

Future challenges for Finland's development policy

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Finland's development policy 2011 -

- Development assistance in 2011: €1074 m (0,56% of GDP)
- New development policy programme is being drafted (open consultation process)
- Priorities set in the government programme 2011: rule of law, democracy, human rights and sustainable development
- Special priorities: education, decent work, reducing youth unemployment and improving the status of women and children

Challenges: Funding

*0,7%:

The goal of 07% by 2015 is increasingly being abandoned: the framework budget proposal for 2012–2015 would set the amount of development funding in 2015 at 0,51 % of GDP

*Climate finance/ODA:

Currently Finland is counting its short term climate finance as a part of its development aid budget

Challenges: Coherence

- Coherence between different policy sectors:
 - *how other policy sectors support the goals of development policy
 - *how development policy supports the goals of other policy sectors

- Coherence inside development policy

- Coherence of Finland's and EU's actions in different forums

- Coherence of the international development architecture

Challenges: Quality and effectiveness of aid

Finland needs better long-term focus. Instead of directing aid based on its own interests, it should emphasize

- Democratic ownership
- Mutual accountability
- Transparency

Challenges: Sustainability

- Balanced and coherent inclusion of all 3 pillars of sustainable development: environmentally, economically and socially sustainable policies
- Adopting sustainable development goals and adequate monitoring systems in all policy sectors
- Ambitious goals for emission cuts, climate funding, biodiversity protection...

Challenges: Public ownership & participation of civil society

Need to face criticism by

- promoting the participation of civil society
- emphasizing coherence and transparency
- supporting democracy and people's right for participation in decision making in all levels