

The 2016-2020 Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme (MDCP) is a governmental document laying down the strategy of activities undertaken for the benefit of developing countries. The Programme was drawn up based on experience gathered while providing Polish aid in 2012-2015, and based on an analysis of strategic documents and development-related needs of the partner countries that are changing very dynamically. The mid-term evaluation of MDCP helped to identify strengths and weaknesses of the Programme, as well as the directions in which it should be modified

## Selected recommendations

The strategy of Polish Development Cooperation should be related to the entire Official Development Aid (ODA) scheme.

For better coordination of activities within development cooperation, ensuring consistency of initiatives and concentration of funds, the following stages of work on the Programme are recommended:

1. Presenting the diagnosis and defining Poland's comparative advantages in relation to other countries offering development cooperation,
2. Holding consultations, inter alia with representatives of potential partner countries and organisations, as well as with entrepreneur associations
3. Holding consultations with representatives of ministries that will be involved in development cooperation.

This will improve the effectiveness of the system and will boost the visibility of Polish aid.

Challenges appearing worldwide, as summed up in the 2030 Agenda, require the application of new instruments. A wider use of instruments and support forms verified by development-related institutions and other highly developed countries is recommended, with a particular emphasis placed on the gradual replacement of tied loans with new mechanisms (e.g. blending or credit guarantees). Actively engaging in efforts under the External Investment Plan (EIP) funded by the European Sustainable Development Fund is also recommended. Establishment of trust funds at several selected development banks (e.g. the World Bank), or joining funds established by other donors should be considered as well.





Attention needs to be paid to ensuring that the Programme is internally coherent and to facilitate its reception. The document should first state the mission and vision, followed by the objectives of Polish aid set in response to new challenges.

Efforts should be taken to ensure that the new strategy identifies outcomes to be achieved as a result of development cooperation. Such outcomes should be based on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) as defined by the United Nations. The selection of such goals should correspond to the areas in which Poland stands out in comparison to other donor countries. Next, countries where Polish expertise may be put to best use should be identified along with the types of aid that should be offered to attain the selected goals. As far as links to SDGs are concerned, the subsequent strategic document should cover the period of 2021-2030.

# Evaluation of Polish development cooperation: 2016-2020 Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme at mid-point of its implementation



## The analysis aimed to formulate recommendations allowing to:

-  improve the effectiveness and target-orientation of Polish Development Cooperation,
-  support the process of programming the subsequent multiannual perspective beyond 2020,
-  enhance the positive image of Poland as a country that actively supports sustainability worldwide, and as a partner having stable development prospects,
-  foster the decision-making process with respect to development cooperation.



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## Evaluation criteria:

- Relevance - understood as a reference to real needs or key problems of recipients identified, for example, in the main strategic or programme documents,
  - Efficiency - understood as grounds for spending development cooperation funds using an economic calculation,
  - Effectiveness - understood as the attainment of identified goals, showing the extent to which the assumptions have been implemented,
  - Innovation - understood as the ability to adapt activities undertaken under the MDCP to the changing environment.



## The methodology adopted (selected elements)

- desk research analysis
- individual in-depth interviews (IDI)
- strategic workshop
- case studies
- benchmarking
- SWOT analysis
- expert panel