local level;
- c. to increase the number of potable water intakes and sanitary facilities and to raise hygiene awareness;
- d. to improve local community access to food, to reduce chronic malnutrition and mortality rate due to lack of food.

PRIORITY 4 – SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to popularize civil society initiatives and strengthen civil society organization, cooperative structures and the private sector, and to promote entrepreneurship among the population;
- b. to enhance the economic and social potential of socially marginalized groups;
- c. to support the creation of production groups, including the development of infrastructure necessary to process, store and transport food at the local level.

Palestinian Autonomy

PRIORITY 1 – SMEs AND JOB CREATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to support business activity;
- b. to boost the employment in the field of agriculture, trade and the service sector;
- c. to create organizational structures and strengthen entrepreneurial self-governance.

PRIORITY 2 – WATER AND SANITATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to improve water and sanitation infrastructure and access to water;
- b. to improve municipal waste management.

PRIORITY 3 – EDUCATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to support access to education, including vocational education;
- b. to provide equal educational opportunities;
- c. to improve teachers' skills, with the particular focus on increased interactive teaching methods and information technologies.

Kyrgyzstan

PRIORITY 1 – SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to enhance qualifications of local communities in terms of development activities;
- b. to improve the skills of local government officials;
- c. to support dialogue between civil organizations and the local government;
- d. to build social dialogue and trust;
- e. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 2 – WATER AND SANITATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to improve access to water and the quality of potable water;
- b. to improve small water infrastructure and the water treatment system in a given territory;
- c. to enhance water resource management and the efficiency of water use on the local level and in municipal services.

PRIORITY 3 – SMEs AND JOB CREATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to initiate the creation and to support existing production groups and cooperatives, as well as to support the development of small business and enterprises;
- b. to implement instruments aimed at supporting persons who conduct business activity.

Tajikistan

PRIORITY 1 – SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to improve the skills of local communities with regard to development measures;
- b. to improve the skills of local government officials;
- c. to support dialogue between civil society organizations and the local government;
- d. to enhance government and local community disaster risk reduction and preparedness capacities.

PRIORITY 2 – WATER AND SANITATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to improve access to water and to improve the quality of potable water;
- b. to develop small water infrastructure and waste treatment system in a given area;
- c. to improve water resource management and water-use efficiency on the local level and in municipal services.

PRIORITY 3 – SMEs AND JOB CREATION

Through our activities we will seek:

- a. to initiate the creation and to support existing production groups and cooperatives, as well as the development of small business and enterprises;
- b. to support business activity.

4. Allocation of funds

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

PLN 18 200 000

Measures implemented by NGOs through the Polish Know How Foundation for International Cooperation Development (including administrative costs related to the implementation of activities)	PLN 10 000 000
Election monitoring	PLN 500 000
SENSE programme	PLN 3 000 000
Projects implemented by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education	PLN 2 700 000
Supporting transformation in North Africa and the Middle East	PLN 1 000 000
Eastern Partnership Public Administration Academy	PLN 1 000 000

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

PLN 47 785 000

Small Grants System								PLN 3 000 000
Country	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)
ARMENIA	Rural development		Environmental protection		Refugees and IDPs support			
	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	120 000			Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	120 000		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		Projects implemented by the Ministry of the Environment	300 000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 			
			Projects implemented by the Ministry of Health	300 000				
PLN 840 000		Total 120 000		Total 600 000		Total 120 000		
AZERBAIJAN	Rural development		Environmental protection		IDPs support			
	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	120 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	330 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	120 000		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 			
			Projects implemented by the Ministry of the Environment	150 000				
PLN 720 000		Total 120 000		Total 480 000		Total 120 000		

Country	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)
BELARUS	Support for independent media, organizations and civil society		Support for socially marginalized groups					
	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	1 000 000	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	1 500 000				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • local administration entities • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • local administration entities • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 					
	<i>Support for independent information sources (co-production agreements)</i>	20 500 000						
<i>European Humanities University</i>	500 000							
PLN 23 500 000		Total 22 000 000		Total 1 500 000				
GEORGIA	Support for socially marginalized groups		Regional development		SMEs and job creation			
	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	1 200 000	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	1 600 000	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	1 600 000		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • local administration entities • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • local administration entities • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • local administration entities • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 			
	<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (UNDP)</i>	120 000	<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of Regional Development</i>	800 000				
<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of National Education (Centre for Education Development)</i>	150 000							
PLN 5 470 000		Total 1 470 000		Total 2 400 000		Total 1 600 000		
MOLDOVA	Public security and border management		Regional development and decentralization		Rural development			
			<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	600 000	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	2 200 000		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • local administration entities • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs 			
<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of Interior</i>	800 000	<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of Regional Development</i>	400 000	<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</i>	500 000			
PLN 4 500 000		Total 800 000	Total 1 000 000	Total 2 700 000				

Country	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)
UKRAINE	Public security and border management		Regional development, strengthening public administration and local government		SMEs and job creation			
	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	220 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	2 500 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	2 000 000		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs local administration entities state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 			
	Projects implemented by the Ministry of Interior	1 200 000	Projects implemented by the Chancellery of the Prime Minister	35 000	Projects implemented by the Ministry of National Education (Centre for Education Development)	500 000		
			Projects implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Natolin)	300 000				
			Financial support for the Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership initiated by Sweden (EBRD)	3 000 000				
PLN 9 755 000	Total	1 420 000	Total	5 835 000	Total	2 500 000		

SELECTED COUNTRIES AND REGIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEASURES
PLN 42 780 000

Country	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)
Small Grants System								PLN 1 600 000
AFGHANISTAN	Professionalization and development of public administration		Sustainable development on the provincial level		SMEs and job creation			
			Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	1 000 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:	500 000		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units 			
				Projects implemented by the PRT		23 000 000		
	Projects implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including PLN 1 m - National School of Public Administration)	2 000 000					Cooperation within the framework of international organizations (financial support for the ICRC and WFP)	2 000 000
Projects implemented by the Ministry of Interior	500 000							
Cooperation within the framework of international organizations (ARTF)	4 000 000							
PLN 33 000 000	Total	6 500 000	Total	1 000 000	Total	23 500 000	Total	2 000 000

Country	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)	Priority	Amount (PLN)
EASTERN AFRICA	Education		Environmental protection		Health care		Social and vocational activation	
	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	1 300 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	1 300 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	1 300 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	1 300 000
PLN 5 200 000	Total	1 300 000	Total	1 300 000	Total	1 300 000	Total	1 300 000
PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY	SMEs and job creation		Water and sanitation		Education			
	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	350 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	350 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	350 000	Cooperation within the framework of international organizations (financial support for UNRWA)	650 000
PLN 1 700 000	Total	350 000	Total	350 000	Total	350 000	Total	650 000
KYRGYZSTAN	Self-governance and support for local communities		Water and sanitation		SMEs and job creation			
	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	120 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	400 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	120 000		
PLN 640 000	Total	120 000	Total	400 000	Total	120 000		
TAJIKISTAN	Self-governance and support for local communities		Water and sanitation		SMEs and job creation			
	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	120 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	400 000	Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by: • NGOs • state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units	120 000		
PLN 640 000	Total	120 000	Total	400 000	Total	120 000		

OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS		PLN	2 510 000
Small Grants System		PLN 2 510 000	
HUMANITARIAN AID		PLN	6 000 000
<i>Humanitarian crisis response</i>	PLN 3 000 000		
UNOCHA	PLN 300 000		
CERF	PLN 900 000		
ICRC	PLN 800 000		
UNHCR	PLN 300 000		
UNRWA	PLN 650 000		
GHD	PLN 30 000		
UNDAC	PLN 20 000		
GLOBAL EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER WORK		PLN	2 950 000
<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2012" call for proposals by:</i>	PLN 1 000 000		
• NGOs			
• state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units			
<i>Projects implemented by NGOs as part of the "Global Education 2012" re-granting call for proposals</i>	PLN 500 000		
<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of National Education</i>	PLN 400 000		
<i>Projects implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	PLN 50 000		
<i>Projects implemented by NGOs as part of the "Polish Aid Volunteering 2012" call for proposals</i>	PLN 1 000 000		
COOPERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS		PLN	3 000 000
OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS		PLN	500 000
EVALUATION, information and administration measures	PLN 2 500 000		
RESERVE FUNDS		PLN	4 275 000
		TOTAL	PLN 128 000 000

5. Implementation methods

The planned activities will be implemented by way of:

5.1. Projects – submitted by non-governmental organizations⁶, local government entities, state-funded higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units – will be selected by way of the following procedures:

- **Open call for proposals procedure.** Projects will be selected in an open call for proposals organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and financed through a grant agreement;
- **The *Know How* Foundation call for proposals procedure.** Projects will be selected in an re-granting call for proposals organized by the Polish *Know How* Foundation for International Development Cooperation;
- **Decision procedure.** Support for humanitarian aid projects on the basis of the Decision of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued on the basis of Article 11 a) of the Act on Public Benefit and Voluntary Work of 24 April 2003 (Journal of Laws 2010, No. 234, item 1536). The projects will be financed through a grant agreement.

The following call for proposals covering activities for 2012 are to be announced:

a. “Polish Development Aid 2012”

The call for proposals will be announced in the fourth quarter of 2011 and concluded after the adoption of the national budget for 2012. The funds allocated towards individual countries/regions may be subject to change, depending on the total funds in the government budget’s special reserve earmarked for development cooperation, and on the basis of results of the assessment of project applications filed in connection with the specific priorities for a given country. The minimum grant sum for each project in the framework of this call for proposals is 100,000 PLN.⁷

No more than 25% of funds targeted for Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia will be allocated towards a maximum of five projects consisting of two independent projects implemented in succession: the first in 2012 – financed in the framework of fund limits for these countries, and the second in 2013 – financed conditionally.⁸

6 In the understanding of Article 3 (2) of the Act on Public Benefit Activity and Volunteer Work of 24 April 2003 (Journal of Laws No 234, item 1536) and entities specified in Article 3 (3) of the Act.

7 This condition does not apply to actions implemented in Moldova in connection with Priority 3.

8 i.e. under the condition of the 2013 Budget Act guaranteeing the relevant funds and the proper implementation and reporting of the 2012 module.

b. "Supporting democracy 2012"

The call for proposals will be announced in the second quarter of 2012 by the *Know How* Foundation. The call for proposals will co-finance initiatives to benefit:

- societies which, owing to the political system, cannot co-determine their own fate; including in countries where the political system comprises only some elements universally considered as democratic;
- countries undergoing transition.

c. "Global Education 2012"

The call for proposals will select educational projects (each worth at least PLN 80,000) aimed at strengthening global education in the formal/informal education system.

d. "Global Education 2012" re-granting call for proposals

The call for proposals will select an operator who will, in turn, conduct re-granting of funds towards educational initiatives conducted outside Poland's main cities and by local NGOs devoted to global education.

e. "Polish Aid Volunteering Programme 2012"

The call for proposals' fifth edition will cover long-term (3 months and longer) and short-term (up to 6 weeks) volunteering. Volunteers put forward in project applications will carry out their tasks in countries (excluding countries experiencing armed conflict), and will – after returning to Poland – implement an educational initiative addressed to Poland's inhabitants.

f. "Co-financing development and global education projects financed from sources other than the budget of the Republic of Poland"

The aim of the call for proposals is to increase the effectiveness of Polish entities in obtaining funding for development and global education projects from sources other than the budget of the Republic of Poland (especially foreign sources), by providing part of the own contribution required by the donors. The signing of grant agreements and the implementation of the project will take place in 2013 and will be conditional on the final awarding of funds by the external donors. The call for proposals will give priority to activities which benefit the countries and regions listed in the 2012 Plan.

Depending on the political and economic situation in a given region covered by the 2012 Plan and on the level of expenditure of planned funds, it will be possible to announce further calls for proposals in 2012.

5.2. Projects implemented by government administration bodies and subordinate entities.

The call for proposals procedure will be phased out starting from 2012. Projects will be based on letters of intent (agreements) between the MFA and the government administration bodies listed in the 2012 Plan, and on project applications submitted to the MFA. The planned format will guarantee the conditional continuation of projects in 2013. Letters of intent for the implementation of activities in the framework of the 2012 Plan will be exchanged with

the following institutions: Chancellery of the Prime Minister; Ministry of Science and Higher Education; Ministry of National Education; Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; Ministry of Regional Development; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; Ministry of Interior; Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Health.

Government administration bodies and subordinate entities will implement activities towards the beneficiary countries listed in the 2012 Plan, in accordance with the priorities mentioned in the table below.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION BODIES – BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS

<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>PRIORITY</i>	<i>INSTITUTION⁹</i>	<i>TOTAL (PLN)</i>
Afghanistan	Professionalization and development of public administration	MI	500 000
Armenia	Environmental protection	ME	300 000
	Environmental protection	MH	300 000
Azerbaijan	Environmental protection	ME	150 000
Georgia	Support for socially marginalized groups	MLSP	120 000
	Support for socially marginalized groups	MNE	150 000
	Regional development	MRD	800 000
Moldova	Public security and border management	MI	800 000
	Regional development and decentralization	MRD	400 000
	Rural development	MARD	500 000
Ukraine	Public security and border management	MI	1 200 000
	Regional development, strengthening public administration and local government potential	CPM	35 000
	SMEs and job creation	MNE	500 000
Democracy, human rights and political and economic transformation		MSHE	2 700 000
Global education		MNE, MFA	450 000
TOTAL			8 905 000

⁹ MI – Ministry of Interior; ME – Ministry of the Environment; MH – Ministry of Health; MLSP – Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; MNE – Ministry of National Education; MRD – Ministry of Regional Development; MARD – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; CPM – Chancellery of the Prime Minister; MSHE – Ministry of Science and Higher Education; MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

5.3. Projects implemented by the Polish team of civilian experts forming part of the U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Ghazni province, selected and implemented in agreement with the Operational Command of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland.

5.4. Projects implemented in cooperation with international organizations¹⁰ and on the basis of agreements with separate donors.

A portion of Poland's 2012 multilateral contribution will be allocated, as in previous years, to the *Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights*, OHCHR and the *Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS*, UNAIDS). The remainder of multilateral contribution will be subjected to consultation conducted in early 2012 and conditional on the ongoing demand for specific programmes, agendas and organizations. Moreover, some of the funds set aside for individual geographic priorities will now be allocated to international organizations or funds.

5.5. Initiatives conducted in the framework of agreements between the MFA and the National School of Public Administration (*Krajowa Szkoła Administracji Publicznej – KSAP*) will enable the implementation of the following programmes:

- SENSE (*Strategic Economic Needs and Security Exercise*) consisting, among other things, in conducting a computer simulation of a country's functioning within a market economy;
- Eastern Partnership Public Administration Academy – training targeting public administration officials from Eastern Partnership countries;
- Building the potential of public administration in Afghanistan.

5.6. In the framework of the agreement between the MFA and the College of Europe Foundation, Ukrainians will continue to attend post-graduate courses at the College of Europe Natolin Campus.

5.7. Projects implemented by the MFA in the framework of the small grants system (SGS).

Actions organized directly by the MFA are also part of Poland's bilateral development cooperation. The activities will also include the organization of study visits. Additional activities will result from an ongoing analysis of the situation in development cooperation beneficiary countries.

The small grants system (SGS) enables projects to be implemented via Polish diplomatic missions. The SGS covers mainly low-budget projects of key significance for local communities. In order to achieve this goal, the MFA and diplomatic missions initiate wide-ranging cooperation with local

¹⁰ The 2012 Plan does not take into account the funds transferred to the EU budget (directed towards development cooperation) and the European Development Fund. Poland's financial input for the 10th edition of the EDF, as specified in the Internal agreement, shall amount to EUR 294.8m, constituting 1.3% of the total EDF financial portfolio for 2007–2013. The total sum transferred by Poland to the EDF in 2011 amounts to EUR 39.39m. According to the EC's initial estimates, in 2012 total EU Member State payments towards the Fund shall amount to EUR 4.080 billion. In 2012, the Polish contribution shall amount to 1.3% of this sum.

NGOs and public benefit organizations. In 2012, total SGS funds will amount to 5% of the specific purpose reserve. A majority of funds (approx. 40%) will be allocated towards projects prepared by Polish embassies in Eastern Partnership countries.

The small grants system covers projects aimed at implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and democracy building. Polish diplomatic missions will be able to support projects in all countries from the OECD/DAC Official Development Aid list.

SMALL GRANTS SYSTEM – FUND ALLOCATION

<i>COUNTRY/REGION</i>	<i>SUM (PLN)</i>
<i>Eastern Partnership</i>	3 000 000
Ukraine	600 000
Belarus	370 000
Lithuania ¹¹	230 000
Moldova	400 000
Georgia	1 000 000
Armenia	200 000
Azerbaijan	200 000
<i>Eastern Africa</i>	600 000
Kenya	300 000
Ethiopia	300 000
<i>Sub-Saharan Africa (not including Eastern Africa)</i>	550 000
South Africa	250 000
Nigeria	150 000
Angola	150 000
<i>North Africa</i>	300 000
Egypt	50 000
Libya	75 000
Morocco	50 000
Tunisia	75 000
Algeria	50 000
<i>Middle East</i>	900 000
Iraq	250 000
Syria	50 000
Jordan	50 000
Lebanon	50 000
Palestinian Autonomy	500 000
<i>Central Asia</i>	500 000
Afghanistan	400 000
Kazakhstan ¹²	50 000
Uzbekistan ¹³	50 000

11 Allocated for Belarus.

12 Allocated for Kyrgyzstan.

13 Allocated for Tajikistan.

<i>South Asia/Pacific</i>	800 000
Australia ¹⁴	55 000
China	50 000
India	100 000
Indonesia	120 000
North Korea	100 000
Pakistan	75 000
Vietnam	50 000
Thailand	250 000
<i>Western Balkans</i>	160 000
Albania	30 000
Macedonia	30 000
Serbia	40 000
Montenegro	30 000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30 000
<i>Latin America</i>	300 000
Venezuela	80 000
Peru	80 000
Cuba	60 000
Columbia	80 000
TOTAL:	7 110 000

6. Evaluation, information and administration measures

Evaluation activities in 2012 will consist of a pilot, topic-based evaluation.

Promotional and information activities on Poland's development cooperation will mainly cover the on-going modernization of the website and a publishing project, including the publication of the annual report "Poland's Development Cooperation 2011". Information activities will also enable the financing of thematic regional and/or international conferences, to be organized depending on the situation.

In the framework of administrative activities linked to Poland's development cooperation, implemented projects will include: monitoring projects, trainings for partner organizations and institutions interested in cooperating with the MFA on the Programme, development activity legal costs, press publications for calls for proposals, national and international travel linked to the implementation of the development cooperation programme, civil law agreements with experts employed on a temporary basis at the MFA's Development Cooperation Department and Department for Implementation of Development Programmes and at Polish diplomatic missions, purchase of materials, equipment and specialist software, as well as specialized training for MFA staff.

¹⁴ Allocated for countries accredited under the Polish diplomatic mission in Australia (countries from the OECD/DAC Official Development Aid list).