



## Profile of Organization

The Netherlands official development aid programme is managed by DGIS (International Cooperation) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The annual budget for development cooperation is approximately 5 billion dollars, which is 0.81% of the Dutch GNP. The Netherlands has a structural, bilateral development relationship with 36 countries.

## Overview of institutional focus on results

The objective is a Dutch development cooperation that is founded on facts and feedback and, for that purpose, disposes of an information basis that simultaneously and effectively informs the dialogue and cooperation with partners at field level, stakeholders in the Netherlands and our internal decision-making processes.

## Highlights reporting of results in development cooperation

- In 2005 the DG for international cooperation sent a detailed report to Parliament on results achieved through development cooperation.
- The report covers results in 36 partner countries achieved in 6 priority areas (Education, Reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, Water, Environment and Good Governance) through joint effort of the Netherlands, other donors as well as the recipient governments.
- The report covers all levels of the cause effect chain: input, output, outcome and impact
- By focussing on results the emphasis is on *contribution* rather than *attribution*.
- The bi-annual report aims to contribute to improve accountability (to parliament, to the public and to development partners) to the learning ability of the organisation, and to informing the dialogue with partners in recipient countries.
- The 2005 report only covered the bilateral aid. The next report will also attempt to bring the Dutch multilateral aid perspective into the picture and will be available in June 2007.

## Lessons

- The report has proven to meet the demand for concrete information regarding progress in priority sectors in partner countries
- One product cannot serve the need for accountability as well as the need to generate information for learning purposes.
- The focus on results opens up scope for collaboration with other donors. First steps have been made though the DAC.
- The process of gathering information for the report has triggered a full revision of the M&E system.
- The methodological framework will be reinforced with an explicit intervention strategy underlying Dutch aid in each priority area.

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