

# Member update 2024 *FINLAND*

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# **PSD in Finland's development policy** – *are we at crossroads?*

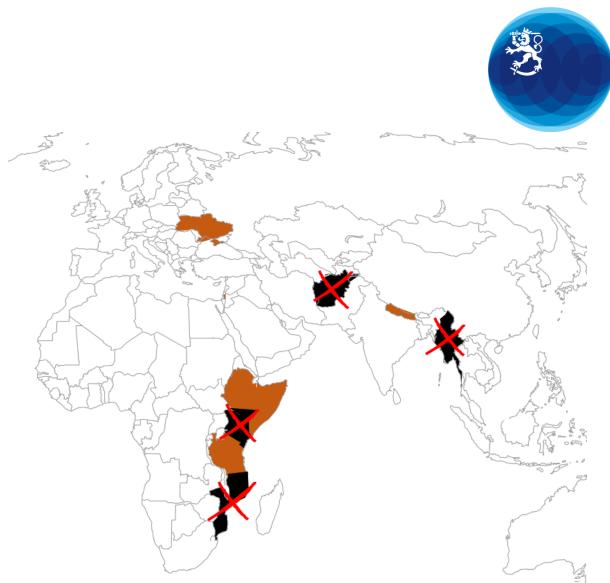


- No separate "Development Policy Program" since 2019
  - $\rightarrow$  Embedded in the Government Program (the current Government term runs up to April 2027)
- Parliament approved the Report on Development Policy Extending Across Parliamentary Terms in 2021
  - $\rightarrow$  But not relevant at the moment...
- Ukraine #1 recipient of Finnish aid
- PSD declining but cooperation with (Finnish) PS and leverage of other resources growing in importance, Minister is very interested
- Global Gateway

### Funding



- ODA cuts up to 30 %
- Four country programs (4/10) ended
- Funding to PSD (e.g. BEE) more or less zero → evaluation (2020) paid attention to the declining level
- Funding to PSE (instruments, Finnish companies) has grown in the recent years and stable/declining during this government
- Some PSIs could be moved to Finnfund (new Finnfund Act)



#### From grants to investments and loans

- Shift from grant-based funding to investments and loans
  - In 2015, Government introduced development policy investments and loans
  - Funding level 60 million € per year (down from 130 million € per year)
  - The money should come back to Finland after 10–25 years
  - DFIs main beneficiaries



#### **Results-based management**

- RBM improved dramatically
- 1<sup>st</sup> comprehensive Results Report for Parliament in 2018
- 2<sup>nd</sup> comprehensive Results Report for Parliament in 2022
- All projects etc. encouraged to use at least some common aggregate indicators (e.g. jobs, enterprises)
- DCED has helped with methodological work



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#### Human resources



- Human resources improved significantly
- All MFA funding to PS, instruments and development policy investments and loans in one unit:

Unit for Development Finance and Private Sector Cooperation

• However, fewer posts related to economic development in embassies





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