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## Development cooperation fact sheet of Finland

<b>Annual aid budget (for 2010, 2011, and 2012 in EUR)</b>	2010: €1007.6m / genuine aid €969 m 2011: €1074 m / genuine aid €834,5 m 2012 (budgeted): €1124 m /genuine aid €883,7 m
<b>Current development aid priorities - countries &amp; themes (as of 2011/ 2012)</b>	<p>Finland's new development policy programme is being currently drafted and is due to be ready by the end of 2011. The priorities listed below are taken from the new government programme's section on development policy (see below).</p> <p>Long term partner countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Vietnam and Zambia.</p> <p>First priorities: Poverty reduction and the achievement of the UN millennium development goals (MDGs)</p> <p>Main themes: rule of law, democracy, human rights and sustainable development; coherence and the quality and effectiveness of aid</p> <p>Special priorities: *education *decent work *reducing youth unemployment *improving the status of women and children</p> <p>Rio+20 in June 2012 will affect also Finland's development policy in 2012; the main focal points for Finland in Rio+20 are forestry, health, and water.</p>
<b>State institutions in charge of development cooperation with links to the homepages of these institutions</b>	Ministry for Foreign Affairs: <a href="http://formin.finland.fi/Public/default.aspx?nodeid=15316&amp;contentlan=2&amp;culture=en-US">http://formin.finland.fi/Public/default.aspx?nodeid=15316&amp;contentlan=2&amp;culture=en-US</a>
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<p>cooperation legal framework in your country (list of documents and links where they could be accessed in English)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.vn.fi/hallitus/hallitusohjelma/en.jsp">http://www.vn.fi/hallitus/hallitusohjelma/en.jsp</a> (see pages 22-23 for development policy)</p> <p>Development Policy Programme 2007: <a href="http://formin.finland.fi/Public/default.aspx?contentid=107497">http://formin.finland.fi/Public/default.aspx?contentid=107497</a></p> <p>Reports and background information related to Finnish development policy: <a href="http://formin.finland.fi/Public/default.aspx?nodeid=15458&amp;contentlan=2&amp;culture=en-US">http://formin.finland.fi/Public/default.aspx?nodeid=15458&amp;contentlan=2&amp;culture=en-US</a></p>
<p>National development cooperation platforms (organisations, No of members, other relevant information)</p>	<p><b>Kehys - The Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.kehys.fi/en">http://www.kehys.fi/en</a></p> <p>Kehys works to increase Finnish NGOs' knowledge on the European Union's development policy and development cooperation and promotes its members' opportunities to influence them. Kehys has currently close to 40 member organizations.</p> <p>Through its activities Kehys promotes discussion on issues of EU development policy in Finland and in the EU. It also supports NGOs' cooperation in Finland, in the EU and globally.</p> <p>Kehys provides services for its member organisations and other interested actors in areas related to EU's development cooperation and policy and aims to increase the funding opportunities and develop project management capacity for Finnish NGOs.</p> <p>Kehys coordinates the working group Environment and Development, in which the discussion about Rio+20 is happening at the moment. Kehys coordinated a statement paper including comments from all 9 major interest groups in Finland and is also preparing a seminar about Rio+20 in March 2012 before the issue is discussed in the Parliament.</p> <p><b>Service Centre for Development Cooperation – KEPA</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.kepa.fi/international/english">http://www.kepa.fi/international/english</a></p> <p>The Finnish Service Centre for Development Cooperation, KEPA, is the umbrella organisation for Finnish civil society organisations who work with development cooperation or are otherwise interested in global affairs. At the moment KEPA has</p>

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	<p>roughly 300 member organisations.</p> <p>KEPA’s main activities include training, advisory services and development policy work. KEPA’s headquarters are in Helsinki, and we also have country offices in Mozambique, Nicaragua and Tanzania. Additionally a small regional office covering the Mekong region is based in Thailand. KEPA is a politically non-aligned organisation that receives funding from Finland’s Ministry for Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>KEPA has a website regarding the Rio+20 process (in Finnish): <a href="http://www.kepa.fi/toiminta/kampanjat-ja-vaikuttaminen/kansainvaliset-kokoukset/2012/rio-yk">http://www.kepa.fi/toiminta/kampanjat-ja-vaikuttaminen/kansainvaliset-kokoukset/2012/rio-yk</a> and their advocacy officer is one of the two representatives in the Extended National Preparation Committee of Finland.</p>
<p><b>5 key challenges to your country’s development cooperation (please be specific and use bullet points)</b></p>	<p>Some key challenges for the new development policy programme and its implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting policy coherence for development, so that different policy sectors (trade, agriculture, energy etc.) support the achievement of development policy goals</li> <li>• Integrating sustainable development goals in all development policies and emphasizing the interlinkage of the social, economic and environmental pillars</li> <li>• Keeping MDGs and the fundamental goal of poverty reduction at the focus, while also analyzing and addressing the challenges of the post-MDG/2015 framework</li> <li>• Emphasizing the role of civil society by making its voice better heard in development policy processes, and by supporting its functioning in both North and South</li> <li>• Improving the quality and effectiveness of aid on the basis of the principles stated at the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action.</li> </ul> <p>Two environment related challenges for Finland’s development cooperation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Securing environmental security (food, climate etc.) through PCD</b></li> <li>○ <b>Responding to environmental crises more rapidly and efficiently</b></li> <li>○ <b>(Climate funding in relation to ODA)</b></li> </ul>

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